

May 12, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 12, 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:

SB 388 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 351

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DELIVERING ECONOMIC
COMPETITIVENESS AND ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT
EFFORTS (DECADE) ACT**

Altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; altering the distribution of certain video lottery terminal proceeds; providing for certain requirements relating to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain information technology services, digital codes, and digital products; requiring the Comptroller and Department of Commerce to evaluate the film production activity credit; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 898 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 352

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DELIVERING ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (DECADE) ACT

Altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; providing for certain requirements relating to the administration of the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain information technology services and certain digital codes and digital products under certain circumstances; establishing the purpose of the film production activity tax credit; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1532 **The Speaker, et al**

Chapter 353

UTILITY RELIEF (REDUCING ENERGY LOAD INFLATION FOR EVERYDAY FAMILIES) ACT

Transferring the electric universal service program to the Office of Home Energy Programs and requiring the Office to authorize benefits under the program for certain electric customers; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Program in the Maryland Clean Energy Center; altering certain required procedures related to the permitting, inspection, and interconnection of certain residential solar energy systems; altering the uses of the Environmental Trust Fund; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1523 **Delegate Ross, et al**

Chapter 354

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND SEIZURE

Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation or charging document; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products and certain other products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 820

Senator Hayes

Chapter 355

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND SEIZURE

Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products; altering certain provisions governing the enforcement related to unauthorized consumable products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 189

Senator Lewis Young

Chapter 356

MUNICIPALITIES – OPEN DRAINAGE INLETS – INVENTORY AND IMPROVEMENTS (MASON'S LAW)

Requiring a municipality, by July 1, 2027, to inventory all existing open drainage inlets in the municipality; requiring, by April 1, 2028, a municipality to develop a prioritization plan for improving existing open drainage inlets; and requiring, in certain fiscal years, a certain amount of money appropriated to the comprehensive flood management grant program within the Department of the Environment to be used to provide matching funds to assist municipalities with certain costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 627

Senators Lam and Hester

Chapter 357

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 13 as Korean American Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Korean American Day properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 661 **Delegates Wolek and Solomon**

Chapter 358

**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –
MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE AND JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTHS**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of January as Muslim American Heritage month and the month of May as Jewish American Heritage month; and requiring the proclamations to urge certain organizations to observe the months with certain programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 252 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 359 Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICES –
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Authorizing regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment to include requirements for any person who is accredited by the Department to provide lead paint abatement services to be covered by a reasonable performance bond or reasonable liability insurance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 635 **Delegate Miller, et al**

Chapter 360

**CHILD CARE FACILITIES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
CHECK – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring individuals who will have direct contact with children in certain child care facilities to submit to a criminal history records check; requiring the State Department of Education to establish a centralized unit for the processing and management of information about criminal history records checks; requiring the Department to submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2028, related to its review of the process for background checks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 359

Senator Henson

Chapter 361

CHILD CARE FACILITIES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – REQUIREMENT

Requiring individuals who will have direct contact with children in certain child care facilities to submit to a criminal history records check; requiring the State Department of Education, by June 30, 2027, to establish a centralized unit for the processing and management of information about criminal history records checks; altering the applicability of probationary employment qualifications for first-time child care teachers in child care centers in the State that serve children who are at least 2 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 856

Delegate Ebersole

Chapter 362

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EDUCATOR SCREENING – EDUCATOR IDENTIFICATION CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL PERSONNEL VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to register each local school system in the State as an associate member of a certain national membership organization; and requiring each local school system in the State to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse to screen individuals who receive an offer of employment on or after August 1, 2026, for an educator position that requires a license and ensure that each individual who receives an offer applies for and obtains the appropriate license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 648 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 363

**LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EDUCATOR SCREENING –
EDUCATOR IDENTIFICATION CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL
PERSONNEL VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to register each local school system in the State as an associate member of a certain national membership organization; and requiring each local school system in the State to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse to screen individuals who receive an offer of employment on or after August 1, 2026, for an educator position that requires a license and ensure that each individual who receives an offer applies for and obtains the appropriate license before certain occurrences.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1369 **Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Committee)**

Chapter 364

**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – AUDIT AND
FINANCE COMPLIANCE UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to implement systems and processes to monitor certain efforts; requiring the Unit to monitor efforts of Departmental Units to correct certain audit findings and provide guidance, coordination, and technical assistance; authorizing the Unit to implement steps to address and prevent audit findings; requiring the Unit to provide direct assistance to Departmental Units with four or more repeat audit findings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 858 **Senator Hettleman (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Chapter 365 Committee), et al**

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – AUDIT AND
FINANCE COMPLIANCE UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to implement systems and processes to monitor certain efforts; requiring the Unit to monitor efforts of Departmental Units to correct certain audit findings and provide guidance, coordination, and technical assistance; authorizing the Unit to implement steps to address and prevent audit findings; requiring the Unit to provide direct assistance to Departmental Units with four or more repeat audit findings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1422 **Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Chapter 366 Committee)**

STATE PROCUREMENT AND PERSONNEL – LIQUIDATED
DAMAGES DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STATE
FISCAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

Requiring units of State government to provide certain documentation to the Board of Public Works and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee if the unit decides not to pursue certain liquidated damages; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to set the pay scale for certain chief financial officer positions in order to assist with recruitment and retention; requiring the Secretary to establish certain minimum qualifications for chief financial officers that consider certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 859 **Senator Hettleman (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Chapter 367 Committee)**

STATE PROCUREMENT AND PERSONNEL – LIQUIDATED
DAMAGES DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STATE
FISCAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

Requiring units of State government to provide certain documentation to the Board of Public Works and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee if the unit decides not to pursue certain liquidated damages; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to set the pay scale for certain chief financial officer positions in order to assist with recruitment and retention; requiring the Secretary to establish certain minimum qualifications for chief financial officers that consider certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1557 **Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Chapter 368 Committee)**

PROCUREMENT – REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND LEASE REQUIREMENTS

Establishing a Real Estate Advisory Committee in the Department of General Services to advise the Department, the Board of Public Works, and the General Assembly on certain real estate matters; establishing additional requirements for the Board of Public Works before approving the acquisition or lease of certain real property; providing that the Board may not approve the sale, transfer, exchange, or grant of certain property under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1372 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation
Chapter 369 Committee), et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY
INFORMATION AND MARYLAND HEALTH CENTRALIZATION
COMMISSION

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a process to receive and publish certain inspection information on the Commission's Maryland Quality Reporting website; establishing the Maryland Health Centralization Commission to provide advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards; requiring each health occupations board to annually report certain information; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1420 Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee
Chapter 370

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
CHECKS

Establishing and altering requirements related to criminal history records checks for certain licenses and certificates issued by certain health occupations boards, including the State Board of Acupuncture, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, and the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 806

Chapter 371

Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee, et al

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Establishing and altering requirements related to criminal history records checks for certain licenses and certificates issued by certain health occupations boards, including the State Board of Acupuncture, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, and the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 223

Chapter 372

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – JANE E. LAWTON CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND AND MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND

Transferring the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program from the Maryland Energy Administration to the Maryland Clean Energy Center; requiring the Center to hold the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Fund and invest and reinvest the money of the Fund; and altering reporting requirements for the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 77

Chapter 373

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting certain contracts entered into by the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce relating to the development of certain authorized international business activities and opportunities from certain prohibitions on the provisions that may be included in State contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 300 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 374 **Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS –
EXEMPTIONS

Exempting certain contracts entered into by the Office of International Trade from certain prohibitions on the provisions that may be included in State contracts.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 622 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland**
Chapter 375 **Cannabis Administration)**

CANNABIS – LICENSEES – DISPENSARY LICENSES, MICRO
DISPENSARY EMPLOYEES, AND CANNABIS AGENT TRAINING
PROGRAMS

Extending by one year the time period during which a holder of a certain dispensary license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; increasing from 10 to 20 the number of individuals a micro dispensary is permitted to employ; altering certain provisions relating to training requirements for certain cannabis agents; and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to give priority to applications for programs that were previously approved as responsible vendor training programs when reviewing training programs for approval.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1581 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 376 **Departmental – Stadium Authority), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HORSE RACING FACILITIES,
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR
FACILITIES, AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT – ALTERATIONS

Altering the entities to which the State Racing Commission may issue a license and award racing days for racing at mile tracks; altering the definitions of “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor” and “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” for purposes of expanding the location of the corridor and types of facilities that may be located in the corridor; altering certain requirements for the thoroughbred racetrack operator of and certain long-term agreements related to the Pimlico racing facility site; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 770 **Senators Ferguson and James**

Chapter 377

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND’S FUTURE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland’s Future Board under the Department of Commerce to develop, evaluate, and revise a visionary plan for the future of Maryland by January 1, 2027, and make recommendations for projects based on the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly; establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund to fund projects recommended by the Board; and requiring the Comptroller to submit a report on economic growth trends in the State to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1473 **The Speaker**

