

May 26, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 26, 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 325 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 590

LAND USE – PERMITTING – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS
(MARYLAND HOUSING CERTAINTY ACT)

Requiring the approval of a housing development project application by a local regulatory authority or the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to be governed only by certain laws and regulations in effect at the time of submission of a complete application; granting the proponent of an approved housing development project certain vested rights related to use and development for the longer of 5 years or a period determined by the local regulatory authority or the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 548 **Delegate Behler, et al**

Chapter 591

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 894 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 592

LAND USE – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND TRANSIT AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ACT)

Providing for the automatic designation of certain transit-oriented developments as enterprise zones, subject to certain conditions; requiring the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to prioritize certain redevelopment projects when making loans under the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on land near certain transit stations; delaying the collection of certain development excise taxes and impact fees, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1582 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

Chapter 593

EDUCATION – PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY – ALTERATIONS (COMPREHENSIVE OUTCOMES AND MEASURES OF PROGRESS FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOLS (COMPASS ACT))

Altering the school quality indicators authorized for an educational accountability program in public schools; and prohibiting the use of certain indicators in an educational accountability system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 849 **Delegate Mireku-North, et al**

Chapter 594

CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FREEZE IN ENROLLMENT – EXCEPTIONS AND WAITLIST

Prohibiting a freeze in enrollment in the Child Care Scholarship Program from including certain individuals enrolled in certain governmental support programs, children with siblings enrolled in the Program, and children who are homeless; requiring the State Department of Education to establish a waitlist for the Program under certain conditions; requiring the Department to give priority for enrollment in the Program to certain individuals on the waitlist; requiring a new application for the program that collects certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1321

Chapter 595

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

**CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION
PROCESS AND COPAYS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to identify, inform, and assist Child Care Scholarship Program applicants who qualify for enrollment in publicly funded prekindergarten, Head Start, and Early Head Start subject to certain conditions; requiring the process for identifying and assisting eligible applicants whose children qualify for a program to continue as long as the waitlist is in effect; and limiting certain copays for certain individuals under the Program.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 525

Chapter 596

Delegate Boafo, et al

**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT
(JOANNE C. BENSON MARYLAND PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS
ACT)**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, by the 2027–2028 school year, a policy prohibiting the use of certain electronic communication devices by a student during the academic school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting the use of an electronic communication device for purposes of accommodations related to a disability, including for any purpose in a student’s individual education program, to address a documented health issue, to access language translation tools, or to meet caregiving responsibilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 235

Chapter 597

**Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM –
LOCAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENT**

Altering from 45 to 15 the number of days that a political subdivision has to approve or deny a certain application for financial assistance under the Neighborhood Business Development Program from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 218 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 598 **(By Request – Departmental – Education)**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – PROLONGED
STATE OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to declare a prolonged state of emergency for an event that prevents regular, in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days, subject to certain requirements; establishing that if an emergency threatens a particular school within a local system the State Superintendent may declare a prolonged state of emergency for that school; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations relating to a prolonged state of emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 288 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 599 **Departmental – Education)**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – PROLONGED
STATE OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to declare a prolonged state of emergency for an event that prevents regular, in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days, subject to certain requirements; and requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations including establishing minimum criteria for the adoption and implementation of virtual education plans by a county board during a prolonged state of emergency affecting the local school system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 48 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 600 **Departmental – Public School Construction)**

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION –
ALTERATIONS

Clarifying the type of proposals and plans that require the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools; requiring a county board of education to request and receive approval from the State Superintendent before a county board may proceed with certain actions; repealing the requirement for the Commission to approve 75% of the preliminary school construction allocation by a certain date; requiring the Commission, at least once every 4 years, to review a certain cost threshold amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 769 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 601 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC
FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a certain total principal amount for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 311 **The President (By Request – Accountability and**
Chapter 602 **Implementation Board)**

EDUCATION – THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE –
REVISIONS

Extending the time period during which a certain method is used to calculate compensatory education enrollment through fiscal year 2028; repealing a termination date for the use of funds under the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program for the purpose of providing certain programs; altering the qualifications for an initial teacher certificate; requiring the State Department of Education to suspend operation of the Expert Review Team Program during the 2026–2027 school year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 767 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 603

**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
RENTED TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a commercial building that is rented or rented to own at fair market value to a small business if the commercial building is located in a designated arts and entertainment district, a Main Street Maryland community, a designated Baltimore Main Street, or any other designated business improvement district.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1364 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 604

**PUBLIC HEALTH – MAMMOGRAMS – ARTERIAL
CALCIFICATION NOTICE**

Requiring certain centers where mammography testing is performed to include in the screening results letter that is sent to a patient, as required by federal law, a notice of the presence of arterial calcification as observed during the patient’s mammogram.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 892 **Senator Gile, et al**

Chapter 605

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND INSURANCE
– MENOPAUSE – PROVIDER TRAINING COVERAGE
REQUIREMENTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, AND ACCESS TO
CARE**

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring health occupations boards that require licensees or certificate holders to complete certain continuing education to grant at least 2 hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1365 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 606

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND INSURANCE
– MENOPAUSE – PROVIDER TRAINING COVERAGE
REQUIREMENTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, AND ACCESS TO
CARE

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards to grant a certain number of hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to conduct a certain evaluation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 776 **Senator Smith, et al**

Chapter 607

COMMISSION ON THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTION FOR COLORED CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission on the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children to research the history, operations, and resident deaths at the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children and provide a complete and public accounting of the children who died and were buried on the grounds; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2029.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 552 **Delegate J. Long, et al**

Chapter 608

COMMISSION ON THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTION FOR COLORED CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission on the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children; requiring the Commission to direct and oversee the investigation by contracting with qualified professional experts, universities, research institutions, and independent practitioners; providing exemptions to general laws due to the unique historical nature of the site; requiring a final report from the Commission to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2029; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 323 **Senator Smith, et al**

Chapter 609

**JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION, DETENTION, AND
CONFINEMENT (YOUTH CHARGING REFORM ACT)**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed any crime punishable by life imprisonment; requiring an intake officer to authorize detention for a child that is at least 16 years old and is accused of certain crimes; altering and establishing certain provisions relating to the detention, confinement, and transportation of certain children; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1096 **Delegate J. Long, et al**

Chapter 610

**PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – NOTICE THROUGH PROPERTY TAX
BILL**

Requiring the collector for each county to include in the written materials sent with each property tax bill a website address or quick-response code for a county government webpage that lists each property tax credit that is available to taxpayers in the county and includes an explanation of how to apply for the tax credits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 994 **Delegate Boaf, et al**

Chapter 611

**BUSINESS REGULATION – TRAVEL SERVICES – SPECIAL
FUND, FEES, AND SURETY REQUIREMENT (DON'T YOU
WORRY (WURIE) ACT)**

Establishing the Sellers of Travel Services Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring that investment earnings be credited to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate costs; authorizing the Department to set fees; requiring providers of travel services to file with the Department proof of professional liability and errors and omissions liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 1**
Chapter 612 **Senator Augustine, et al**
PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – FACE COVERINGS AND IDENTIFICATION
- Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a uniform policy, to be used by each law enforcement agency, prohibiting the use of a face covering in the performance of duty; requiring the Commission to develop a certain uniform policy requiring the use of worn identification by a law enforcement officer in the course of duty; requiring a law enforcement officer to wear identification while in the performance of duty in the State, with a certain exception; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 324**
Chapter 613 **Senator Augustine**
HIGHER EDUCATION – PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM AND STUDY
- Establishing a direct admission program at participating public senior higher education institutions for eligible high school students beginning in the 2028–2029 academic year; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the State Department of Education, and public senior higher education institutions to establish eligibility requirements for the direct admission program; requiring a student to have completed all prerequisite courses, met certain eligibility requirements, and applied by a certain deadline; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 428**
Chapter 614 **Senator Augustine**
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL – COST SHARING PROHIBITION
- Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model statewide in primary care settings that provide services to Program recipients; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for services provided in accordance with the Model; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study the impact of eliminating cost-sharing for certain health care services.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- HB 746** **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
Chapter 615 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL – COST SHARING PROHIBITION AND COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS
- Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study the impact of eliminating cost-sharing for services provided under the Collaborative Care Model; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 238** **Senator Augustine**
Chapter 616 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT
- Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 340** **Delegate Mireku–North, et al**
Chapter 617 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT
- Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 748 **Delegates Mireku–North and Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 618

PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR CAREER LADDER FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS – NEW PATHWAYS

Adding new pathways to the early childhood career ladder for eligible private prekindergarten providers that allow educators to meet certain experiential and educational qualifications within certain periods of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 851 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 619

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is located in a Rural Legacy Area and for which the property owner has sold certain development rights under the Rural Legacy Program; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 320 **Delegate Behler, et al**

