

May 22, 2026

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 22, 2026, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

[HB 862](#)

Policy

Delegate Stein, et al

RAILROADS – REQUIRED CREW FOR MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT

Prohibiting a railroad train used in connection with the movement of freight from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members, subject to certain exceptions; providing a penalty for a first offense of up to \$10,000 or, in the case of a willful violation within the immediately preceding 3 years, a fine of up to \$25,000; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

[HB 1151](#)

Policy

Delegate Hutchinson, et al

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – STUDY ON MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPICE ROOM AND BOARD SERVICES

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program jointly to study the impact of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide reimbursement for room and board services provided by a hospice house; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SB 426

Policy

Senator Sydnor

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DIVORCE RECORDS

Requiring a custodian to deny inspection of certain records pertaining to a divorce proceeding except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SB 448

Duplicative

Carroll County Senators

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$27,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SB 459

Policy

Senator Rosapepe, et al

PROCUREMENT – ADVERTISING – MARYLAND NEWS ORGANIZATIONS (LOCAL NEWS FOR MARYLAND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2026)

Requiring units of State government to ensure that at least 50% of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts for advertising is being made directly to Maryland news organizations; requiring units of State Government to prioritize the use of Maryland news organizations that have a primary mission of reporting on and serving underserved communities; and authorizing a unit of State government to consult with a third-party non-profit organization to prepare and maintain a list of eligible local news organizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Sincerely,

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