Chapter 378

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND’S FUTURE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland’s Future Board under the Department of Commerce to develop, evaluate, and revise a visionary plan for the future of Maryland by January 1, 2027; requiring the Board to make recommendations for projects based on the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 1, 2027 and each August 1 thereafter; establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to study economic growth trends for certain industries and report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 905 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 379

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the growth of companies that specialize in regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing by providing certain grants; authorizing grant proceeds to be used only for acquisitions, renovations or construction of certain space, infrastructure improvements, and purchase of equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 487

Chapter 380

Delegate Feldmark

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to adopt certain regulations regarding the consideration of remedies for investments in certain businesses that no longer meet the definition of a qualified business for purposes of provisions of law governing the Corporation; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Corporation to divest itself of an interest under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Corporation to pursue certain other remedies under those circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 763

Chapter 381

Senator Guzzone

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Growth Initiative in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the growth of start-up companies; requiring the Initiative to create a certain list of companies in the State that are between certain growth phases according to a certain priority; establishing the Maryland Growth Initiative Fund to be administered by the Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Initiative; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1598

Chapter 382

Delegates McCaskill and Toles

HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT GRANTS – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain racing licensee to receive a grant for a capital construction plan from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account without providing and expending a matching fund; requiring the racing licensee that receives the grant without providing and expending a matching fund to conduct live racing in the State for at least 10 years after the construction plan is complete; and requiring the State Racing Commission to recapture certain grant funds under certain circumstances and in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 762

Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 383

HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT GRANTS – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain racing licensee to receive a grant for a capital construction plan from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account; requiring the racing licensee that receives the grant without providing and expending a matching fund to conduct live racing days in the State for at least 10 years after the construction plan is complete; altering the amount of the balance in the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account that is to be made available to certain racing licensees if certain racetracks are closed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 585

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 384

HUMAN–RELEVANT RESEARCH FUND – COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS – RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

Requiring research facilities that are located in the State and required to submit an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Form 7023 to pay contributions for the Human–Relevant Research Fund to the Department of Agriculture, rather than the Maryland Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 625

Delegate Cullison

Chapter 385

HUMAN–RELEVANT RESEARCH FUND – COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS – RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

Requiring research facilities that are located in the State and required to submit an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Form 7023 to pay contributions for the Human–Relevant Research Fund to the Department of Agriculture, rather than the Maryland Department of Health; and establishing that a research facility that fails to pay the contribution required by the Act may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 per day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1248

Delegate Wolek

Chapter 386

WORKGROUP FOR AN INCLUSIVE STATE WORKPLACE – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Workgroup for an Inclusive State Workplace to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of part-time State employment opportunities for individuals who are challenged by the traditional full-time employment structure; and requiring the Department of Budget and Management, taking into consideration the Workgroup's findings and recommendations, to develop and distribute guidance to State agencies on expanding part-time employment opportunities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 279

Senator Hayes

Chapter 387

BALTIMORE CITY – CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSURE

Authorizing a certain enforcement officer to enforce provisions regulating the sale and distribution of the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices; authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to reprimand a licensee or suspend or revoke a license for a violation of the Act; and requiring the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore to remit 50% of all licensure authorization request fees to the Comptroller for distribution in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1276

Delegate Wolek, et al

Chapter 388

WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (WNADA NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT)

Establishing the Neighborhood Development and Social Connection Program within the West North Avenue Development Authority to provide technical support and grants to certain organizations to implement programs that foster social connections and activities in the West North Avenue Corridor; authorizing the West North Avenue Development Authority, in conjunction with certain entities, to use funds from the Continuing CORE Partnership Fund to assist with the expeditious removal of blighted property within Baltimore City; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 816

Senator Hayes

Chapter 389

WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (WNADA NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT)

Establishing the Neighborhood Development and Social Connection Program within the West North Avenue Development Authority to provide technical support and grants to certain organizations to implement programs that foster social connections and activities in the West North Avenue Corridor; requiring the Authority to set aside not more than \$150,000 for grant activities; authorizing the Authority to award grants to implement the Program; requiring the Authority to report annually on its activities; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 818

Senator Hayes

Chapter 390

STATE CENTER – DEVELOPMENT – CONTRACT, PLAN REQUIREMENTS, AND ADVISORY GROUP

Altering certain requirements related to the development of a certain project at State Center; and establishing a State Center Advisory Group to provide community input, inform the identification of potential community benefits associated with the project in the surrounding areas, and facilitate transparency and information-sharing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 798 **Delegate Wolek**

Chapter 391

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Commerce to authorize an eligible fund manager to receive, use, and retain a certain management fee; and authorizing the Department to set an annual cap on the cumulative amount of certain management fees an eligible fund manager may receive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 920 **Senator Harris, et al**

Chapter 392

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Commerce to authorize an eligible fund manager to receive, use, and retain a certain management fee; and authorizing the Department to set an annual cap on the cumulative amount of certain management fees an eligible fund manager may receive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 483 **Delegate Wolek**

Chapter 393

BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS

Increasing the minimum gross income amounts from charitable contributions at which a charitable organization must include a certain audit or a certain review with a registration statement; increasing the amount of cash receipts from charitable contributions the Secretary of State may accept an affidavit attesting to under certain circumstances; increasing the maximum amount of gross income of a charitable organization at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 354

Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher

Chapter 394

**BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS –
AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS**

Increasing the minimum gross income amounts from charitable contributions at which a charitable organization must include a certain audit or a certain review with a registration statement; increasing the amount of cash receipts from charitable contributions the Secretary of State may accept an affidavit attesting to under certain circumstances; increasing the maximum amount of gross income of a charitable organization at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 213

Senator Lewis Young

Chapter 395

STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES

Requiring a unit of State government to provide a certain debriefing of a contract award to certain persons on request; adding an exemption to the prohibition on an individual who assists in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals from submitting a bid or proposal or assisting in the submission of a bid or proposal; requiring a procurement contract to include a certain clause pertaining to certain contract modifications related to changes in law; altering the required contents of a certain change order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 193

Delegate Kerr

Chapter 396

STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES

Requiring a unit of State government to provide a certain debriefing of a contract award to certain persons on request; adding an exemption to the prohibition on an individual who assists in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals from submitting a bid or proposal or assisting in the submission of a bid or proposal; requiring a procurement contract to include a certain clause pertaining to certain contract modifications related to changes in State law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 553 **Delegate Ruff, et al**

Chapter 397

PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to post a user-friendly, searchable database of active elevator inspection certificates on the Maryland Department of Labor’s website; and requiring the database to be searchable by street address, city, and county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 286 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 398

PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to post a user-friendly, searchable database of active elevator inspection certificates on the Maryland Department of Labor’s website; and requiring the database to be searchable by street address, city, and county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 130 **Delegate Ruff, et al**

Chapter 399

TASK FORCE TO STUDY DEED FRAUD

Establishing the Task Force to Study Deed Fraud; requiring the Task Force to review the incidence of deed fraud in Maryland, including the number of complaints, resolved deed fraud cases, amount of restitution awarded, and geographic and demographic trends; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force by July 1, 2028, to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 939

Senator Henson

Chapter 400

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Providing that the exemption for owner-occupied residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding includes certain real property held in a revocable trust; and altering the amount of the exemption for owner-occupied residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 360

Senator Henson, et al

Chapter 401

CRIMINAL LAW – EMERGENCY RESPONSE ANIMAL – PROHIBITED ACTIONS AGAINST

Repealing the prohibition against intentionally inflicting bodily harm, permanent disability, or death on an animal owned or used by a law enforcement unit; prohibiting a person from harassing, interfering with, injuring, or killing or causing serious physical injury to an emergency response animal; and providing certain penalties for certain violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 563

Delegate Behler, et al

Chapter 402

CRIMINAL LAW – EMERGENCY RESPONSE ANIMAL – PROHIBITED ACTIONS AGAINST

Repealing the prohibition against intentionally inflicting bodily harm, permanent disability, or death on an animal owned or used by a law enforcement unit; prohibiting a person from harassing, interfering with, injuring, or killing or causing serious physical injury to an emergency response animal; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for up to 2 years, or a fine of up to \$10,000, or both upon conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 305

Senator Hettleman, et al

Chapter 403

QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS –
INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AND REENTRY
GRANT FUND – EXTENSION

Extending the fiscal years through 2029 in which the Governor may include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide automotive repair training and reentry assistance to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and extending the termination date for provisions relating to funding for certain services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 472

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 404

BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025
EDITION – LEGALIZATION

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 732

Delegate Ebersole

Chapter 405

BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025
EDITION – LEGALIZATION

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 491

Delegate Phillips

Chapter 406

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY
ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUEST FOR VERBAL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from making a certain request for verbal acknowledgement in an interaction with a person suspected to have been subjected to sexually assaultive behavior or who claims to have been subjected to sexually assaultive behavior.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 531