Chapter 620

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is located in a Rural Legacy Area, subject to certain land preservation programs, and for which the property owner has sold certain development rights under the Rural Legacy Program; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

- HB 586** **Delegate Behler, et al**
Chapter 621 COUNTY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP –
STUDENT MEMBER
- Authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the selection of a student member of the board; and establishing the qualifications, setting a 1–year term of office, and providing for the voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees, if selected.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 535** **Senator King**
Chapter 622 COUNTY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP –
STUDENT MEMBER
- Authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the selection of a student member of the board; and establishing the qualifications, setting a 1–year term of office, and providing for the voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees, if selected.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 561** **Delegates Palakovich Carr and McCaskill**
Chapter 623 MARYLAND CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM –
EXTENSION OF FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to appropriate to the Maryland Child Care Credential Program \$5,687,000.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 467** **Senator King**
Chapter 624 MARYLAND CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM –
EXTENSION OF FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to appropriate to the Maryland Child Care Credential Program \$5,687,000.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 378** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 625 PUBLIC LIBRARIES – YOUNG READERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM, FUNDING, AND SERVICES
- Renaming the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to be the Young Readers Grant Program; altering the purpose and application requirements of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 for the program in each fiscal year; altering the calculation of certain funding for certain regional resource centers and each county public library system for certain fiscal years; and altering the types of services of which each public library is required to offer at least one service.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 587** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 626 MARYLAND PATIENT SAFETY CENTER FUND – FUNDING
- Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 379** **Senator Guzzone**
Chapter 627 RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING
- Extending through fiscal year 2030 the requirement that an appropriation of \$500,000 be included in the annual budget bill for the Recovery Residence Grant Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 445

Chapter 628

Delegate Martinez, et al

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

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2027; clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job–related activities, or performing certain other physical activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 276

Chapter 629

Senator Beidle, et al

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

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2027; clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job–related activities, or performing certain other physical activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 575

Chapter 630

Delegate Wilkins, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ATTENDANCE – EXCUSED OR DISCRETIONARY ABSENCES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Requiring the student attendance policy of each county board of education to include a provision allowing an excused or discretionary absence for a public school student participating in civil engagement activities; and clarifying that civic engagement includes testifying virtually or in person at a hearing of a legislative body, meeting with members of the legislative body, contributing to the consideration, development, or implementation of policy issues, or participation in the Maryland General Assembly Page Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 941 **Senator Henson**

Chapter 631

SAFE AND HEALTHY HOMES FOR ALL ACT

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General to develop a plan to identify certain severe health and safety risk properties in the State and take related actions; requiring the Department to submit the plan with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 31, 2027; and requiring the Department to publish on its website the list of severe health and safety properties, including the names of the properties.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1218 **Delegates Wilkins and Phillips**

Chapter 632

SAFE AND HEALTHY HOMES FOR ALL ACT

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General to develop a plan to identify certain severe health and safety risk properties in the State and take related actions; requiring the Department to submit the plan and certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 31, 2027; and requiring the Department to publish a list of the names of the severe health and safety risk properties publicly on its website.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 597 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 633

HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP

Establishing the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership in the University System of Maryland to provide a single nexus for certain stakeholders in artificial intelligence initiatives to advance artificial intelligence in the State; establishing the Artificial Intelligence Public Services Fellowship in the University System of Maryland; establishing, subject to a certain condition, the Artificial Intelligence Incubation Lab in the University System of Maryland to assist State agencies for certain purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 720 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 634

EDUCATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GUIDELINES,
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND COLLABORATIVE
(ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE READY SCHOOLS ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain guidance on artificial intelligence to local school systems, educators, parents, and students through an online platform; requiring the Department to develop certain guidelines, best practices, and evaluative tools to assist local school systems in the evaluation of artificial intelligence tools selected for use by local school systems; establishing the Maryland AI Education Collaborative on Artificial Intelligence in K–12 Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 776 **Delegate Ruff, et al**

Chapter 635

JUVENILE LAW – CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION –
MANDATORY PETITION (NYKAYLA STRAWDER MEMORIAL
ACT)

Requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 13 years is a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim; and requiring a law enforcement officer to forward a complaint alleging that a child under the age of 13 years committed an act that resulted in the death of a victim to the Department of Juvenile Services for appropriate action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 891 **Senator Gile, et al**

Chapter 636

HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
– PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to identify certain screening tools and to assist certain health care providers with accessing resources and referral services related to screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- HB 1118** **Delegate White Holland, et al**
Chapter 637 **HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
– PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**
- Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to identify certain screening tools and to assist certain health care providers with accessing resources and referral services related to screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 890** **Senator Gile**
Chapter 638 **INSURANCE – CAPTIVE INSURERS – PREMIUM RECEIPTS TAX
STUDY**
- Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study on the use, regulation, and taxation of captive insurance companies by entities in the State and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee by January 1, 2027.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 685** **Senator Gile**
Chapter 639 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MODEL RESPONSE POLICY –
REQUIREMENTS**
- Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a model sexual abuse and sexual misconduct response policy that includes, at minimum, a communications plan, an e-mail and other electronic communication documents retention policy, a requirement to link to a centralized resource platform, and an after-action review plan; requiring each local school system to adopt a response policy based on the model policy by September 1, 2027, and post in a conspicuous place on its website a link to a certain centralized resource platform; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 396 **Delegate Pasteur, et al**

Chapter 640

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND TRAINING OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

Repealing the maximum age for children in certain residential child care programs who receive educational support; requiring operators of certain residential child care programs to provide certain educational opportunities to the children for whom they have legal custody or care and control; requiring that applicants to be child and youth care practitioners undergo certain training; prohibiting an individual who holds a certificate as a residential child and youth care practitioner from being required to complete certain training; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 402 **Senator Brooks, et al**

Chapter 641

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND TRAINING OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

Repealing the maximum age for children in certain residential child care programs who receive educational support; requiring operators of certain residential child care programs to provide certain educational opportunities to the children for whom they have legal custody or care and control; requiring that applicants to be child and youth care practitioners undergo certain training; prohibiting an individual who holds a certificate as a residential child and youth care practitioner from being required to complete certain training; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 58

Senator Brooks, et al

Chapter 642

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION
CONVERSIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other uses; prohibiting the use of the tax credit for real property unless underground storage tanks located or formerly located on the property have been permanently closed in accordance with regulations of the Department of the Environment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 161

Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 643

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION
CONVERSIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; prohibiting the application of the credit unless the underground storage tanks located on or formerly located on the real property have been permanently closed; and applying the Act to all taxable years after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 102

Delegate Patterson

Chapter 644

**EDUCATION – DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF ACTIVE SERVICE
MEMBERS – ADVANCE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of an active service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to note whether the child has an individualized education program or a 504 plan in the sending state; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on advance enrollment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 263

Chapter 645

Senator Brooks, et al

EDUCATION – DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS – ADVANCE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of an active service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to note whether the child has an individualized education program or a 504 plan in the sending state; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on advance enrollment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1611

Chapter 646

Delegate Pippy, et al

PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Altering a certain income limitation used to establish eligibility for a property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of a certain disabled veteran or surviving spouse; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 842

Chapter 647

Delegate Griffith, et al

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of a surviving spouse of a military service member who is ineligible for a certain property tax exemption; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 326 **Delegate Ebersole**

Chapter 648

EDUCATION – MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to develop and administer an anonymous reporting system to receive information related to a school or student safety concern; requiring the Center to develop operational guidelines and procedures, and to provide training relative to the system; requiring each local school system to participate in the anonymous reporting system, subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain custodian of records to deny inspection of information and materials related the system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 828 **Delegate Ebersole**

Chapter 649

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Authorizing the Governor to appoint as a member of the State Board of Education an individual who is an employee of a county board of education, under certain circumstances; altering the number of members required to affirmatively vote for the State Board to take an action on certain matters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 521 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 650

HEALTH INSURANCE – MATERIAL CHANGES TO PROVIDER NETWORKS – NOTIFICATION AND SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Requiring certain health systems to comply with certain insurance provisions regarding notice of termination of contracts; altering the notification requirements a carrier is required to provide an enrollee regarding changes to the carrier’s provider panel; altering the notice requirements a carrier is required to provide to the Insurance Commissioner for certain material changes to the carrier’s provider panel; requiring certain notice if a carrier and health system intend to terminate certain contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 684 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 651 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – MATERIAL CHANGES TO PROVIDER NETWORKS – NOTIFICATION AND SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Requiring certain health systems to comply with certain insurance provisions regarding notice of termination of contracts; altering the notification requirements a carrier is required to provide an enrollee regarding changes to the carrier’s provider panel; altering the notice requirements a carrier is required to provide to the Insurance Commissioner for certain material changes to the carrier’s provider panel; requiring certain notice if a carrier and health system intend to terminate certain contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 282 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 652 **Human Services)**

