



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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HB 1221
Chapter 9

Delegates Foley and Hutchinson

PUBLIC SAFETY – SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS – SAFETY
(JILLIAN AND LINDSAY WIENER SHORT-TERM RENTAL
SAFETY ACT)

Requiring certain short-term rental units to post certain evacuation diagrams and certain emergency telephone numbers in the unit and to provide certain fire extinguishers and smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in the unit; requiring a certain short-term rental host to replace a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm under certain circumstances; requiring certain counties or Baltimore City to require, through local law or regulation, certain inspections and to report certain information to the State Fire Marshal; etc.

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SB 624**Chapter 10****Senator Feldman**

PUBLIC SAFETY – SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS – SAFETY (JILLIAN AND LINDSAY WIENER SHORT-TERM RENTAL SAFETY ACT)

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SB 861**Chapter 13****Senators Zucker and Feldman**

ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR AGRITOURISM

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that consider certain best management practices for stormwater management for agritourism; and requiring Montgomery County and the Montgomery Soil Conservation District jointly, in consultation with the Department, to review certain processes for reviewing and approving certain stormwater management plans and submit their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

HB 1071**Chapter 14****Delegate Foley, et al**

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HB 118
Chapter 20**Delegate Queen****MARYLAND MONEY TRANSMISSION ACT – DEFINITION OF MONEY TRANSMITTER – ALTERATION**

Altering, for a certain licensing requirement, the definition of “money transmitter” under the Maryland Money Transmission Act to exclude a certain person designated as an agent of a payor for the purpose of the agent’s provision of payroll processing services under certain circumstances.

SB 261
Chapter 21**Senator Beidle****MARYLAND MONEY TRANSMISSION ACT – DEFINITION OF MONEY TRANSMITTER – ALTERATION**

Altering, for a certain licensing requirement, the definition of “money transmitter” under the Maryland Money Transmission Act to exclude a certain person designated as an agent of a payor for the purpose of the agent’s provision of payroll processing services under certain circumstances.

SB 492
Chapter 22**Senator Beidle****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MASSAGE THERAPY – ADVERTISING**

Prohibiting licensed massage therapists, registered massage practitioners, and third parties directed by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners from placing, publishing, or distributing certain advertisements; and requiring that if an advertisement for massage therapy lists the name of a licensed massage therapist or a registered massage practitioner, the name displayed on the advertisement must be consistent with the name of the individual that is on the Board issued license or registration.

HB 975
Chapter 23**Delegate Guzzone, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MASSAGE THERAPY – ADVERTISING**

Prohibiting licensed massage therapists, registered massage practitioners, and third parties directed by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners from placing, publishing, or distributing certain advertisements; and requiring that if an advertisement for massage therapy services lists the name of a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner, the name displayed on the advertisement must be consistent with the name of the individual on the Board issued license or registration.

HB 1002
Chapter 24**Delegate Lopez, et al****NURSING FACILITIES – INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER**

Prohibiting certain facilities from involuntarily transferring or discharging a resident to certain housing or before receiving certain confirmations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice or new notice; requiring that a certain notice or new notice be provided to certain residents at least a certain period of time before an involuntary discharge or transfer; establishing time requirements that apply to the discharge or transfer of a resident if a new notice of involuntary discharge or transfer is provided; etc.

SB 493
Chapter 25**Senator Beidle****NURSING FACILITIES – INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER**

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SB 907
Chapter 28**Senator Love, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.

HB 1389
Chapter 29**Delegate D. Jones, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include female genital mutilation for the purposes of a provision of law requiring certain persons to provide notice of suspected abuse or neglect of a child or make a written report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child; altering the actions regarding female genital mutilation in which a person is prohibited from engaging; increasing the penalties for a violation of certain provisions related to female genital mutilation; etc.

HB 7
Chapter 30**Delegate Guzzone****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIMITED LICENSES TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY**

Authorizing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists to issue a limited license to practice music therapy; providing the purpose of the limited license is to permit an individual to practice music therapy while completing certain licensing requirements; and allowing a licensee with a limited license to practice music therapy under the supervision of a fully licensed music therapist.

SB 88**Chapter 31****Senator Gile**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIMITED LICENSES TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY

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SB 293**Chapter 32****Senator Jackson**

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, NURSE MIDWIVES, AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES – DISCLOSURE (NYELI ROSE LEWIS ACT OF 2026)

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, nurse midwives, and licensed certified midwives to notify each resident and prospective resident at certain times if the nursing home, assisted living program, nurse midwife, or licensed certified midwife either does not maintain professional liability insurance or professional liability insurance coverage has lapsed and has not been renewed; etc.

HB 442**Chapter 33****Delegate Kaufman, et al**

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, NURSE MIDWIVES, AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES – DISCLOSURE (NYELI ROSE LEWIS ACT OF 2026)

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, nurse midwives, and licensed certified midwives to notify each resident and prospective resident in writing or by written electronic communication if the nursing home, assisted living program, nurse midwife, or licensed certified midwife either does not maintain professional liability insurance or professional liability insurance coverage has lapsed; and requiring conspicuous posting of the information that the professional liability coverage has not been maintained.