Senator Hettleman, et al

Chapter 407

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUEST FOR VERBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (VERBAL WAIVER TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from making a certain request for verbal acknowledgement in an interaction with a person suspected to have been subjected to sexually assaultive behavior or who claims to have been subjected to sexually assaultive behavior.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 587

Delegate Phillips, et al

Chapter 408

PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CONTRACTS – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT AUTHORITY – STUDY AND REPORT

Establishing the Workgroup on Transportation Contract Approval Authority to review the procurement procedures for capital expenditures in connection with State roads, bridges, or highways; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 964

Senator McCray

Chapter 409

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualifying new apprentices or journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; altering certain provisions of law that authorize contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 864 Delegate Wells, et al

Chapter 410

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP
REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE
APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 625 Senator Feldman

Chapter 411

CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE, REMOVAL, AND
SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS – REGULATIONS AND
STANDARDS FOR BIOCHAR AND WOOD VAULT
TECHNOLOGIES

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, and to adopt regulations and standards governing the permitting of carbon dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration projects that utilize biochar or wood vault technologies by January 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 870 Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 412

ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW
BUILDINGS – NOTICE (LARGE BUILDINGS FOR TOMORROW
ACT)

Requiring, beginning on July 1, 2026, a county or municipality to notify the Department of the Environment within 10 business days after a county or municipality accepts the permit application for a new building that has a proposed gross floor area of 35,000 square feet or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 730

Delegate Korman

Chapter 413

BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND FRANCHISE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE LAW – ALTERATIONS (FRANCHISE REFORM ACT)

Altering the period of time within which the Securities Commissioner in the Office of the Attorney General may exercise a power under certain provisions of law governing the sale of franchises; altering the period of time within which an action for liability under a certain provision of law pertaining to franchise offers for sale must be brought; prohibiting a franchisor and certain others from inhibiting the right of franchisees to associate for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 415

Senator Beidle

Chapter 414

BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND FRANCHISE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE LAW – ALTERATIONS (FRANCHISE REFORM ACT)

Altering the period of time within which the Securities Commissioner in the Office of the Attorney General may exercise a power under certain provisions of law governing the sale of franchises; altering the period of time within which an action for liability under a certain provision of law pertaining to franchise offers for sale must be brought; providing that all franchisees have a right to join a trade association consisting of franchisees of the same franchise and to participate in the trade association for any lawful purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 249

Senator Beidle

Chapter 415

TOBACCO PRODUCT LICENSEES – ADDITIONAL LICENSURE FOR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

Repealing a provision of law authorizing a person holding a certain license relating to cigarettes or other tobacco products to manufacture, distribute, or sell electronic smoking devices in the same capacity as a person holding a certain license relating to electronic smoking devices; exempting the holder of a certain license who is an applicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices retailer or vape shop vendor from the requirement to pay an additional license fee for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 594 **Senators Beidle and Gile**

Chapter 416

CANNABIS – ADVERTISING – ALTERATIONS

Altering the ownership and control percentage requirement for a social equity applicant for a cannabis license; prohibiting cannabis advertising from directly targeting individuals under the age of 21 years; authorizing a standard dispensary to place exterior signage for a certain limited purposes; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to accept certain advertising audience composition data and develop a process for accepting a certain attestation from a certain person regarding audience composition; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 741 **Senators Beidle and Hettleman**

Chapter 417

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES – VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of “virtual currency kiosk operator” to include a person who installs or operates certain software that enables a certain device to provide certain virtual currency services; altering the definition of “virtual currency services” to exclude the accepting or dispensing of cash in connection with a credit, deposit, or convenience account; and clarifying that a virtual currency kiosk operator shall ensure the kiosk does not offer the same services as an automated teller machine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1504 **Delegate Healey, et al**

Chapter 418

HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS – CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION (THE HONORABLE ANNE HEALEY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT OF 2026)

Requiring the State Highway Administration to prioritize certain funding for the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks and bicycle pathways to sidewalks and bicycle pathways that are, or are adjacent to highways that are, subject to a complete streets policy or another similar Vision Zero program; requiring a local government to request certain funding from the Department of Transportation; and authorizing certain State funding for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks or bicycle pathways.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 947

Senator McCray

Chapter 419

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT

Establishing the Board of Directors for Baltimore Core Transit Service in the Maryland Transit Administration as a governing body with certain authority over the provision of Baltimore Core Transit Service; establishing the Commuter Services Advisory Board to provide certain oversight over and guidance for certain Administration commuter rail and bus services in the State; repealing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission as an advisory commission for transit in the Baltimore City region; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1081

Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 420

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT

Establishing the Board of Directors for Baltimore Core Transit Service in the Maryland Transit Administration as a governing body with certain authority over the provision of Baltimore Core Transit Service; establishing the Commuter Services Advisory Board to provide certain oversight over and guidance for certain Administration commuter rail and bus services in the State; repealing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission as an advisory commission for transit in the Baltimore City region; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1063

Delegate Boyce, et al

Chapter 421

NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – MANAGEMENT

Providing that the Department of Natural Resources may authorize the reduction of the deer population on certain property with deer damage using certain methods; altering the time restrictions for Sunday deer hunting in certain counties during deer firearms season; repealing certain time restrictions that apply to the hunting of game birds and mammals on certain Sundays on private property in Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 149

Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 422

FIRE PREVENTION – ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALS, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HIGH–RISE PROPERTY FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TECHNICIANS

Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to designate assistant fire marshals with the approval of the State Fire Marshal or to request that the State Fire Marshal designate certain fire marshals and requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt certain regulations governing the qualifications, training, standards, and certification of designees; requiring, by October 1, 2026, the installation of certain automatic fire sprinklers in certain high–rise residential buildings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 757

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 423

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL SOURCING DATABASE

Requiring the Department of Commerce to develop and maintain a searchable online database, to be known as the Maryland Local Sourcing Portal, to connect businesses in the State with local sources for supplies and inventory; and requiring the Department to report on or before December 31 each year on the use and effectiveness of the portal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 750

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 424

CRIMINAL LAW – OBSTRUCTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from using force, threat of force, or physical obstruction to interfere with or physically injure another while the other is lawfully exercising or attempting to lawfully exercise religious beliefs at a place of religious worship; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 177 **Senator West**

Chapter 425

CRIMINAL LAW – OBSTRUCTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from using force, threat of force, or physical obstruction to interfere with or physically injure another while the other is lawfully exercising or attempting to lawfully exercise religious beliefs at a place of religious worship; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both on conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 501 **Delegate Bartlett, et al**

Chapter 426

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSE BY A PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY

Altering the penalty for a subsequent conviction of sexual offense by a person in a position of authority; prohibiting a certain person in a position of authority from committing a certain violation involving a child at least 6 years younger than the person in a position of authority; prohibiting a person who has been previously convicted of a certain crime from committing a certain violation; adding sexual offense by a person in a position of authority as a predicate crime for sexual solicitation of a minor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 241 **Senator Augustine, et al**

Chapter 427

ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Requiring by January 1, 2028, the State Board of Elections and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to jointly develop and implement certain procedures and a certain electronic transmission process for the restoration of voter registration for individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility; requiring the Department to transmit a list that includes the name and certain other information for individuals released from incarceration to the State Board of Elections on a monthly basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 115

Delegate Wilkins, et al

Chapter 428

ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Requiring by January 1, 2028, the State Board of Elections and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to jointly develop and implement certain procedures and a certain electronic transmission process for the restoration of voter registration for individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility; requiring the Department to transmit a list that includes the name and certain other information for individuals released from incarceration to the State Board of Elections on a monthly basis; etc. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 512

Senator Smith

Chapter 429

CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – PENALTIES

Increasing the penalties for stalking to a period of imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both if the victim had a protective order in effect against the defendant at the time of the offense or the defendant had previously been convicted of stalking. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 775

Senator Smith

Chapter 430

PUBLIC SAFETY – GUN BUYBACK PROGRAMS – DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS

Requiring a federal firearms licensee or law enforcement agency operating a gun buyback program to destroy each firearm and all its component parts that are traded in as part of a gun buyback program; authorizing a licensee or agency to contract with a law enforcement agency or a business to destroy certain firearms; requiring a law enforcement agency operating a program to determine if a firearm is a crime firearm or has been reported lost or stolen before destroying the weapon; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 822 **Senator Smith**

Chapter 431

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE
COMMISSION AND ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED
INDIVIDUALS – IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND
EQUITY**

Requiring the annual report of the Maryland Parole Commission to contain certain information; altering a certain provision of law to require the Commission to provide certain documents to an incarcerated individual and the incarcerated individual's representative at a certain time, rather than allow the incarcerated individual to examine the documents on request; requiring the Commission to document, state on the record, provide to an incarcerated individual, and make available to the public certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 467 **Delegate Embry, et al**