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – MODIFICATIONS

Altering provisions relating to the reporting and investigation of abuse, neglect, self–neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults; and requiring the local department of aging to complete an investigation and make an indicated, not indicated, or undetermined finding within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 182 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 653 **Departmental – Human Services)**

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – MODIFICATIONS

Altering provisions relating to the reporting and investigation of abuse, neglect, self–neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults; and requiring a local department of aging to complete an investigation and make an indicated, not indicated, or undetermined finding within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 199** **Senators Simonaire and Guzzone**
Chapter 654 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SERVICE-DISABLED
VETERANS BOATING FUND – ELIGIBLE COMPANIONS**
- Requiring a grant from the Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide opportunities to participate in certain water-dependent activities for eligible companions of individuals with disabilities or service-disabled veterans; and defining “eligible companion” as an accompanying family member or direct support professional of an individual with disabilities or of a service-disabled veteran participating in sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, or surfing activities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 439** **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
Chapter 655 **OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND
MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DEAF AND HARD OF
HEARING – RENAMING**
- Renaming the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be the Office of the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing; renaming the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing; and altering the membership of the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- HB 866** **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
Chapter 656 **WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF
HEARING – EXTENSION**
- Extending the deadline for the report of findings and recommendations from the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing from June 1, 2025, to December 1, 2028; and extending the termination date for the Workgroup from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- HB 882** **Delegates Kaufman and Taveras**
Chapter 657 CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION – TERMINATION DATE
AND MANDATORY FUNDING FOR THE STATE’S CONSUMER
HEALTH INFORMATION HUB – REPEAL
- Repealing the requirement that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a \$350,000 appropriation to the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub; requiring the Hub to carry out certain duties to the extent funding is available; and repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law related to consumer health information and the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026
- HB 634** **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
Chapter 658 POLICE TRAINING – AUTISM AND DEMENTIA (LEAD ACT OF
2026)
- Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance–level and in–service police training to include certain training regarding individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, and autism.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 745** **Senator McKay, et al**
Chapter 659 POLICE TRAINING – AUTISM AND DEMENTIA (LEAD ACT OF
2026)
- Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance–level and in–service police training to include certain training regarding individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, and autism.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 252** **Senator West**
Chapter 660 MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – BOARD OF
DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP
- Increasing the number of members on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation from 9 to 12.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 330 **Delegate Kaufman**

Chapter 661

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the number of members on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation from 9 to 12.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 216 **Delegate Kaufman, et al**

Chapter 662

CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS EXPLOITATION

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, or isolation; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 140 **Senator West**

Chapter 663

CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS EXPLOITATION

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, or isolation; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; imposing certain penalties based on the aggregate value of the government benefits involved in the violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 12

Senator West

Chapter 664

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APARTMENTS – AIR–CONDITIONING REQUIREMENT

Requiring a landlord to provide air–conditioning to residential rental units in apartment buildings with 10 or more individual dwelling units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2026, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2026, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement or substantial upgrade of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 507

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 665

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – ACCESSIBILITY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

Requiring each local school system to identify, in its regular safety evaluation, issues of accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and requiring local school systems to include in a certain confidential annual report instances in which a public school facility became inaccessible for a student with a disability in a manner that could impede evacuations or emergency response.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 311

Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 666

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – ACCESSIBILITY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

Requiring each local school system to identify, in its regular safety evaluation, issues of accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and requiring local school systems to include in a certain annual report instances in which a public school facility became inaccessible for a student with a disability in a manner that could impede evacuations or emergency response.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 698 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 667

VEHICLE LAWS – DANGEROUS ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW AND ICE – REMOVAL FROM EXPOSED VEHICLE SURFACES

Prohibiting a person from operating or towing a vehicle subject to certain exceptions without making reasonable efforts to remove from exposed vehicle surfaces accumulated snow and ice; and prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the Act that contributes to an accident resulting in property damage or the death of or serious bodily injury to another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 474 **Delegate Patterson, et al**

Chapter 668

VEHICLE LAWS – DANGEROUS ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW AND ICE – REMOVAL FROM EXPOSED VEHICLE SURFACES (CLEAR BEFORE YOU DRIVE ACT)

Prohibiting a person from operating or towing a vehicle, subject to certain exceptions, without making reasonable efforts to remove from exposed vehicle surfaces accumulated snow and ice; and prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the Act that contributes to an accident resulting in property damage or the death of or serious bodily injury to another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1587 **Delegate Patterson**

Chapter 669

GAMING – OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES AND REPORT BY STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to increase from 54 to 100 the number of bingo cards certain handheld devices may allow a user to play at the same time; providing that an electronic instant bingo machine is not required to print a paper ticket for each instant bingo game played unless the player elects to print the ticket; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on all relevant impacts associated with an expansion of electronic instant bingo machines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1076

Delegate Smith

Chapter 674

**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – OVER–THE–COUNTER
CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS AND REPORTING**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution and community college to submit a report on contraception access to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a report on contraception access to the General Assembly each year beginning October 1, 2026; and requiring each community college to provide students with access to all methods of over–the–counter contraception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 532

Senators Kagan and Feldman

Chapter 675

**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – OVER–THE–COUNTER
CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS AND REPORTING**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution and community college to submit a report on contraception access to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each year by September 1; requiring the Commission to submit a report on contraception access to the General Assembly by October 1 each year; and requiring each community college to provide students with access to all methods of over–the–counter contraception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 57

Delegate Vogel

Chapter 676

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program for public high school students that exhibit civic readiness and engagement; requiring a certain capstone project be included in the Program; authorizing a local school system to participate in the Program to recognize students for their civic readiness and civic engagement; and requiring the State Board of Education, no later than the 2027–2028 school year, to adopt certain regulations to establish criteria for awarding a seal of civic excellence.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 204 **Senator Kagan, et al**

Chapter 677

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program that recognizes the civic readiness and civic engagement of public high school students in the State; requiring that a certain capstone project be included in the Program; authorizing a local school system to participate in the Program to recognize certain students who meet certain criteria; and requiring the State Board, no later than the 2027–2028 school year, to adopt regulations to establish the criteria for awarding a seal of civic excellence to a qualified student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 168 **Delegate Vogel**

Chapter 678

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – EDUCATOR WORKFORCE HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Authorizing a county board of education to consider the provision of educator workforce housing as a school purpose under certain provisions of law; altering the eligible recipients of certain financial assistance and the housing innovation projects the Department of Housing and Community Development shall prioritize for certain financial assistance under the Housing Innovation Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 101 **Senator Bailey, et al**

Chapter 679

HIGHER EDUCATION – LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Adding correctional officers as eligible recipients in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents and the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- HB 852** **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**
Chapter 680 HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
- Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 285** **Senators Carozza and Bailey**
Chapter 681 HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
- Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 292** **Senator Bailey**
Chapter 682 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – SUNSET REPEAL AND STUDY
- Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that authorize a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with certain entities, to study the current regulations for vehicles other than a certain type of school vehicle and report the results of the review to certain committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2027.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 319 **Delegate Sample–Hughes**

Chapter 683

**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION – SUNSET REPEAL AND STUDY**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that authorize a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle; and requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to study the current regulations for vehicles other than a certain type of school vehicle and report the results to certain committees by January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 945 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

Chapter 684

**NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES –
NOTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to notify and consult with the local health department for the county in which a nursing home is located if the Department initiates an investigation of a nursing home complaint alleging actual harm; establishing the Health Care Quality Improvement Initiative to identify strategies to improve the quality and affordability of care and accessibility of services in nursing homes and assisted living programs; establishing a task force to develop recommendations to further the mission of the Initiative; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 461 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 685

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HEAT
AND EAT PROGRAM – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to study the potential number of households excluded from automatic standard utility allowance eligibility for the Heat and Eat Program within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program due to enactment of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025; and requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, by December 1, 2026, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 607 **Senator McCray, et al**

Chapter 686

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME – AMOUNT

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$20,000 over a period of 5 taxable years the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 982 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 687

MUTUAL INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANIES – CONVERSION TO MUTUAL INSURERS

Authorizing a mutual insurance holding company to convert its mutual insurance holding company system to a mutual insurer on adoption and approval of a plan of conversion; and establishing certain requirements related to the plan of conversion and its submission to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1616 **Delegate Rogers**

Chapter 688

MUTUAL INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANIES – CONVERSION TO MUTUAL INSURERS

Authorizing a mutual insurance holding company that, directly or indirectly, owns 100% of the capital stock of a reorganized stock insurer to convert its mutual insurance holding company system to a mutual insurer on adoption and approval of a plan of conversion; and establishing certain requirements related to the plan of conversion and its submission to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