HB 322
Chapter 38**Delegate Kerr, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including an administrator of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

SB 260
Chapter 39**Senator Jackson****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including an administrator of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

HB 452
Chapter 47**Delegate Guyton, et al****STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from suspending or revoking a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State, reprimanding or censuring a licensee, or placing a licensee on probation solely on the basis of the licensee discussing or recommending the use of cannabis or a product that contains cannabidiol on an animal for potential therapeutic effect or health supplementation purposes.

SB 54**Chapter 48****Senator Lam****STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from suspending or revoking a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State, reprimanding or censuring a licensee, or placing a licensee on probation solely on the basis of the licensee discussing or recommending the use of cannabis or a product that contains cannabidiol on an animal for potential therapeutic effect or health supplementation purposes; etc.

SB 395**Chapter 49****Senator Gile****PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS – INSURANCE AND
LIABILITY**

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a peer-to-peer car sharing program's motor vehicle liability insurance policy on a replacement vehicle to be secondary coverage for a shared vehicle driver; altering and establishing certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; requiring peer-to-peer car sharing programs to be responsible for providing certain security on a primary basis for third-party liability claims under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 1186**Chapter 50****Delegate Rogers, et al****PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS – INSURANCE AND
LIABILITY**

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a peer-to-peer car sharing program's motor vehicle liability insurance policy on a replacement vehicle to be secondary coverage for a shared vehicle driver; altering and establishing certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; providing that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is not required to provide coverage to a shared vehicle driver for the use of a shared vehicle that is not a replacement vehicle; etc.

SB 123
Chapter 62

Senator Simonaire

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

HB 747
Chapter 63

Delegate Kipke, et al

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

SB 444
Chapter 68

Senator Kramer

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – INTERMEDIATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for intermediate care facilities that offer substance use disorder treatment services; providing a certificate of need is not required for a change in bed capacity at certain facilities offering certain treatment services if a written notice is filed with the Commission 45 days before the facility's establishment, the facility is consistent with the State Health Plan, will result in more efficient service delivery, and is in the public interest; etc.

HB 498
Chapter 69

Delegate Cullison

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – INTERMEDIATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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HB 619
Chapter 70**Delegate Cullison****INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.

Contingency – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in four other states

SB 333
Chapter 71**Senator Kramer****INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

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Contingency – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in four other states

HB 174
Chapter 72**Delegate Cardin****MOTOR VEHICLES AND MARINE VESSELS –
TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a marine vessel or multiple individuals who jointly co-own a marine vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the marine vessel on the death of the owner or each co-owner; and altering certain provisions of law governing the transfer-on-death designation for motor vehicles to allow multiple individuals who jointly co-own a motor vehicle to designate a transfer-on-death beneficiary.

SB 145
Chapter 73**Senator West****MOTOR VEHICLES AND MARINE VESSELS –
TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a marine vessel or multiple individuals who jointly co-own a marine vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the marine vessel on the death of the sole owner or each co-owner; and altering certain provisions of law governing the transfer-on-death designation for motor vehicles to allow multiple individuals who jointly co-own a motor vehicle to designate a transfer-on-death beneficiary.

HB 254
Chapter 76**Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Natural Resources)****SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ADAPTATION ACT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to facilitate community participation in project planning and development; establishing the Resilience Through Restoration Capital Grant Fund to provide funding for nature-based restoration projects intended to reduce the State's climate change vulnerability; requiring, by October 1, 2027, the Department to develop a website, guidance, and training for certain tools and resources; requiring, by December 31, 2035, the Department to take certain actions relating to climate change; etc.

HB 227
Chapter 77**Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Maryland Environmental Service)****MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – AUTHORIZATIONS
AND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the authority of the Treasurer of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Treasurer of the Service; increasing the threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or less for estimated contract costs under which the Service may use the small procurement process; and altering the process for providing notice of the establishment or adjustment of certain rates charged for Service projects, products, or services.

- SB 228**
Chapter 78 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**
- MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS
- Expanding the authority of the Treasurer of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Treasurer of the Service; increasing the threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or less for estimated contract costs under which the Service may use the small procurement process; and altering the process for providing notice of the establishment or adjustment of certain rates charged for Service projects, products, or services.
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- HB 247**
Chapter 79 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Critical Area Commission), et al**
- CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – VARIANCES – ALTERATIONS
- Altering certain standards and requirements for variances from land use requirements under the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program.
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- HB 286**
Chapter 80 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
- VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION
- Requiring an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions.

SB 38
Chapter 81 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION

Requiring an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions; etc.

HB 284
Chapter 85 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMPROMISING EVENTS

Requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after the dealer first has knowledge that certain crimes have occurred or certain security features have been compromised; and providing that a person who violates the Act is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Secretary of up to \$250 for a first offense and up to \$1000 for a second or subsequent violation.

SB 160
Chapter 86 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMPROMISING EVENTS

Requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after discovering certain crimes have occurred or certain security features have been compromised; providing a civil penalty of up to \$250 for a first violation of the Act and up to \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violations; and providing that the license of a person who knowingly and willfully violates the Act may be suspended or revoked.