Chapter 432

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE
COMMISSION AND ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED
INDIVIDUALS – IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND
EQUITY**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1062 **Delegates Embry and Taveras**

Chapter 433

**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – JURISDICTION OVER PROPERTY OF
MINORS OR DISABLED PERSONS – AUTHORIZED
TRANSACTIONS**

Authorizing a circuit court to authorize or direct a transaction that grants access to financial records or establishes eligibility for government assistance programs for a minor or disabled person under a certain circumstance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 114** **Senator Kagan, et al**
Chapter 434 3–1–1 SYSTEMS – EXPANSION PROGRAM AND OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT
- Establishing the Maryland 3–1–1 Oversight Board in the Maryland Information Network to oversee the expansion of 3–1–1 systems in Maryland; establishing the 3–1–1 Program to use certain artificial intelligence to answer certain questions and route certain calls in certain counties; and requiring creation and implementation of a plan to expand the 3–1–1 Program to all of the counties in Maryland after a certain time period.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 264** **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**
Chapter 435 MARYLAND DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2026
- Limiting the personal information that may be collected, maintained, processed, and retained by units of State government under certain circumstances; requiring certain personal information to be deleted or de-identified under certain circumstances; requiring each unit to post a certain privacy notice on its Internet website and establishing certain requirements for privacy notices and privacy policies; requiring each unit of State government to designate a Privacy Officer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 85** **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**
Chapter 436 DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND – USES
- Authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain information technology agreements; and requiring, by January 15 each year, the Secretary to submit a report to the General Assembly specifying the amount of money paid into the Fund that was allocated to certain programs and how the funds were allocated; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 266 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 437 **Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND – USES

Authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain technology agreements; and requiring, by January 15 each year, the Secretary to submit a report to the General Assembly specifying the amount of money paid into the Fund that was allocated to certain programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 718 **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 438 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATE AND HIGHER**
EDUCATION E-MAIL – REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that certain provisions of law governing information technology plans apply to certain public institutions of higher education; establishing a policy of the State that State and higher education employee e-mail systems and resources are intended to support State business and may not serve as a public forum; requiring certain policies, plans, and standards to include provisions to implement systems that automatically filter spam e-mail from certain email accounts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 29 **Senator Kagan**

Chapter 439 **ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS AND BALLOT QUESTIONS –**
CONTENTS, PLAIN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, AND
PROCEDURES

Altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot; requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot be written in plain language; requiring certain boards of elections to post the text of ballot measures for at least 90 days before the general election; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 949

Senator Kagan

Chapter 440

ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots that are delivered to a voter by the Internet as “print-at-home ballots” in all communications with voters and the general public; providing that absentee ballots are considered timely and may be counted under certain circumstances; and establishing requirements regarding absentee ballots that apply if federal law or a federal court establish requirements for the timeliness of absentee ballots that differ from State requirements.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 153

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

Chapter 441

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – OVERSIGHT AND CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Altering the manner in which a campaign manager is appointed; requiring the candidate to appoint the chair and treasurer of an authorized candidate campaign committee; repealing the requirement that a campaign manager be a registered voter in the State; altering the offices that a candidate is prohibited from holding in a campaign; requiring a candidate to have knowledge of all disbursements made from the designated campaign account of the candidate’s authorized candidate campaign committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 11

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

Chapter 442

CAMPAIGN FINANCING – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINE AND FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Altering the day that a certain campaign finance report is due to be filed with the State Board of Elections; requiring that a certain campaign finance report cover a certain period of time; altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 260 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 443 **Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCING – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING
DEADLINE AND FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND
DISTRIBUTIONS**

Altering the day that a certain campaign finance report is due to be filed with the State Board of Elections; requiring that a certain campaign finance report cover a certain time period; and altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 141 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 444 **ELECTION LAW – ELECTION MISINFORMATION, ELECTION
DISINFORMATION, AND DEEPPAKES**

Requiring and authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to take certain actions if the State Administrator receives a credible report that election misinformation or election disinformation, including a deepfake, has been or is being communicated, disseminated, or distributed; requiring the Administrator to publicly communicate correct information; prohibiting a person, from knowingly or with reckless disregard, creating, using or disseminating a deepfake to produce materially false information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 8 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 445 **CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE AND DEEPPAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from utilizing certain personal identifying information or engaging in certain conduct in order to cause physical injury, serious emotional distress, or economic damages; prohibiting a person from using certain artificial intelligence or certain deepfake representations for certain purposes; providing penalties of 5 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000 or both where one victim is involved, and for two or more victims the term of imprisonment is up to 10 years and the fine is up to \$15,000 or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 825

Senator Hester, et al

Chapter 446

PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Establishing the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; requiring the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Center, to take certain action in response to an attack on the State’s critical infrastructure; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to allow the owner or operator of critical infrastructure to become a member of the Maryland Information Sharing and Analysis Center and provide cybersecurity reporting standards to the owner or operator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1239

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 447

PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Establishing the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; requiring the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Center, to take certain action in response to an attack on the State’s critical infrastructure; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to allow the owner or operator of critical infrastructure to become a member of the Maryland Information Sharing and Analysis Center and provide cybersecurity reporting standards to the owner or operator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 861

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 448

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –
STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN –
REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to post on its website the Statewide Information Technology Master Plan within 1 year after the Governor is inaugurated in each gubernatorial term; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to notify the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly if the plan is delayed; and requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary’s designee, to provide a certain annual briefing to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 581

Senator Jennings, et al

Chapter 449

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –
STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN –
REPORTING

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to post on its website the Statewide Information Technology Master Plan within 1 year after the date the Governor is inaugurated in each gubernatorial term; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to notify the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly if the plan is delayed; and requiring the Secretary to provide an annual briefing to the General Assembly on implementation of the plan, changes to the plan, and deployment of the initiatives across State government.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 953

Delegates Buckel and Hinebaugh

Chapter 450

REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT – TRANSFER OF FUNDS
– STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

Authorizing the Governor, unless the transfer would result in an Account balance below 5% of the General Fund revenues for the fiscal year and subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, to transfer funds from the Revenue Stabilization Account to the State Disaster Recovery Fund.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 641

Senator Corderman

Chapter 451

STATE PROCUREMENT – EXCEPTIONS – HISTORIC
PRESERVATION SERVICES (THE HONORABLE BARRIE S.
CILIBERTI HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 2026)

Establishing certain exceptions to State procurement requirements for certain contracts with nonprofit entities related to historic preservation, archaeology, and conservation service opportunities; and requiring certain contracts to include clauses requiring a nonprofit entity to competitively and transparently procure any subcontracted services, provide certain annual reports including minority business enterprise subcontracting utilization, and maximize opportunities for community engagement.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 329 **Delegate Simpson, et al**

Chapter 452

**CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS –
PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a student enrolled in a school where the law enforcement officer is assigned as a school resource officer; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment of up to 3 years or a fine not exceed \$3,000 or both.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 81 **Senator Folden**

Chapter 453

**CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS –
PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a student enrolled in a school where the law enforcement officer is assigned as a school resource officer.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 94 **Delegates Valentine and Simmons**

Chapter 454

**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND
RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER**

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following 5 years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of 5 years under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 331

Senator Folden, et al

Chapter 455

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following 5 years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of 5 years under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 437

Senator Folden

Chapter 456

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND FRAUD CRIMES – VALUATION AND FORGERY OF GIFT CARDS

Providing for the valuation of a gift card for the purpose of determining value for crimes involving theft; prohibiting a person, with the intent to defraud another, from altering or tampering with a gift card or its packaging; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor or gift card forgery and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 18 months or a fine of up to \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 752

Delegate Toles, et al

Chapter 457

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND FRAUD CRIMES – VALUATION AND FORGERY OF GIFT CARDS

Providing for the valuation of a gift card for the purpose of determining value for crimes involving theft; prohibiting a person, with the intent to defraud another, from altering or tampering with a gift card or its packaging; and providing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months or a fine not to exceed \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1452

Delegate Toles, et al

Chapter 458

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
SUITLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Suitland Development Authority in Prince George’s County; requiring the Authority to support and develop a neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; authorizing the Authority to modify certain boundaries, subject to a certain vote; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; and requiring the Authority, by December 15, 2027, to report its neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain legislative committees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 351

Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 459

**CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
(NO KINGS ACT)**

Establishing certain civil liability for an individual who, under color of law, deprives another, or causes or allows another to be deprived, of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution or the laws of the United States.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 346

Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 460

**CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
(NO KINGS ACT)**

Establishing certain civil liability for an individual who, under color of law, deprives another or causes or allows another to be deprived, of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution or the laws of the United States; requiring an action under the Act to be filed within 5 years after the cause of action accrued; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 516

Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 461

LAW ENFORCEMENT – PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR – REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING

Providing that a law enforcement agency may not assign a law enforcement officer to duties other than administrative duties unless the officer is issued protective body armor; requiring a law enforcement agency to issue only protective body armor that meets certain standards and has not reached an expiration date; prohibiting the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy from withholding from a law enforcement agency grant funds specifically designated for the purchase of protective body armor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 904

Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 462

LAW ENFORCEMENT – PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR – REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING

Providing that a law enforcement agency may not assign a law enforcement officer to duties other than administrative duties unless the officer is issued protective body armor; requiring a law enforcement agency to issue only protective body armor that meets certain standards and has not reached an expiration date; prohibiting the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy from withholding from a law enforcement agency grant funds specifically designated for the purchase of protective body armor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 345

Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 463

VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – DEALER AND MANUFACTURER ASSOCIATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Authorizing a vehicle dealer association and a vehicle manufacturer association to request an administrative hearing to resolve a dispute between entities or seek clarification or interpretation of any provision of applicable law, subject to certain requirements; and prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch that does not have at least one franchised dealer in the State from requesting a hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 314

Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 464

COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – DONATION OF PET SUPPLIES

Establishing a certain immunity from liability for a person who donates a pet item or dispenses a donated pet item; and authorizing the State Department of Agriculture to inspect donated commercial feed and establish procedures for handling donated commercial feed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 320

Senator Muse

Chapter 465

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NO FINDING AND CASE TERMINATED WITHOUT FINDING

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of a disposition under a certain provision of law if the disposition was included in a case that was disposed of by the court with a no finding designation or designated by the court as having been terminated without finding.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 187

Delegate Taylor

Chapter 466

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NO FINDING AND CASE TERMINATED WITHOUT FINDING

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of a disposition under a certain provision of law if the disposition was included in a case that was disposed of by the court with a no finding designation or designated by the court as having been terminated without finding.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1001

Delegate D. Jones

Chapter 467

ELECTION LAW – AUTHORITY AT POLLING PLACES, EARLY VOTING CENTERS, AND COUNTING CENTERS – REVISIONS

Requiring a police officer who is on duty at a polling place to obey the authority of the State Administrator, the Deputy State Administrator, or a local election director; providing that, in a polling place, certain individuals have the authority to keep the peace and order the arrest of certain persons; requiring a local election director, while serving in a polling place, to protect certain rights of challengers and watchers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 670

Senator Kagan

Chapter 468

ELECTION LAW – AUTHORITY AT POLLING PLACES, EARLY VOTING CENTERS, AND COUNTING CENTERS – REVISIONS

Requiring a police officer who is on duty at a polling place to obey the authority of the State Administrator, the Deputy State Administrator, or a local election director; providing that in a polling place certain individuals have the authority to keep the peace and order the arrest of certain persons; requiring a local election director while serving in a polling place, to protect certain rights of challengers and watchers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 237

Senator Kagan

Chapter 469

ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING

Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees and alternate presidential elector nominees; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside and serve as secretary at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; altering the procedures for the meeting of presidential electors; and establishing procedures for the preparation, delivery, signing, and transmission of an amended certificate of ascertainment after the vote of the State's presidential electors under certain circumstances.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 182 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 470

ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING

Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees and alternate presidential elector nominees; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside and serve as secretary at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; altering the procedures for the meeting of presidential electors; and establishing procedures for the preparation, delivery, signing, and transmission of an amended certificate of ascertainment after the vote of the State’s presidential electors under certain circumstances.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 357 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 471

MUNICIPALITIES – ELECTION DATES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each municipality that has a website to display certain information relating to municipal elections on their websites; and requiring each municipality to include the date of the next regular municipal election and each office to be voted on at the election in a certain report submitted to the State Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 184 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 472 **(By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Altering the date, from November 30 to October 1 each year, by which the Office of the Attorney General must report on certain activities of the Office’s Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 218 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 473 **Request – Office of the Attorney General)**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL
AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – REPORTING
REQUIREMENT**

Altering the date, from November 30 to October 1 each year, by which the Office of the Attorney General must report on certain activities of the Office’s Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 493 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 474 **Conference)**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – JUDGESHIPS – DISTRICT COURT

Increasing from five to six the number of associate judges in the District Court in District 11 by increasing from two to three the number of associate judges appointed from Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 492 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 475 **Conference)**

**COURTROOM SECURITY – MINIMUM ADEQUATE SECURITY
STANDARD**

Establishing minimum adequate security standards for courtroom security at all courthouse facilities; requiring a court security officer to meet the qualifications for a special police officer; and requiring a minimum number of court security officers be present for certain types of proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 544 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 476 **Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**COURTROOM SECURITY – MINIMUM ADEQUATE SECURITY
STANDARD**

Establishing minimum adequate security standards for courtroom security at all courthouse facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 899 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial
Chapter 477 Conference)**

HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCIES – PROMOTION
AND SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting an agent of a private home detention monitoring agency, an employee of a courthouse, or an employee of a correctional facility from engaging in certain activities promoting or otherwise soliciting business for a private home detention monitoring agency on the grounds of a courthouse or correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 540 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Chapter 478 Maryland Judicial Conference)**

HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCIES – PROMOTION
AND SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting an agent of a private home detention monitoring agency, an employee of a courthouse, or an employee of a correctional facility from engaging in certain activities promoting or otherwise soliciting business for a private home detention monitoring agency on the grounds of a courthouse or correctional facility; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to possible fines and suspension of license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1030 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial
Chapter 479 Conference)**

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – INVESTIGATION OF
THREATS – JUDGES

Authorizing the Office of the State Prosecutor to investigate a threat made against a judge or judge–elect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 634 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Chapter 480 Maryland Judicial Conference)**

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – INVESTIGATION OF
THREATS – JUDGES

Authorizing the Office of the State Prosecutor to investigate a threat made against a judge or judge–elect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 896 **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By**
Chapter 481 **Request – Departmental – Military)**

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD STATE ACTIVE
DUTY MOBILIZATION FUND**

Establishing the National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Military Department to provide funds for State active duty mobilization of the National Guard.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 246 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 482 **Request – Departmental – Transportation) and Delegate**
Odom

VIDEO TOLLS – CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLES – LIABILITY

Establishing that the registered owner of a Class G (trailer) vehicle is liable under certain circumstances to the Maryland Transportation Authority for payment of a video toll assessed at the time of passage through a toll collection facility, subject to certain standards and procedures for the transfer of liability.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 717 **Delegate Edelson**

Chapter 483 **BALTIMORE CITY – RAFFLES – ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED
WITH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS**

Authorizing specified organizations that are affiliated with a professional National Football League team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct raffles, subject to certain limitations; and extending for a period of 4 years and one month to June 30, 2029 the termination date of certain provisions of law authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional Major League Baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 538

Senator McCray

Chapter 484

BALTIMORE CITY – RAFFLES – ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS

Authorizing specified organizations that are affiliated with a professional National Football League team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct raffles, subject to certain limitations; and extending June 30, 2029, the termination date of certain provisions of law authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional Major League Baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 290

Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

Chapter 485

BALTIMORE CITY – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – FINES AND PENALTIES

Removing the maximum amount that Baltimore City is authorized to establish for civil and criminal fines and penalties for violating certain ordinances, rules, or regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 681

Delegate Lewis (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

Chapter 486

BALTIMORE CITY – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – FINES AND PENALTIES

Removing the maximum amount that Baltimore City is authorized to establish for civil and criminal fines and penalties for violating certain ordinances, rules, or regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 111

Senator McCray

Chapter 487

VEHICLE LAWS – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration and agents and employees of State agencies and political subdivisions to take possession of certain vehicle registration plates under certain circumstances; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administrator to enter into reciprocal agreements, arrangements, or declarations to provide for reciprocal enforcement of certain automated enforcement violations; exempting certain vehicles from the requirement to be registered in the State; exempting certain vehicles from a certain tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 606

Senator McCray, et al

Chapter 488

MARYLAND E-ZPASS COMMUTER FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, on E-ZPass discount plans and unused commuter trips that contains certain data; requiring the Authority to provide recommendations for lowering the amount of unused commuter trips and mitigating consumer harm; requiring the Authority, under certain circumstances, to submit a certain corrective action plan or eliminate certain forfeitures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 243

Senator Simonaire, et al

Chapter 489

UNIFORMED SERVICES SPOUSES ACT

Applying certain provisions of law regarding priority registration at public institutions of higher education, resources and support at community colleges, senatorial and Delegate scholarships, and preferences in hiring by the Public Service Commission to the spouses of active service members and veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 721

Delegate Patterson, et al

Chapter 490

UNIFORMED SERVICES SPOUSES ACT

Applying certain provisions of law regarding priority registration at public institutions of higher education, resources and support at community colleges, senatorial and Delegate scholarships, and preferences in hiring by the Public Service Commission to the spouses of active service members and veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 150