- SB 194** **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 689 **INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES – MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE SPACE FORCE – APPLICATION**
- Applying certain provisions of law relating to the job creation tax credit and certain property tax credits and exemptions for certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the military, naval, or air service to certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the space force.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 109** **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 690 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEFERRALS – ELIGIBILITY**
- Expanding eligibility for property tax payment deferrals in Anne Arundel County to include members of certain reserve components and certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026
- HB 606** **Delegate Nkongolo, et al**
Chapter 691 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEFERRALS – ELIGIBILITY**
- Expanding eligibility for property tax payment deferrals in Anne Arundel County to include members of certain reserve components and certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 677 **Delegate Nkongolo, et al**

Chapter 692

REDUCTION FACILITIES AND VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS – HYDROLYZED AND SOIL REMAINS – IMMUNITY

Providing that a registered reduction operator is not civilly liable for transferring and a veterans service organization is not civilly liable for receiving unclaimed hydrolyzed or soil remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent of a veteran for the purposes of disposition if acting in good faith.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 42 **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 693

REDUCTION FACILITIES AND VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS – HYDROLYZED AND SOIL REMAINS – IMMUNITY

Providing that a registered reduction operator is not civilly liable for transferring and a veterans service organization is not civilly liable for receiving unclaimed hydrolyzed or soil remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent of a veteran for the purposes of disposition if acting in good faith; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 242 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 694

MODERNIZING CIVIL RELIEF FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT

Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another state; and altering the definition of “eligible veteran” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged before the date on which an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 6 **Senators Kramer and Lam**

Chapter 695

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
NONTENURE TRACK FACULTY

Providing collective bargaining rights to nontenure track faculty of system institutions of higher education, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland whose primary assignments involve academic instruction, including teachers, researchers, and department heads and those in comparable positions; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for nontenure track faculty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 739 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 696

CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – STUDY

Requiring the University System of Maryland to conduct a study to evaluate the relationship between climate change, homeowner's insurance, and emergency and disaster preparedness; requiring the University, by July 1, 2027, to submit a report to the General Assembly on the federal flood insurance program, and private flood insurance programs and make recommendations on actions and modifications to mitigate risks associated with climate change and improve the service and responsiveness of insurers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1219 **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 697

CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – STUDY

Requiring the University System of Maryland to conduct a study to evaluate the relationship between climate change, homeowner's insurance, and emergency and disaster preparedness; requiring the University, by July 1, 2027, to submit its report to the General Assembly addressing the current state of the National Flood Insurance Program and the private flood insurance market and recommendations on the how the State can incentivize residents to invest in home protection from extreme weather events; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 805 **Delegate Solomon, et al**

Chapter 698 **BUILDING HOMES ACT**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain dwellings that are subject to a mortgage or deed of trust provided by a nonprofit entity and a certain covenant or agreement that ensures affordable pricing of the dwelling; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 742 **Delegate Solomon**

Chapter 699 **GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM –
FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$450,000 in the annual budget bill for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2028 through 2030.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 503 **Senator King**

Chapter 700 **GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM –
FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$450,000 in the annual budget bill for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2028 through 2030.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 646 **Senator King**

Chapter 701 **PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED
PROVISIONS**

Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in certain public school system contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a public school system contract; specifying the applicable law and interpretation of public school system contracts; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 410** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 702 PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER –
FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library
Resource Center for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 660** **Delegate D. Jones, et al**
Chapter 703 PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER –
FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library
Resource Center for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 1280** **Delegate Wims, et al**
Chapter 704 SUPPORTING OUR CAREGIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
– FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the University of Maryland, College Park, with assistance
from the Department of Human Services, to conduct a feasibility
study for establishing and operating the Supporting Our Caregiver
Infrastructure Program; and requiring the University of Maryland,
College Park, to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and
recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by
July 1, 2028.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 809** **Senator King**
Chapter 705 SUPPORTING OUR CAREGIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
– FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the University of Maryland, College Park, with assistance
from the Department of Human Services, to conduct a feasibility
study for establishing and operating the Supporting Our Caregiver
Infrastructure Program; and requiring the Comptroller, on or before
July 1, 2028, to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and
recommendations to certain committees.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 808

Senator King

Chapter 706

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the process through which health care providers apply to participate on a carrier’s provider panel, including certain notice requirements; repealing the authorization for a carrier to charge a certain application fee; requiring carriers to use certain information to update the carrier’s provider directory at a certain frequency; altering the credentialing applications that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may designate for a certain credentialing system and the circumstances under which the designation may be made; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HB 1093

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 707

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the process through which health care providers apply to participate on a carrier’s provider panel, including certain notice requirements; repealing the authorization for a carrier to charge a certain application fee; requiring carriers to use certain information to update the carriers’ provider directory at a certain frequency; altering the credentialing applications that the Commissioner may designate for a certain credentialing system and the circumstances under which the designation may be made; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 839

Senator Ready

Chapter 708

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DRUG DISPENSING – COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY

Requiring, beginning in 2026, the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at least every 3 years; and requiring by December 1 each year in which the survey is required, the Department to report the survey results to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1470 **Delegate Cullison**

Chapter 709

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DRUG DISPENSING –
COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY**

Requiring, beginning in 2026, the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at least every 3 years; and requiring the Department to report the results of the survey to the General Assembly by December 1 in each year the survey is required.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 847 **Senators Carozza and Mautz**

Chapter 710

**WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SALISBURY
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC.**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County and the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 889 **Wicomico County Delegation**

Chapter 711

**WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SALISBURY
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC.**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County and the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 845 **Wicomico County Delegation**

Chapter 712

**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE –
ALTERATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware; authorizing an institution of postsecondary education to award a scholarship under the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program to certain individuals including a surviving transportation worker and certain individuals related to a surviving transportation worker or a fallen transportation worker; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 728 **Senators Carozza and Mautz**

Chapter 713

**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE –
ALTERATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware; authorizing an institution of postsecondary education to award a scholarship under the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program to certain individuals including a surviving transportation worker and certain individuals related to a surviving transportation worker or a fallen transportation worker; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 191 **Delegate Wims**

Chapter 714

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL TRANSACTIONS FOR
ESSENTIAL CONSUMER GOODS – CASH PAYMENTS**

Prohibiting a merchant, in a certain transaction between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., from prohibiting a person from making a cash payment to purchase an essential consumer good, requiring a person to purchase an essential consumer good by using a credit or debit card, or charging or collecting from a person a higher price than for an equivalent cashless transaction for making a cash payment for the purchase of an essential consumer good; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1466 **Delegate Wims**

Chapter 715

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT – APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC
REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – QUALIFIED
PROPERTIES

Expanding the definition of a qualified property for purposes of the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 691 **Senator McKay**

Chapter 716

REAL PROPERTY – TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL
ESTATE CONTRACTS – CONTINGENCY CLAUSES

Altering the definition of “contingency clause” as the term applies to the circumstances under which a residential real estate contract may be terminated by a purchaser; and altering the time period within which a holder of trust money must distribute trust money to a purchaser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 747 **Senator McKay**

Chapter 717

CONDOMINIUMS – UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION AND MANDATORY INSURANCE
COVERAGE

Providing that a certain unit owner is responsible for a certain cost of repair or replacement for certain portions of a condominium under certain circumstances; requiring a council of unit owners to inform unit owners annually of certain responsibilities; requiring a certain condominium unit owner to obtain a condominium unit owner insurance policy or a substantially similar property insurance policy for the unit; and requiring a certain insurance policy to include certain provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027

- HB 1148** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 718 **PROPERTY TAXES – TAX SALES, LEGACY PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND TAX CREDITS**
- Altering eligibility for certain services and programs offered by the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to include certain persons acting on behalf of a deceased homeowner or an heir or a legatee of a deceased homeowner; establishing a Legacy Protection Program administered by the Ombudsman to allow heirs who inherit a dwelling to become the record title holder of the dwelling, prevent tax sales of dwellings inherited by heirs, and allow heirs to remain in their homes; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 765** **Senator Zucker, et al**
Chapter 719 **PROPERTY TAXES – TAX SALES, LEGACY PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND TAX CREDITS**
- Altering eligibility for certain services and programs offered by the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to include certain persons acting on behalf of a deceased homeowner or an heir or a legatee of a deceased homeowner; establishing a Legacy Protection Program administered by the Ombudsman to allow heirs who inherit a dwelling to become the record title holder of the dwelling, prevent tax sales of dwellings inherited by heirs, and allow heirs to remain in their homes; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 339** **Senator Lewis Young**
Chapter 720 **MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf from 19 members to 13 members and requiring that at least 7 members be deaf.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 1052** **Delegate Feldmark**
Chapter 721 **MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf from 19 members to 13 members and requiring that at least 7 members be deaf.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 829 **Senator Waldstreicher**

