

May 31, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(c), of the Maryland Constitution states:

Section 17.

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor's signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 31, 2026, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

SB 244 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 864 Services – Code Revision)**

CODE REVISION – HEALTH – MARYLAND MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to
the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 529 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 865 Services – Code Revision)**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 496

Chapter 866

Senators Hershey and Lam

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing, beginning January 1, 2027, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients if the Department elects to provide the comprehensive coverage; authorizing the Department to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment authorizing the State to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 898

Chapter 867

Senator McCray

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS – REIMBURSEMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide reimbursement for applied behavior analysis services provided by behavior technicians to Program recipients with autism spectrum disorder under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, the Department from requiring as a condition of reimbursement that an individual receive a certain certification to provide applied behavior analysis services as a behavior technician to Program recipients; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 16

Chapter 868

Senator Sydnor

CHILD SUPPORT – EARNINGS WITHHOLDINGS LIMITS

Specifying that, for purposes of earnings withholdings, the amount deducted from the obligor's earnings may not exceed 35% of the obligor's disposable earnings if the obligor's individual income for the current year does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of one; and authorizing an employee to contest the amount of an earnings withholding order based on certain limits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2028

SB 366

Chapter 869

Senator Waldstreicher

MOTOR VEHICLES – INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program; requiring individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue to participants a restricted license requiring the use of an intelligent speed assistance system; prohibiting a participant from operating a motor vehicle in violation of the requirements of the Program; and authorizing the sharing of certain data for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 107

Chapter 870

Delegate Allen, et al

MOTOR VEHICLES – INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the establishment of the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program by October 1, 2027; requiring individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue to participants in the Program a restricted license for the period of suspension and any additional time required; requiring the District Court to ensure that certain entries are included in a certain schedule of fines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HB 1335

Chapter 871

Delegate Kaiser, et al

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFFING AND CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT – INDEPENDENT STUDY

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to procure the services of a third-party entity to conduct a certain independent study related to the staffing, capability assessment, and workforce alignment of information technology and cybersecurity professionals in the State; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to submit the study to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

[SB 791](#)

Senator Lam

Chapter 872

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE –
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT – PROHIBITIONS
(COMMUNITY TRUST ACT)

Prohibiting local correctional facilities from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting law enforcement agents from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting State and local correctional facilities from taking certain actions against an individual based on a certain immigration status of the individual or any other person; requiring employees and agents of State correctional facilities to provide certain notice; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

[HB 1434](#)

Delegate McCaskill

Chapter 873

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CAREGIVER
RESOURCE WEBPAGE – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and maintain a caregiver resource webpage with information and resources to support certain caregivers in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

[HB 711](#)

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 874

DATA PRIVACY – CONSUMER DATA, PUBLIC RECORDS, AND
MESSAGE SWITCHING SYSTEM (DATA PRIVACY ACT)

Prohibiting a certain controller from knowingly selling the personal data of a consumer to a certain governmental unit that has engaged in or supported civil immigration enforcement under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a public record is accessed for enforcing immigration law; requiring an entity that operates a certain message switching system to take certain actions regarding system access; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 322

Senator Sydnor

Chapter 875

COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION

Providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 187

Senator M. Washington

Chapter 876

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRERELEASE SERVICES – FEMALE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS (MONICA COOPER PRERELEASE ACT)

Altering the required specifications for a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Department of General Services to submit a certain timeline of deliverables for the planning, design, and construction of the facility to certain entities; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to make certain services available to certain female incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Department of General Services to provide updates on the progress of the prerelease facility to certain legislative committees.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 148

Senators Kagan and Carozza

Chapter 877

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR 9–1–1 SPECIALIST RETIREMENT INCOME (SUPPORTING OUR 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS ACT)

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9–1–1 specialist; and requiring the Department of Emergency Management to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2028, on the number of retired 9–1–1 specialists who were issued a tax credit under the Act and the number of specialists employed in the State who have vested under a certain employee retirement system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendment has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 933

Senator Smith

Chapter 878

**JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
DISABILITIES – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

Withdrawing and repealing a certain proposed Constitutional amendment relating to temporary appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities; allowing the chair of the Commission to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; and allowing the Governor, on certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission.

CONTINGENT

Sincerely,

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