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 491

NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS – PUBLIC PROFILES

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, and units in the Maryland Department of Labor to include a notation on public profiles of licensees, certificate holders, and security identification card holders indicating that the individual is a veteran.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1120

Delegate Rogers, et al

Chapter 492

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING PORTABILITY – MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND SPOUSES

Authorizing members of the Foreign Service and spouses of members of the Foreign Service, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 418

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 493

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING PORTABILITY – MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND SPOUSES

Authorizing members of the Foreign Service and spouses of members of the Foreign Service, for the duration of the assignment or detail, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another state under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 162** **Senator West**
Chapter 498 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING DATE LIMITATION**
- Repealing the sentencing date limitation of October 1, 2021, for an individual convicted as an adult of an offense committed when the individual was a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 230** **Senator West**
Chapter 499 **CRIMINAL LAW – THIRD-DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – BURGLARY**
- Establishing that engaging in sexual contact with another without the consent of the other in connection with a first-, second-, or third- degree burglary constitutes sexual offense in the third degree; and altering the definitions of “tier I sex offender”, “tier II sex offender”, and “tier III sex offender” applicable to provisions relating to sex offender registration to include certain acts constituting sexual offense in the third degree.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 131** **Senator West**
Chapter 500 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
- Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 65** **Delegate Cardin**
Chapter 501 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
- Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1345 **Delegates Cardin and Taylor**

Chapter 502

MARYLAND TRUST ACT – IN TERROREM CLAUSE – VOID

Establishing that, under the Maryland Trust Act, a certain in terrorem clause contained in a trust is void under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 277 **Senator West**

Chapter 503

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VENUE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROBATE AND APPLICATION OF INHERITANCE TAX

Altering certain criteria for determining the venue for administrative or judicial probate of decedents who were not domiciled in the State; providing that, for purposes of the application of the Maryland inheritance tax, the situs of intangible personal property is the domicile of the decedent; repealing a certain exemption from the Maryland inheritance tax for personal property that passes from a nonresident decedent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 17 **Delegate Cardin, et al**

Chapter 504

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VENUE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROBATE AND APPLICATION OF INHERITANCE TAX

Altering certain criteria for determining the venue for administrative or judicial probate of decedents who were not domiciled in the State; providing that, for purposes of the application of the Maryland inheritance tax, the situs of intangible personal property is the domicile of the decedent; repealing a certain exemption from the Maryland inheritance tax for personal property that passes from a nonresident decedent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 35 **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 505

STATE DESIGNATIONS AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – STATE SHARK, STATE NATURAL SCIENCES MUSEUM, AND PURPLE LIGHTS NIGHT

Designating the megalodon as the State shark; designating The Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural sciences museum; and requiring the Governor to annually proclaim October 1 as Purple Lights Night to honor individuals in the State who are victims or survivors of domestic violence and express support for the elimination of domestic violence in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1049 **Delegate Crosby**

Chapter 506

CREDIT UNIONS – MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS – ALTERATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENT

Authorizing a majority of the board of a surviving credit union to approve a proposed merger without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the surviving credit union, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 783 **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 507

CREDIT UNIONS – MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS – ALTERATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENT

Authorizing a majority of the board of a surviving credit union to approve a proposed merger without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the surviving credit union, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 250 **Senators Simonaire and West**

Chapter 508

ESTATES – MARYLAND UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT

Conforming the Maryland Uniform Simultaneous Death Act to the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act; providing that a surviving individual who does not survive the death of another individual for at least 120 hours is deemed to have predeceased the other individual for purposes relating to the inheritance of property; establishing evidentiary procedures for determining an individual's death or survival in certain circumstances; providing for liability under the Act in connection with the distribution of disputed assets; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 596 **Delegate Nkongolo, et al**

Chapter 509

ESTATES – MARYLAND UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT

Conforming the Maryland Uniform Simultaneous Death Act to the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act; providing that a surviving individual who does not survive the death of another individual for at least 120 hours is deemed to have predeceased the other individual for purposes relating to the inheritance of property; establishing evidentiary procedures for determining an individual's death or survival in certain circumstances; providing for liability under the Act in connection with the distribution of disputed assets; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1008 **Delegates Queen and Spiegel**

Chapter 510

FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – PROTECTIONS AND REQUIRED REFERRAL (VULNERABLE ADULT BANKING PROTECTION ACT)

Authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to delay or deny a disbursement from the account of a certain individual or the account on which a certain individual is a beneficiary; requiring a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to provide certain financial records to certain entities; authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to contact certain individuals; and providing certain fiduciary institutions immunity from certain liability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 753

Senator Kramer

Chapter 511

FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – PROTECTIONS AND REQUIRED REFERRAL (VULNERABLE ADULT BANKING PROTECTION ACT)

Authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to delay or deny a disbursement from the account of a certain individual or the account on which a certain individual is a beneficiary; requiring a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to provide certain financial records to certain entities; authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to contact certain individuals; and providing certain fiduciary institutions immunity from certain liability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 38

Delegate Queen

Chapter 512

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – LICENSING OF AFFILIATED INSURANCE PRODUCER–MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the licensing requirements for an affiliated insurance producer–mortgage loan originator; and requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to approve a certain financial institution that meets certain criteria or certain mortgage lenders that meet certain criteria to sponsor an affiliated insurance producer–mortgage loan originator if the mortgage lender is in good standing with the Commissioner and any other regulator to which it is subject and is in material compliance with applicable state and federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 662 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 513

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – PAYMENT STABLECOIN
SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION
(MARYLAND STABLECOIN ACT)

Altering the examination fee for a new commercial bank charter; requiring a certain nondepository trust company to include certain disclosures in its articles of incorporation; exempting from certain provisions of law a certain nondepository trust company authorized to provide certain services by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; authorizing a certain nondepository trust company to request that the Commissioner reduce the capital stock requirements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 1355 **Delegate Amprey**

Chapter 514

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – PAYMENT STABLECOIN
SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION
(MARYLAND STABLECOIN ACT)

Altering the examination fee for a new commercial bank charter; requiring a certain nondepository trust company to include certain disclosures in its articles of incorporation; exempting from certain provisions of law a certain nondepository trust company authorized to provide certain services by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; authorizing a certain nondepository trust company to request that the Commissioner reduce the capital stock requirements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 1026 **Delegate Queen**

Chapter 515

BUSINESS REGULATION – ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS
– AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a merchant to round the portion of the price of a certain transaction for which a customer pays using cash in a certain manner or round the amount of change due to a customer in a certain manner; providing that certain provisions of the Act shall preempt existing regulations, rules, and ordinances that conflict with certain provisions of the Act; and altering the definition of “taxable price” for certain purposes to clarify the exclusion from tax of a certain amount collected due to rounding the price.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 893

Senator Gile

Chapter 516

**BUSINESS REGULATION – ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS
– AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a merchant to round the portion of the price of a certain transaction for which a customer pays using cash in a certain manner or round the amount of change due to a customer in a certain manner; and altering the definition of “taxable price” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the State sales and use tax to clarify the exclusion from the tax of a certain amount collected due to rounding the price for a good or service in accordance with certain provisions of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 475

Senator Sydnor, et al

Chapter 517

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – PROTECTING ARTISTS’
CREATIVE EXPRESSION (PACE ACT)**

Providing that the creative expression of a criminal defendant or juvenile respondent is not admissible against the defendant or respondent unless the court makes certain findings, subject to a certain exception; and providing that the Act does not preclude the admission of a creative expression in juvenile cases for the purposes of evaluating, recommending, or ordering referral to mental health services or diversion programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 61

Senator Sydnor

Chapter 518

**DIVISION OF CORRECTION – VOLUNTEER SERVICES
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Volunteer Services Program in the Division of Correction for the purpose of providing access to volunteers, including formerly incarcerated individuals and organizations led by formerly incarcerated individuals, to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals with release preparation; and requiring the Division of Correction to establish a protocol for registering volunteers in the Program to have access to State correctional facilities and to maintain a list of the volunteers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 108

Delegate Pasteur, et al

Chapter 519

DIVISION OF CORRECTION – VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

Establishing the Volunteer Services Program in the Division of Correction for the purpose of providing access to volunteers, including formerly incarcerated individuals to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals and organizations led by formerly incarcerated individuals, to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals with release preparation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 482

Senators McKay and Kagan

Chapter 520

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT

Prohibiting a person from intentionally, willfully, and without authorization committing a certain act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of critical infrastructure; prohibiting a person from intentionally, willfully, and without authorization committing a certain act that denies access to an authorized user of or interrupts or impairs the functioning of critical infrastructure or a public safety answering point; providing that a person convicted of violating the Act is guilty of a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 593

Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 521

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT

Prohibiting a person from intentionally, willfully, and without authorization committing a certain act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of critical infrastructure; providing that a person convicted of violating the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine not to exceed \$50,000, or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 848 **Senator Gallion**