Chapter 725

**RESIDENTIAL-IN-COMMERCIAL-ZONE LAWS – STUDY
(BRING BACK MAIN STREET ACT)**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to study and make recommendations regarding laws to require certain local jurisdictions to allow certain residential or mixed-use developments as permitted use on certain parcels or lots zoned for commercial use; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1137 **Delegate Allen**

Chapter 726

**RESIDENTIAL-IN-COMMERCIAL-ZONE LAWS – STUDY
(BRING BACK MAIN STREET ACT)**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to study and make recommendations regarding laws to require certain local jurisdiction to allow certain residential or mixed-use developments as a permitted use on certain parcels or lots zoned for commercial use; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 571 **Delegate Allen**

Chapter 727

**NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS – TAXES AND
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS EXEMPTIONS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “nonprofit housing corporation” for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from real property taxes and special assessments of the State or a political subdivision; exempting certain real property owned by certain subsidiary entities of a certain nonprofit housing corporation from taxes and special assessments of the State or a political subdivision; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- HB 325** **Delegate Guyton**
Chapter 728 EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER
EDUCATION BOARD – COMPOSITION
- Altering the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by removing a member who is chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Association of Independent Schools and increasing the number of members chosen from lists provided by the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 500** **Delegate Hartman, et al**
Chapter 729 SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS
– EXEMPTION
- Altering eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale occur at the Baltimore Convention Center.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 309** **Senator Jennings, et al**
Chapter 730 SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS
– EXEMPTION
- Altering eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale occur at the Baltimore Convention Center.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 193** **Senator Corderman**
Chapter 731 WASHINGTON COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION –
TARGET REDEVELOPMENT AREA
- Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment that is purchased for use in the Mount Aetna Technology Park in Washington County; requiring the buyer to maintain for at least 3 years after the date of sale a record of the amount of tax that was not paid as a result of the exemption; and requiring on or before December 31, 2027, that the Comptroller submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the aggregate amount of tax not paid due to the exemption.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- HB 430** **Delegate Kerr, et al**
Chapter 732 **FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS – SUBSTITUTE PROVIDER**
- Requiring a family child care provider who is a member of a reserve component to designate a substitute to provide family child care for not more than 45 working days in any 12-month period while the family child care provider is absent for required training and active service.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- SB 524** **Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**
Chapter 733 **JUVENILE RECORDS – ACCESS BY BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR’S OFFICE**
- Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the confidentiality of juvenile police records and court records do not prohibit access to and confidential use of certain records by the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, and the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of African American Male Engagement under specified circumstances; requiring certain offices to enter into a memorandum of understanding prior to accessing certain records; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
- SB 420** **Senator M. Washington**
Chapter 734 **PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN AND REPORTING**
- Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education; requiring public institutions of higher education to collect and report certain demographic data from students; requiring all public institutions of higher education to adopt a plan for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring the Commission to submit a report, by September 1, 2027, to certain committees of the General Assembly, that summarizes the data collected.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 6

Chapter 735

Delegate Kerr

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN AND REPORTING

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education; requiring public institutions of higher education to collect and report certain demographic data from students; requiring community colleges to adopt a certain plan for pregnant and parenting students; requiring the Commission to submit a report, by September 1, 2027, to certain committees of the General Assembly, that summarizes the data collected.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1091

Chapter 736

Delegate Kerr, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE AND DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS – DENTISTS – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS

Prohibiting certain insurers and dental plan organizations from prohibiting an assignment of benefits to a provider who is a dentist by an insured or refusing to directly reimburse a nonpreferred provider who is a dentist; requiring a nonpreferred provider who is a dentist and who seeks an assignment of benefits from an insured or enrollee to provide certain information to the insured or enrollee before performing a health care service and submit a disclosure form to document the assignment of benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 813

Chapter 737

Senator Hayes

HEALTH INSURANCE AND DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS – DENTISTS – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS

Prohibiting certain insurers and dental plan organizations from prohibiting an assignment of benefits to a provider who is a dentist by an insured or refusing to directly reimburse a nonpreferred provider who is a dentist; requiring a nonpreferred provider who is a dentist and who seeks an assignment of benefits from an insured or enrollee to provide certain information to the insured or enrollee before performing a health care service and submit a disclosure form to document the assignment of benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

- SB 814** **Senator Hayes**
Chapter 738 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SERVICE AGREEMENT –
DEFUNCT SERVICE PROVIDERS
- Prohibiting certain service agreements for residential property entered into before June 1, 2023, if the service provider is not considered in good standing with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation on or after June 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026
- SB 819** **Senator Hayes**
Chapter 739 JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE – NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS
- Altering requirements for providing notice to interested parties when a county or municipal corporation files a complaint for a judicial in rem foreclosure on certain vacant and abandoned property.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026
- HB 1110** **Delegate Lewis**
Chapter 740 JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE – NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS
- Altering requirements for providing notice to interested parties when a county or municipal corporation files a complaint for a judicial in rem foreclosure on certain vacant and abandoned property.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026
- HB 816** **Delegate Taylor, et al**
Chapter 741 MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND –
AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM AND INDUSTRY AUTOMOBILE
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS
- Altering the cap on a certain assessment allocation percentage required to be calculated by the Board of Directors of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association; authorizing the Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to establish an affordability program subject to certain requirements and modification under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 469

Senator Hayes

Chapter 742

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND –
AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM AND INDUSTRY AUTOMOBILE
INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS

Altering the cap, from 3% to 1%, on a certain assessment allocation percentage required to be calculated by the Board of Directors of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association; and authorizing the Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to establish an affordability program subject to certain requirements and modification under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

SB 657

Senator Henson

Chapter 743

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRACTICAL
APPLICATIONS OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL (PAREA) GRANT
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Grant Program to provide grants to certain individuals with the goal of becoming a real estate appraiser in certain communities; providing the purpose of the Program is to assist in closing appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 919

Delegate Taylor, et al

Chapter 744

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRACTICAL
APPLICATIONS OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL (PAREA) GRANT
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Grant Program to provide grants to certain individuals with the goal of becoming a real estate appraiser in certain communities; providing the purpose of the Program is to assist in closing appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 760 **Senators Watson and West**

Chapter 745

REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REVISIONS

Repealing a requirement that a printed deed or other instrument offered for recordation include certain margins; and requiring the clerk of the circuit court of a county to date each change or correction made to information in the general alphabetical index on the horizontal line on which the change or correction was made.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 951 **Delegate Holmes**

Chapter 746

REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REVISIONS

Repealing a requirement that a printed deed or other instrument offered for recordation include certain margins; and requiring the clerk of the circuit court of a county to date each change or correction made to information in the general alphabetical index on the horizontal line on which the change or correction was made.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 810 **Delegate Taylor, et al**

Chapter 747

STUDY TO EVALUATE BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY LEASE AND TITLE RECORDATION AND VERIFICATION

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, in coordination with certain entities, to evaluate the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and leases and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting; and requiring the Department, by December 31, 2026, to report the results of the study to evaluate certain uses of blockchain technology to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 168 **Senator Watson**

Chapter 748

**STUDY TO EVALUATE BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY
LEASE AND TITLE RECORDATION AND VERIFICATION**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, in coordination with certain entities, to evaluate the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and leases and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting; and requiring the Department by December 31, 2026, in collaboration with certain other entities, to report the results of the study to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1216 **Delegate Phillips**

Chapter 749

**INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY
BOND REQUIREMENTS – ALL COUNTIES**

Authorizing all counties, rather than only certain counties, to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or on behalf of certain contractors in order to satisfy certain county bond requirements; and providing that a county is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 651 **Senator Henson, et al**

Chapter 750

**REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER–ON–DEATH DEED –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer–on–death deed for real property; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer–on–death deed; providing for the retroactive application of the Act to transfer–on–death deeds executed prior to the effective date of the Act for a transferor who dies on or after October 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 738 **Delegate Phillips, et al**

Chapter 751

REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED – ESTABLISHMENT

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer-on-death deed for real property; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer-on-death deed; providing for the retroactive application of the Act to transfer-on-death deeds executed prior to the effective date of the Act for a transferor who dies on or after October 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 937 **Senator Henson**

Chapter 752

LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – PROSPECTIVE TENANT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK (MARYLAND FAIR CHANCE HOUSING ACT)

Prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant; permitting a landlord to consider certain criminal history information prior to extending a conditional offer to a prospective tenant; and requiring the landlord to consider certain information provided by a prospective tenant relating to a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 405 **Delegate Terrasa, et al**