Chapter 522

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – REPORTING OF INFORMATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a municipality to submit to the State Board of Elections the qualifications to be a candidate for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the date of a special election and each office on the special election ballot, the list of qualified candidates for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the date of a special election and each office on the special election ballot, and certain information on voting procedures and locations in a municipal election on or before certain dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1448 **Delegate Tomlinson**

Chapter 523

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – REPORTING OF INFORMATION TO THE STATE BOARD

Requiring a municipality to submit to the State Board of Elections the qualifications to be a candidate for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the list of qualified candidates for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the date of a special election and each office on the special election ballot, and certain information on voting procedures and locations in a municipal election on or before certain dates; requiring the State Board to post the information on the State Board’s website immediately on receipt; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 968 **Senator Gallion**

Chapter 524

EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS – FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

Exempting the driver’s seat of a school bus from the requirement that a school bus be constructed with certain materials that enable it to meet all the criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by the National School Transportation specifications and procedures adopted by the most recent National Congress on School Transportation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 556 **Senator Gallion**

Chapter 525

**WATER COMPANIES, SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES, AND
WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES –
LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to require a water company, sewage disposal company, or water and sewage disposal company to adopt a certain limited-income mechanism subject to the approval of the Commission; and requiring the Commission to study the feasibility of requiring certain companies to adopt a limited-income mechanism to benefit limited-income customers and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1164 **Delegate Foley**

Chapter 526

**WATER COMPANIES, SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES, AND
WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES –
LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to require a water company, sewage disposal company, or water and sewage disposal company to adopt a certain limited-income mechanism subject to the approval of the Commission; and requiring the Commission to study the feasibility of requiring certain companies to adopt a limited-income mechanism to benefit limited-income customers and to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 30 **Delegates Foley and Odom**

Chapter 527

**PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE –
POLICE-INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS**

Altering provisions related to the rates the Department of State Police sets for towing companies involved in police-initiated towing of motor vehicles to include the towing and recovery of light-duty vehicles; defining “light-duty towing” as towing and recovery of a vehicle including trailers or semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less; and altering the duties of the Committee on Rate Setting and Complaint Resolution for Police-Initiated Towing and Recovery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 578

Chapter 528

Senator James

**PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE –
POLICE–INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS**

Altering provisions related to the rates the Department of State Police sets for towing companies involved in police–initiated towing of motor vehicles to include the towing and recovery of light–duty vehicles; defining “light–duty towing” as towing and recovery of a vehicle including trailers or semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less; and prohibiting approved rates for light–duty towing and recovery from exceeding 80% of the maximum approved rates for medium–duty towing and recovery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 465

Chapter 529

Senators James and Ready

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT–OF–COURT
STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 221

Chapter 530

Senator James

**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITIONS
AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing or viewing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 13 years; providing that a violation of the Act is a felony and on conviction a violator is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years; and providing that a sentence under the Act may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence imposed for certain other crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1152

Delegate Williams

Chapter 531

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – STUDY

Requiring the Department of State Police to conduct a study regarding the employment and use of special police officers; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 673

Senator A. Washington

Chapter 532

STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLETION

Requiring certain apprenticeship programs utilized in certain State procurements to have at least a 25% completion rate, as determined by the Maryland Department of Labor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1165

Delegate Williams

Chapter 533

STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLETION

Requiring certain apprenticeship programs utilized in certain State procurements to have at least a 25% completion rate, as determined by the Maryland Department of Labor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 10

Senator A. Washington

Chapter 534

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – APPLICATION APPROVAL

Requiring the State Highway Administration to approve, deny, or return as incomplete an application for the use of a certain speed monitoring system within 120 days after receipt of the application; providing that if the Administration does not approve, deny, or return the application in accordance with the Act, the application is deemed approved; and limiting the number of applications that may be submitted to not more than 10 during any 30-day period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 869

Senator A. Washington

Chapter 535

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WORKFORCE LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Workforce Launch Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide customized, no-cost workforce training as a business attraction tool, to recruit strategic industries and qualified business entities to the State; requiring the Department to partner with not more than two community colleges in the State to deliver training services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 135

Delegate Schindler, et al

Chapter 536

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS

Authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to designate certain noncontiguous blighted areas as development districts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 963

Delegate Woorman, et al

Chapter 537

REGISTERS OF WILLS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Altering the prohibition on a register of wills or court granting letters in administrative or judicial probate to certain individuals who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 426

Delegate J. Long, et al

Chapter 538

PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF ALLEGED DISABLED PERSON – STAY OF CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

Authorizing a party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to request a stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; requiring a certain party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to provide certain notice to a court granting a stay and to parties to a civil action or proceeding; establishing that a stay may be in effect for not more than 90 days, unless extended for good cause; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 68

Senator Charles

Chapter 539

DRIVER'S LICENSES – DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS (D. TORCH ROAD SAFETY ACT)

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to draw from a pool of at least five questions related to motorcycle safety awareness for a certain examination, and include at least one of those questions on the driver skills examination required for the issuance of a driver's license; requiring the questions to address visibility of motorcycles, proper lane positioning, safe following distances, crash prevention, and topics related to motorcycle safety; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 451

Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 540

MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND SUNSET REPEAL

Altering the membership and duties of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; requiring the Council to submit annual reports of its work and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, and each year thereafter; and repealing the termination date of the Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1267

Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 541

PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE AND BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER – ZONING CLASSIFICATION (PROTECTING PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE ACT)

Requiring a certain local zoning authority to designate and maintain certain property in a zoning classification that restricts the uses in a certain manner under certain circumstances; and requiring the appropriate authority to maintain certain property in a certain zoning classification that restricts the uses in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring, prior to any development on certain property, a certain local zoning authority to hold a hearing and make a decision in consultation with certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

- SB 294** **Senator Love**
Chapter 542 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING**
- Prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing or record to a nonparty unless the court or the party redacts certain identifying information relating to a certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking that appears in the filing or record, unless the court finds clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to order otherwise; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 461** **Delegate Ziegler, et al**
Chapter 543 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RURAL READINESS PROGRAM AND RURAL MARYLAND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing the Rural Readiness Program administered by the Rural Maryland Council to provide assistance to rural communities to enhance their capacity for economic development; requiring priority to be given when making certain grants to entities that have completed the Rural Readiness Program; and establishing the Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund to be administered by the Council to provide grants to support collaborative planning and capacity building initiatives that address the needs of rural communities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 850** **Delegates Bhandari and A. Johnson**
Chapter 544 **HOME BUILDERS – OPEN HOUSE – SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**
- Requiring a home builder holding a property open to the public to display in a conspicuous manner a certain notice to prospective buyers disclosing the duties of a home builder sales representative.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 233

Senator Salling, et al

Chapter 545

BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES – SALE, TRANSFER, OR GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION

Authorizing certain persons to bring an action when the owner of a property that includes a cemetery proposes a sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of a certain cemetery; requiring a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances; authorizing a governmental unit to acquire property on which an abandoned cemetery is located under certain circumstances for purposes of transferring ownership of the abandoned cemetery to a descendant community, veterans, or nonprofit organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1100

Delegate Pruski

Chapter 546

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE – PROTECTIONS

Specifying that certain documentation may establish lawful authority to sell certain telecommunications equipment as junk or scrap metal; requiring certain junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and antique dealers to register and provide a description including certain information of purchased telecommunications equipment with a certain law enforcement official; prohibiting certain individuals from destroying telecommunications infrastructure in a certain manner; and providing certain penalties for violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 564

Delegate Allen, et al

Chapter 547

PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES – REQUIREMENTS (PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing certain consumer protection requirements for registered cemeterians, registered cemetery operators, and certain permit holders and licensees that sell or offer for sale pet cremation services for pet remains; establishing the duties of certain persons responsible for returning pet cremains to certain animal owners after cremation; and providing certain penalties for a first violation of the Act, increasing with the second violation, and for a third violation a fine of up to \$15,000, and imprisonment of up to 3 years or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 470 **Delegate Boafo, et al**

Chapter 548

DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee by October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 376 **Senator Watson**

Chapter 549

DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before October 1, 2027, to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 82 **Senator Watson, et al**

Chapter 550

CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING AND POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY – PENALTY

Prohibiting a person with the intent to defraud another from creating, aiding in the creation of, or possessing a counterfeit lease of real property or rental agreement relating to real property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 704

Senator Mautz

Chapter 551

MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Authorizing, for purposes of determining the Maryland estate tax, a qualified recipient to transfer ownership of qualified agricultural property to a limited liability company; providing that qualified agricultural property transferred in accordance with the Act is not subject to estate tax recapture if the ownership of the company consists only of qualified recipients and the property is used for farming purposes for at least 10 years after the decedent's death; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 558

Senator Bailey, et al

Chapter 552

CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide funding for certain oyster propagation and replenishment projects that mitigate the effects of certain transportation projects on the State's oyster population; establishing the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to certain commercial watermen and small businesses; prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from making certain approvals for tidal fish licenses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1599

Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 553

CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program to provide funding for certain oyster propagation and replenishment projects that mitigate the effects of certain transportation projects on the State's oyster population; establishing the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to certain commercial watermen and small businesses; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from making certain approvals for tidal fish licenses or authorizations of certain borrowers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 357 **Senator Bailey**

Chapter 554

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – GAMING BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION – PERMIT REQUIRED

Requiring a qualified organization to hold a gaming permit whenever the qualified organization operates a certain gaming device in St. Mary's County; authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to adopt regulations, in consultation with a certain designee, to administer and enforce the gaming device permit required by the Act; and requiring the Board to designate a person to administer the issuance of gaming permits in the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 610 **Delegate T. Morgan**

Chapter 555

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – GAMING BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION – PERMIT REQUIRED

Requiring a qualified organization to hold a gaming permit whenever the qualified organization operates a certain gaming device in St. Mary's County; authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to adopt certain regulations; and requiring the Board to designate a person to administer the issuance of gaming permits in the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1156 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 556

CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – BENEFITS

Altering a certain benefit amount for certain fire and rescue volunteers in Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 601 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 557

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – GAITHERSBURG AND ROCKVILLE MC 5–26

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in the City of Gaithersburg and the City of Rockville under the pilot program authorized for Prince George's County, certain school zones in Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park if authorized by local law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 328 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 558 **Delegation**

BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PG/MC 105–26

Requiring an applicant for appointment as a commissioner of a bicounty commission to submit a certain statement to the Prince George’s County Office of Ethics and Accountability; requiring the chief administrative officer for Prince George’s County to transmit the financial disclosure statements of commissioners or appointed applicants of bicounty commissions to the Office; and requiring the Office, rather than the chief administrative officer for Prince George’s County, to take certain actions regarding the statements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1185 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 559 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT – APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY
SUSPENSIONS PG/MC 104–26

Authorizing an employee of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission who is suspended for disciplinary purposes to appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings; and requiring the Office to dispose of a case or conduct a hearing and issue a final decision in an appeal under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1230 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 560 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
PROCUREMENT – ALTERATIONS PG/MC 102–26

Repealing the name of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Office of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion; altering the local small business enterprise program to be the business participation program and limiting participation in the program to certain businesses; requiring the Commission to adopt certain additional eligibility criteria for participation in the program; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations to promote workforce engagement and local economic benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 607 The Speaker (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)

Chapter 561 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES

Providing for the annual salaries of the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 312 The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)

Chapter 562 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES

Providing for the annual salaries of the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 608 The Speaker (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)

Chapter 563 JUDICIAL AND QUASI-JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES –
COMPENSATION

Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and a judge who serves as an administrative judge for a circuit court or the District Court to receive an annual stipend in addition to the judge’s annual salary; and altering the compensation of the Chairman of the Worker’s Compensation Commission to be at least equal to the salary of the Chief Judge of the District Court.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 313 The President (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)

Chapter 564 JUDICIAL AND QUASI-JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES –
COMPENSATION

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 822 **Delegate Bartlett**

Chapter 565

**CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS AND REGISTERS OF WILLS –
MAXIMUM SALARY**

Providing that the maximum annual salary of the clerks of the circuit courts and the registers of wills may not be more than the salary of a State employee at grade 26, step 20 of the State of Maryland Standard and Bargaining Salary Scale in effect on the day before the clerk or the register begins a new term of office; and repealing as obsolete a certain minimum salary requirement for the register of wills for Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 397 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 566

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – APPOINTMENT OF
MAJORS**

Requiring the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to appoint three majors at a salary determined by the County Council of Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 11 **Delegate Simmons**

Chapter 567

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – APPOINTMENT OF
MAJORS**

Authorizing the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to appoint three majors who serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff at a salary determined by the County Council of Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 503 **Delegate Smith, et al**

Chapter 568

**BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING – COMPENSATION**

Including salary and wages in the compensation with regard to which full-time sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers in Baltimore City may collectively bargain; altering the person with whom the full-time sworn officers and court security officers are to seek recognition for the purposes of collectively bargaining concerning certain matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 877

Senator Attar

Chapter 569

BALTIMORE CITY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – 41ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in the 41st legislative district of Baltimore City under the pilot program authorized for Prince George’s County, the 45th and 46th legislative districts of Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park if authorized by local law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 96

Baltimore County Delegation

Chapter 570

BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, from 19 to 21 members, to include one representative of the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, one representative from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3, Council 434, and one representative of the Citizens Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 98

Senator Sydnor

Chapter 571

BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, from 19 to 21 members, to include one representative of the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, one representative from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3, Council 434, and one representative of the Citizens Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 327 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 572

**EDUCATION – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the number of members on the Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County; and altering the membership of the Board to reflect the change in Baltimore County councilmanic districts.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 306 **Senator Hettleman, et al**

Chapter 573

**EDUCATION – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering from 15 to 11 the number of members on the Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County; and altering the membership of the Board to reflect the change in Baltimore County councilmanic districts.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1514 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 574

**CALVERT COUNTY – COUNTY OFFICIALS AND BOARD OF
EDUCATION – SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Altering the salaries of the County Commissioners of Calvert County, the president and members of the Calvert County Board of Education, and the County Treasurer of Calvert County; repealing a provision that the salary of State’s Attorneys shall take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the term of office; altering certain retirement benefits for the County Treasurer of Calvert County; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of certain incumbent officials; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 705 **Caroline County Senators**

Chapter 575

**CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER
COMPENSATION – INCREASE**

Increasing the annual compensation of the president and voting members of the Caroline County Board of Education from \$4,000 and \$3,500 to \$6,000 and \$5,500, respectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 839 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 576

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEETING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Establishing certain public comment requirements and recording requirements for the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County; and requiring the members of the Board to undergo at least every 2 years, training specific to board governance, structure, responsibilities, and roles.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 534 **Frederick County Senators**

Chapter 577

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEETING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Establishing certain public comment requirements and recording requirements for the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County; and requiring the members of the Board to undergo, at least every 2 years, training specific to board governance, structure, responsibilities, and roles.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1171 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 578

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER – VOTING HO. CO. 7–26

Altering the matters on which the student member of the Howard County Board of Education may vote.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1172 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 579

HOWARD COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS HO. CO. 14–26

Repealing the requirement that a certain individual designate a certain representative as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Economic Development Authority; altering the frequency of certain Board meetings from at least once each month to at least once every other month; and amending the title of certain staff for the Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1176 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 580

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET – PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND REVENUE HO. CO. 10–26

Requiring, in the submission of the annual budget to the Howard County Council, the Howard County Executive to include the percentage of the county’s general fund revenue, excluding one–time expenses, that is allocated to the operating budget of the Howard County Board of Education and operating costs associated with the Howard County school system; requiring that a copy of the budget be placed on the county board’s public–facing website, in an easily identifiable location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 1003 **Howard County Senators**

Chapter 581

HOWARD COUNTY – SHERIFF AND STATE’S ATTORNEY – COMPENSATION HO. CO. 13–26

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Howard County and altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney of Howard County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1252 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 582

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDY MC 19–26

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study and make recommendations on the availability and affordability of housing in Montgomery County; and requiring the Department to issue two interim reports and its final report of the findings and recommendation by February 1, 2029, to certain entities in Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 423

Chapter 583

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – DRUG DETECTION PRODUCTS PG 501–26

Requiring, subject to certain conditions, the Prince George's County Board of Education to provide, at no charge, drink spiking detection products and drug detection strips to public high school students in the county through school-based health clinics or school libraries beginning in the 2026–2027 school year; and requiring each public high school in the county to submit a certain report to Maryland's Office of Overdose Response on or before October 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1222

Chapter 584

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY SALARY – ALTERATION PG 426–26

Increasing the salary for the Prince George's County State's Attorney from \$199,000 to \$250,000; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent State's Attorney for Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 569

Chapter 585

Delegate Arentz, et al

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – EXPANSION

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to use revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs related to the replacement of public school facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 833

Chapter 586

Senator Hershey

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – EXPANSION

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to use revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs related to the replacement of public school facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 668 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 587

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROHIBITION ON STANDING IN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS HIGHWAY

Prohibiting a person in St. Mary's County from standing in a roadway, a shoulder, a median divide, or an intersection determined by the county or a municipal corporation in the county, in consultation with the State Highway Administration, to be inherently dangerous; and prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of the Act unless appropriate signs have been installed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 934 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 588

WASHINGTON COUNTY SALARY STUDY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Washington County Salary Study Commission to substitute one member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. with one member from the Washington County Home Builders Association, Inc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 498 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 589

WASHINGTON COUNTY SALARY STUDY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Washington County Salary Study Commission to substitute one member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. with one member from the Washington County Home Builders Association, Inc.
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Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director