Chapter 753

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE
RECHARGING EQUIPMENT

Prohibiting provisions of the governing documents of a condominium or homeowners association from unreasonably restricting the governing body from installing or authorizing the installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment; establishing that the installation or authorization of electric vehicle recharging equipment by a governing body is subject to certain budget processes of the condominium or homeowners association for a common area renovation or alteration similar in cost or magnitude; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 729 **Senator Henson**

Chapter 754

REAL PROPERTY – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS
PROGRAM – EXPANSION

Altering the Access to Counsel in Evictions Program to expand access to legal representation and other services under the Program to individuals who occupy premises of a mobile home park.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 805 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 755

INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT –
ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of law governing the recapture of certain amounts of the credit against the State income tax for certain individuals with student loan debt to require the recapture of the unused amount of the credit rather than the total amount; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to extend the period of time that an individual who claims the credit has to prove that the individual used the credit to repay the individual's student loan debt under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 253 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 756

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 388 **Delegate Forbes, et al**

Chapter 757

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 546 **Delegate Wolek, et al**

Chapter 758

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATOR
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – COURSE ON WELL-BEING
AND FLOURISHING**

Requiring the State Department of Education to make available a professional development course on educator well-being and flourishing to school personnel and administrators on or before July 1, 2027; and requiring the Department to make the course available only if it can be provided at no cost or at a cost comparable to that which the Department pays for providing a commensurate course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 811 **Delegate Wolek**

Chapter 759

AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – GRANTS –
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES (VILLAGE
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third places; and defining “multigenerational third place” as a community space other than a personal home or workplace that supports social connection, events, or gathering among individuals of different ages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 530 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 760

AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – GRANTS –
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES (VILLAGE
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third places.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 340 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 761

OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN –
MANDATORY APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a minimum \$2,000,000 appropriation for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman from certain money remitted by managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, general funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 671 **Delegates Shetty and Lopez**

Chapter 762

**OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN –
MANDATORY APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, a minimum appropriation for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman from certain money remitted by managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, general funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1490 **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 763

**FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TEMPORARY CASH
ASSISTANCE – GOOD CAUSE AND ADEQUATE REASON
EXCEPTIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Human Services from denying an application or reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance from an individual if the individual has good cause or an adequate reason for noncooperation with child support; defining “good cause” as circumstances in which cooperation with child support may be against the best interest of the child; requiring the Family Investment Program to determine that there is good cause for noncooperation with child support using certain criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 668 **Senator Harris, et al**

Chapter 764

**CHILDREN’S CABINET FUND – RENAMING AND FUNDING
FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

Renaming the Children’s Cabinet Fund to be the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill at least equal to the appropriation in fiscal year 2027 to the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund to be used for grants to the local management boards; and requiring for fiscal year 2031, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation \$500,000 above the appropriation for fiscal year 2030.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 680 **Delegate Shetty, et al**

Chapter 765

CHILDREN'S CABINET FUND – RENAMING AND FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS

Renaming the Children's Cabinet Fund to be the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Fund of an amount at least equal to the appropriation to the Fund in fiscal year 2027; and requiring, in fiscal year 2031, the Governor to provide an appropriation to the Fund of \$500,000 above the appropriation for fiscal year 2030, to be used for grants to the local management boards.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 529 **Senator Harris**

Chapter 766

SOUTHERN MARYLAND EARLY COLLEGE TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the University System of Maryland to develop, in consultation with the State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, certain recommendations for a Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program and a teacher preparation pathway in a certain manner; and establishing the Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program Workgroup to develop recommendations for the Program and report by June 30, 2029 to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1430 **Delegates Chang and Stonko**

Chapter 767

MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SCHOOL FACILITIES – FUNDING

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to distribute funds to public charter schools for capital improvements to public charter school facilities; beginning in fiscal year 2028, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the capital improvements to public charter school facilities that is equal to the total aggregate student enrollment in the Maryland Public Charter School Program for the prior fiscal year multiplied by \$200; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 854 **Delegates Boyce and Barnes**

Chapter 768

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – NONPUBLIC SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Nonpublic Special Education School Renovation Program in the Interagency Commission on School Construction to provide grant funding to certain nonpublic special education schools for certain renovations and improvements to classrooms, upgrades to residential cottages on school grounds, health, safety and accessibility upgrades, and infrastructure modernization; and stating it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include at least \$5,000,000 in the annual capital budget bill for the Program for each fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 359 **Delegate Roberson, et al**

Chapter 769

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – URBAN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
– ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain urban agricultural property; and requiring a county or municipal corporation that grants the tax credit to provide notice of the termination of the credit at least 1 year in advance and the opportunity to be heard to the public before the county or municipal corporation may exercise its authority to terminate the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 306 **Delegates Qi and Hill**

Chapter 770

**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES
LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITES (JACK FITZGERALD PRICE
TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not take an adverse action against a dealer for disclosing on its website that the advertised price of a vehicle is the manufacturer's minimum allowable advertised price and that the dealer may offer a lower price for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 334 **Senator Love, et al**

Chapter 771

CRIMINAL LAW – FIREARM CRIMES – MACHINE GUN CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Department of State Police to adopt regulations to implement the requirements of the Act, including publishing a list of prohibited machine gun convertible pistols; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 315 **Delegate Stewart**

Chapter 772

LANDLORD AND TENANT – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING FOR INCOME–BASED HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND POSITIVE RENTAL HISTORY REPORTING

Providing that a certain landlord may not refuse to rent to a prospective tenant who pays rent with the assistance of an income–based housing subsidy under certain circumstances, subject to a certain exception; establishing that a violation of the Act is a discriminatory housing practice and is subject to enforcement by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights; and requiring that a certain landlord offer a certain tenant the option of having positive rental payment history reported to a certain consumer reporting agency.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 335 **Senator Love, et al**

Chapter 773

LANDLORD AND TENANT – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING FOR INCOME–BASED HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND POSITIVE RENTAL HISTORY REPORTING

Providing that a certain landlord may not refuse to rent to a prospective tenant who pays rent with the assistance of an income–based housing subsidy under certain circumstances; providing that a violation of a provision of the Act is a discriminatory housing practice and is subject to enforcement by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights; requiring that a certain landlord of residential real property offer a certain tenant the option of having positive rental payment history reported to a certain consumer reporting agency; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 141 **Delegate Foley**

Chapter 774

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants at certain public institutions of higher education; defining “graduate assistant” as a graduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park or the University of Maryland, Baltimore County who is a teaching, administrative, or research assistant or in a comparable position, a fellow, or a postdoctoral intern; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for the graduate assistants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028

HB 14 **Delegate Foley**

Chapter 775

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BULLYING,
HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION – INFORMATION
COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering the contents of a certain bullying, harassment, or intimidation form to require, if the incident is believed to have been motivated in whole or in substantial part by certain actual or perceived personal characteristics, identification of those personal characteristics, if known; requiring each county board of education to report information about groups with certain characteristics under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to establish certain standards by July 1, 2027; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 200 **Delegate Lehman, et al**

Chapter 776

SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – REQUIRED FLOOD
RISK DISCLOSURE

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, publish, and maintain a real property flood risk disclosure statement form that includes certain information about a property’s flood risk and history; and requiring, beginning July 1, 2027, a vendor of certain residential real property to provide the purchaser with a completed real property flood risk disclosure statement form before entering into a contract for the sale of the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 753 **Delegate Lehman, et al**

Chapter 777

TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTIONS – REVISIONS

Requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to develop a process to allow a homeowner to designate a family member or another representative of the homeowner to communicate and work with the Ombudsman on the homeowner’s behalf; requiring the dwelling of a homeowner to be withheld from tax sale if the homeowner has a documented terminal illness or medical hardship; increasing the maximum value of a dwelling that a homeowner may reside in and be eligible for the Homeowner Protection Program to \$450,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 573 **Delegate Taveras, et al**

Chapter 778

FAIR HOUSING AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – REGULATIONS, INTENT, AND DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt certain regulations related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; providing that certain discriminatory housing practices may be committed without intent; prohibiting a person from acting in a certain manner that has a discriminatory effect; and providing that certain conduct necessary to achieve certain nondiscriminatory interests does not constitute a certain violation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 956 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 779

CONDOMINIUMS – BUILDINGS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OLD – STUDY

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community and Development to conduct a study on buildings in the State that are more than 40 years old and contain a condominium; and requiring the Department to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 809 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 780

**WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Specifying the intern fellowships that exist in the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; increasing the maximum scholarship award amount under the Program from \$5,000 to \$6,000; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the Program that is at least a 125% of the appropriation provided in fiscal year 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 591 **Delegate Beauchamp, et al**

Chapter 781

WICOMICO COUNTY – HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT

Prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway, shoulder, median divide, or intersection determined by the county or a municipal corporation in the county in certain manners 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 JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1330 **Delegates Hornberger and Wims**

Chapter 782

**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – YEAR-ROUND
APPLICATION**

Altering, beginning in taxable year 2027, the homeowners' property tax credit application cycle to be year-round for each taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1554

Chapter 783

Delegates Hornberger and Sample–Hughes

SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES – STUDY AND REPORT

Requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain entities, to study and report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026, on exempting from the sales and use tax electricity used for agricultural purposes such as raising livestock or poultry, preparing, irrigating, or tending the soil, or planting, maintaining, or transporting seeds or crops; and requiring the report to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 198

Chapter 784

Senator A. Washington, et al

PRINCE GEORGE’S COMMUNITY COLLEGE – AEROSPACE AND AVIATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring Prince George’s Community College, in consultation with certain entities, to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and program design assessment for aerospace and aviation systems technology workforce training programs; requiring Prince George’s Community College to report the results of the feasibility study to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027; and requiring the Governor to include \$100,000 in the 2028 annual budget bill for Prince George’s Community College to complete the study.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 864

Chapter 785

Senator A. Washington

HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the definition of a “foster care recipient” to mean an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement on or after the individual’s 8th birthday rather than 13th birthday for purposes of determining eligibility for a certain tuition exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 865 **Senator A. Washington**

Chapter 786

WORKGROUP ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – EXTENSION AND ALTERATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Extending the termination date of the Workgroup on the Affordability of Private Passenger Automobile Insurance from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and altering the membership and duties of the Workgroup.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 794 **Senators Lam and Gile**

Chapter 787

HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY – COVERAGE EFFECTIVE DATE

Authorizing an individual who enrolls for coverage or enrolls a dependent for coverage during a certain special enrollment period for pregnancy to choose a certain date option on which the coverage will become effective; and requiring the carrier, if the individual fails to select the effective date, to select a certain date option.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

SB 169 **Senator Lam, et al**

Chapter 788

HOSPITALS – EMERGENCY PREGNANCY-RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS – PROCEDURES

Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on a patient presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the patient has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of a patient who has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 372 **Delegate Lopez**

Chapter 789

**HOSPITALS – EMERGENCY PREGNANCY–RELATED MEDICAL
CONDITIONS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on a patient presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the patient has an emergency pregnancy–related medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of a patient who has an emergency pregnancy–related medical condition; requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1326 **Delegate Wilson, et al**

Chapter 790

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DISCLOSURE OF REPORTS
AND RECORDS**

Expanding the circumstances under which a report or record concerning child abuse or neglect may be disclosed by the Department of Human Services to include the administrator of a certain child care center, the coach, team administrator, or manager of a certain youth sports program, and the administrator or other appropriate personnel of any organization that provides adult supervision or care and control of children; and providing that a report or record concerning child abuse may be disclosed by the Department only after a finalized finding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 497 **Delegate Simpson, et al**

Chapter 791

**FAMILY LAW – TEMPORARY AND FINAL PROTECTIVE
ORDERS – DURATION**

Altering from not more than 7 to not more than 14 days after issuance, the time period during which a temporary protective order is effective; and altering the time period during which a final protective order hearing is to be held to not later than 14 days after the temporary protective order is issued.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1300

Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 792

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM
AND MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN – RENAMING
AND ALTERATIONS**

Renaming the African American Heritage Preservation Program to be the Speaker Adrienne A. Jones African American Heritage Preservation Program; repealing the authority of the Secretary of Human Services to appoint the executive director of the Maryland Commission for Women; providing that the executive director of the Commission is not a special appointee and is in the skilled service in the State Personnel Management System; and altering the duties of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1249

Delegate Hill

Chapter 793

**CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES – REFUSING SERVICES
TO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING MEDICATION–ASSISTED
TREATMENT – PROHIBITION**

Requiring that the requirements for the certification of recovery residences established by a credentialing entity prohibit a certified recovery residence from refusing services to an individual receiving medication–assisted treatment for opioid use disorder or requiring an individual to cease receiving or modify how the individual receives medication–assisted treatment for opioid use disorder as a condition to receive services from a certified recovery residence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1087

Delegate S. Johnson

Chapter 794

**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SURGICAL SMOKE – SMOKE
EVACUATION SYSTEMS**

Requiring, by January 1, 2028, each health care facility that performs surgical procedures to adopt and implement policies that require the use of a smoke evacuation system during a surgical procedure that may generate surgical smoke.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1387 **Delegate Coley, et al**

Chapter 795

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – FUND
PRODUCER COMMISSION RATE

Altering the minimum commission rate from 10% to 5% of the total premium that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is required to pay to a fund producer of a policyholder to whom a policy is issued for private passenger auto insurance; and prohibiting the Fund from paying a commission to a fund producer for a policy written directly by the Fund without the involvement of a fund producer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 637 **Senator Jackson**

Chapter 796

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – FUND
PRODUCER COMMISSION RATE

Altering the minimum commission rate from 10% to 5% of the total premium that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is required to pay to a fund producer of a policyholder to whom a policy is issued for private passenger auto insurance; and prohibiting the Fund from paying a commission to a fund producer for a policy written directly by the Fund without the involvement of a fund producer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1540 **Delegate Harrison, et al**

Chapter 797

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL
CENTER – FUNDING – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the sunset termination of a requirement for the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain purposes related to the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center; and altering certain findings by the General Assembly including that the University of Maryland Capital Region Health requires State support and investment to continue its mission to provide high-quality care and transform health care delivery in Prince George's County and the southern Maryland region.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 3

Chapter 798

Delegate Schindler, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – DEPENDENTS OF STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (MARYLAND FALLEN HEROES TUITION BENEFITS ACT)

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of State or local public safety employees who die as a result of or in the course of performance of duties from paying out-of-state or out-of-county tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State; and altering the method for allocating funds for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1530

Chapter 799

Delegate Woorman, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS – OUT-OF-STATE TUITION EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY

Decreasing from 3 years to 2 years the number of years for which an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes before the academic year for eligibility to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption at a public institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 211

Chapter 800

Baltimore County Delegation

BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 34

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 30

Chapter 801

Baltimore County Senators

BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 34

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a 100% property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 929

Chapter 802

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS – DENIAL OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT OR LICENSE FOR UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 450

Chapter 803

Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY – OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS – DENIAL OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT OR LICENSE FOR UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 573 **Charles County Senators**

Chapter 804

CHARLES COUNTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium in Charles County and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association in Charles County to successfully complete a certain training curriculum on the responsibilities of a member of the governing body, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 936 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 805

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – JANE E. LAWTON LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT MC 7–26

Requiring the Montgomery County public school system to identify and publish certain data on food procured from certified local farms and certified Chesapeake invasive species providers during the 2026–2027 school year; requiring the Montgomery County public school system to set certain targets for the 2028–2029, 2030–2031, 2031–2032, 2033–2034, and 2036–2037 school years; requiring the Montgomery County public school system, in coordination with the Office of Food Systems Resilience and public input, to establish a certain plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1243 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 806

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SMALL MANUFACTURERS PG 423–26

Exempting certain personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a certain manufacturing business that holds an alcoholic beverages manufacturer’s license and has 50 or fewer employees from the municipal corporation personal property tax in Prince George’s County; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 783 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 807

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PLATOON 22, INCORPORATED

Requiring the governing body of Washington County and of a municipal corporation in Washington County to grant a 100% property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Platoon 22, Incorporated, and used to provide housing to veterans; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 501 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 808

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PLATOON 22, INCORPORATED

Requiring the governing body of Washington County and of a municipal corporation in Washington County to grant a 100% property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Platoon 22, Incorporated, and used to provide housing to veterans; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 497 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 809

PROPERTY TAX – CITY OF HAGERSTOWN AND THE HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY, INC. – EXEMPTION

Exempting from the property tax property that is owned by the City of Hagerstown and used primarily for public social, recreational, and entertainment purposes; establishing that the exemption from the property tax for certain property owned by the City of Hagerstown or the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility shall apply retroactively beginning with fiscal year 2024; and requiring the State, Washington County, and the City of Hagerstown to pay a refund for any excess property tax paid due to the retroactive exemption.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 846 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 810

PROPERTY TAX – CITY OF HAGERSTOWN AND THE
HAGERSTOWN MULTI–USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY,
INC. – EXEMPTION

Exempting from the property tax property that is owned by the City of Hagerstown and used primarily for public social, recreational, and entertainment purposes; establishing that the exemption from the property tax for certain property owned by the City of Hagerstown or the Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility shall apply retroactively beginning with fiscal year 2024; and requiring the State, Washington County, and the City of Hagerstown to pay a refund for any excess property tax paid due to the retroactive exemption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 1457 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 811

WASHINGTON COUNTY – JUVENILES – TRUANCY
REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Fourth Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 715 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 812

WASHINGTON COUNTY – JUVENILES – TRUANCY
REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Fourth Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 636 **Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 813 **Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – REVISIONS

Repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; and altering the deadline by which a license holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1425 **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 814

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – REVISIONS

Repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; and altering the deadline by which a license holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 121 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 815

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 72

Chapter 816

Senator Jackson

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 456

Chapter 817

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMIT HO. CO. 2-26

Establishing, in Howard County, a gift basket permit that authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing that certain distance requirements do not apply to the issuance of the permit; and providing a gift basket permit fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 76

Chapter 818

Senator Simonaire, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans’ organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans’ organization served in a war; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 727 **Delegate Rogers, et al**

Chapter 819

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans’ organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service, and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans’ organization served in a war; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 754 **Wicomico County Delegation**

Chapter 820

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B (GOLF COURSE) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Altering the hours during which a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license in Wicomico County may sell alcoholic beverages so as to begin at 7 a.m. rather than 10 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 700 **Wicomico County Senators**

Chapter 821

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B (GOLF COURSE) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Altering the hours during which a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license in Wicomico County may sell alcoholic beverages so as to begin sales at 7 a.m. rather than 10 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 972** **Senator Hayes**
Chapter 822 **BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT
– AUTHORIZATIONS AND REVISIONS**
- Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for the odd side of the 1000 block of West Baltimore Street and the even side of the 800 block of North Charles Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, subject to certain limitations; and prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 406** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 823 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MULTIPLE LICENSES PROHIBITION – EXCEPTIONS PG 313–26**
- Adding Class B (on–sale) beer and wine and Class B (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses to the list of alcoholic beverages licenses for which the prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for the same person or premises in Prince George’s County does not apply.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 558** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 824 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
WINE FESTIVAL LICENSES PG 316–26**
- Repealing the restriction on the number of wine festival licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County may issue annually; and repealing a prohibition on issuing a wine festival license for use in the 24th legislative district.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 664** **Cecil County Delegation**
Chapter 825 **CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF
LICENSE QUOTA**
- Altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 897 **Cecil County Senators**

Chapter 826

CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF LICENSE QUOTA

Altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio; and establishing that the Board may not issue fewer than two Class A licenses in each election district in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 802 **Senator McKay**

Chapter 827

GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026

Adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with a catering option and for the holder of a certain caterer’s license; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application about the citizenship status of an applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1203 **Delegate Hinebaugh**

Chapter 828

GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026

Adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with a catering option and for the holder of a certain caterer’s license; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application about the citizenship status of an applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 414 **Senator Beidle**

Chapter 829

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONSUMPTION–ONLY NONPROFIT SWIM CLUB LICENSE

Establishing a consumption–only nonprofit swim club license in Anne Arundel County which authorizes the license holder to allow members of the swim club and their guests to bring beer, wine, and liquor onto the licensed premises for on–premises consumption during designated events; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to a nonprofit swim club in Anne Arundel County; and providing for an annual license fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 874 **Delegate Simmons**

Chapter 830

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE
COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering eligibility requirements for Board membership; and requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 398 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 831

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE
COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering eligibility requirements for Board membership; and requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1474 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 832

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
TRANSFERS AND CONVERSIONS**

Repealing certain prohibitions on a transfer to different premises or a conversion to a different class of license that apply to certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued, reissued, or transferred by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County; and requiring certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in existence on a certain date to be converted into certain Class B hotel and restaurant licenses before a certain date.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 974 **Caroline County Senators**

Chapter 833

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTOR

Specifying that the inspector for the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County is the county codes administrator or an individual the Board appoints as inspector.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1101 **Worcester County Delegation**

Chapter 834

**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM
MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B liquor license or a Class D license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to certain municipalities in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 846 **Senator Carozza**

Chapter 835

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM
MUNICIPAL TO–GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a temporary to–go event permit in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a temporary to–go event permit to a holder of a Class B license or a Class D license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license to certain municipalities in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1526 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 836

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1
DISTILLERY ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION PERMIT

Establishing in Carroll County a Class 1 distillery on–premises consumption permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County to issue the permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license; authorizing the holder of a permit to sell, prepare, and serve certain food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption; and authorizing the holder of the permit to use the licensed premises for events.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 583 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 837

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR LICENSE PG 319–26

Updating the name of a certain office from the County Department of Environmental Resources to the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement to which the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County must provide notice when issuing a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 443 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 838

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–SEC (SMALL EVENT CENTER) LICENSE PG 312–26

Establishing a Class B–SEC (small event center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue the license for use in certain small event centers in the county; defining "small event center" as a venue that operates on a per–event basis or on a limited schedule without standard daily hours of operation; limiting the number of Class B–SEC licenses that the Board may issue per license year and per State legislative district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 681 Senator Carozza

Chapter 839

WORCESTER COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing from three to five the number of members on the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HB 914 Delegates Hartman and Anderson

Chapter 840

WORCESTER COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing from three to five the number of members on the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 684 Harford County Senators

Chapter 841

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Extending the hours from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., rather than 9 p.m., during which a holder of a Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County may sell alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 991 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 842

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC
(HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE**

Extending from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., rather than 9 p.m., the hours during which a holder of a Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County may sell alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 927 **Senator Hayes, et al**

Chapter 843

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

Establishing a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City for the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter’s permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requiring a holder of a State caterer’s license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 998 **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 844

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class 7 micro–brewery license to the holder of a Class B–D–7 license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district, subject to a certain limitation; requiring the Board to establish a standard template for certain memoranda of understanding by January 1, 2027; authorizing certain holders of certain Class D licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district to apply for a 7–day sales privilege under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 642 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 845

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class 7 micro–brewery license to the holder of a Class B–D–7 license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district, subject to a certain limitation; requiring the Board to establish a standard template for certain memoranda of understanding by January 1, 2027; authorizing certain holders of certain Class D licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district to apply for a 7–day sales privilege under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 852 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 846

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Authorizing a holder of a barbershop and beauty salon license in Anne Arundel County to provide to a customer on any one visit 1.7 ounces of liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 1286 **Delegate Behler, et al**

Chapter 847

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Authorizing a holder of a barbershop and beauty salon license in Anne Arundel County to provide to a customer during any one visit not more than 1.7 ounces of liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

- SB 361** **Senator Attar**
Chapter 848 **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
EXTENSION**
- Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing renovations at the same location.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 348** **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 849 **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
EXTENSION**
- Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing renovations at the same location.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026
- HB 682** **Delegate Pruski**
Chapter 850 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF
COURSE LICENSE AND SPORTS ACTIVITY VENUE LICENSES**
- Establishing in Anne Arundel County a Class GC (golf course) license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a golf course with at least nine holes; and establishing in Anne Arundel County sports activity venue licenses that authorize the holder to sell beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a certain sports activity venue.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 441 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 851

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF COURSE LICENSE AND SPORTS ACTIVITY VENUE LICENSES

Establishing in Anne Arundel County a Class GC (golf course) license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a golf course with at least nine holes; and establishing in Anne Arundel County sports activity venue licenses that authorize the holder to sell beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a certain sports activity venue.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 401 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 852

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS – COMPENSATION

Increasing the annual salaries for the chair, certain part-time inspectors, and other members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; and including any cost of living increase available to nonrepresented Anne Arundel County employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 512 **Delegate Pruski**

Chapter 853

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS – COMPENSATION

Increasing the annual salaries and providing for cost-of-living salary increases for the chair, certain part-time inspectors, and other members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 519 **Delegate Pruski**

Chapter 854

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

Altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide; and adding a 100-foot zoning distance requirement from any residential property applicable to certain entertainment permit holders in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 400 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 855

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

Altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide; and adding a 100-foot zoning distance requirement from any residential property applicable to certain entertainment permit holders in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 396 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 856

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION

Increasing the minimum and maximum salary amounts for the chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 399 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 857

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE FEES

Altering the license fee structure for Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, and beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 803 **Senator Beidle**

Chapter 862

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 3 WINERIES AND CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERIES – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the definition of “pomace brandy” authorized to be produced and sold by the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license; clarifying that the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license must report all pomace brandy distilled and bottled by the holder as a distilled spirit for purposes of the alcoholic beverage tax; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to the holder of a Class 3 winery license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 13 **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 863

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE FEE REFUND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain alcoholic beverages license fee refund requirements to allow for certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service to be eligible for a refund of a portion of the license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Sincerely,

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