HB 226
Chapter 89**Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)****DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – HOUSING PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Disabilities to establish affordable and accessible housing programs; authorizing the Department to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with certain programs and units of the Department to solicit and accept funds, partner with individuals and entities, and promote certain activities that support certain projects; prohibiting an affiliated foundation from influencing determinations regarding eligibility for any program, benefit, or services administered by the Department; etc.

SB 22
Chapter 90**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)****DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – HOUSING PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Disabilities to establish affordable and accessible housing programs; authorizing the Department to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with certain programs and units of the Department to solicit and accept funds, partner with individuals and entities, and promote certain activities that support certain projects; prohibiting an affiliated foundation from influencing certain determinations made by the Department; etc.

HB 276
Chapter 91**Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)****STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC ACCESS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, including by establishing requirements regarding an automated external defibrillator (AED) coordinator, repealing certain provisions of law regarding regional council AED committees, and exempting certain law enforcement agencies from being required to obtain a certificate for an AED deployed in a patrol vehicle of the law enforcement agency; establishing certain certification qualifications for grocery stores and restaurants under the Program; etc.

SB 24
Chapter 92**Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)****STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC ACCESS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, including by establishing requirements regarding an automated external defibrillator (AED) coordinator, repealing certain provisions of law regarding regional council AED committees, and exempting certain law enforcement agencies from being required to obtain a certificate for an AED deployed in a patrol vehicle of the law enforcement agency; and establishing certain certification qualifications for grocery stores and restaurants under the Program.

HB 278
Chapter 93**Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)****HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND COMMISSION ON AGING (THE LONGEVITY READY MARYLAND ACT)**

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to lead implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan which is a multisector plan on aging that transforms programs, services, policies, institutions, and systems to address the growing population of older adults in the State; requiring the Department to maintain a publicly accessible resource on the Department's website for monitoring implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan; and requiring the Department of Aging to staff the Commission on Aging.

- SB 113**
Chapter 94 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**
HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND COMMISSION ON AGING (LONGEVITY READY MARYLAND ACT)
Requiring the Secretary of Aging to lead implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan which is a multisector plan on aging that transforms programs, services, policies, institutions, and systems to address the growing population of older adults in the State; repealing, adding, and altering certain duties of the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to maintain a publicly accessible resource on the Department’s website for monitoring implementation of the Plan; requiring an updated Longevity Plan every four years; etc.
- HB 243**
Chapter 110 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**
LAND USE – COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERAL PLANS – ALTERATION OF ELEMENTS
Altering the required elements of comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions; establishing requirements and guidelines for each element; and requiring certain State agencies to provide charter counties and other local jurisdictions with assistance and information relevant to the preparation of each element.
- SB 197**
Chapter 111 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**
LAND USE – COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERAL PLANS – ALTERATION OF ELEMENTS
Altering the required elements of comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions; establishing requirements and guidelines for each element; requiring certain State agencies to provide charter counties and other local jurisdictions with assistance and information relevant to the preparation of each element; and applying the Act prospectively.

HB 255 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 112 **Departmental – Natural Resources), et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS
MARYLAND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program to include the promotion of community participation in tree planting and stewardship and the planting and maintenance of native trees and shrubs through community forestry activities.

SB 164 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**
Chapter 113 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE–MENDOUS
MARYLAND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program to include the promotion of community participation in tree planting and stewardship and the planting and maintenance of native trees and shrubs through community forestry activities.

HB 248 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 116 **Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IDENTIFICATION
CARDS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS – REPEAL OF COLOR
PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an identification card, a driver’s license, or a moped operator’s permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration be in color.

SB 87 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**
Chapter 117 **– Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IDENTIFICATION
CARDS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS – REPEAL OF COLOR
PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT

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HB 251 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 118 **Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES – REPEAL OF
NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that a notarized bill of sale be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Administration when transferring ownership of a certain used vehicle.

SB 125 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**
Chapter 119 **– Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES – REPEAL OF
NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that a notarized bill of sale be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Administration when transferring ownership of a certain used vehicle.

HB 240 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 122 **Planning)**

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS – GUIDANCE MATERIALS
AND NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Requiring a local planning commission to notify the Department of Planning when beginning the review of the local jurisdiction's comprehensive plan; requiring the Department, within 60 days of receiving the notification, to provide guidance materials relating to State law, best practices for local comprehensive plans, and any other resources to support the plan's review; and requiring the Department to develop and maintain certain guidance materials in consultation with certain other State agencies and offices.

HB 238
Chapter 123 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY AND HERITAGE AREAS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the voting membership of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; increasing the number of voting members of the Authority that constitutes a quorum from 9 to 10; repealing the requirement that the Authority send copies of boundary maps to certain county clerks; etc.

SB 226
Chapter 124 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY AND HERITAGE AREAS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the voting membership of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; increasing the number of voting members of the Authority that constitutes a quorum from 9 to 10; repealing the requirement that the Authority send copies of boundary maps to certain county clerks; etc.

HB 236
Chapter 125 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BLOOD TESTING OF CONTESTANTS – TIMING

Extending from 30 to 90 days the period of time before applying for a license to participate in a boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest and before participating in the contest during which certain blood testing may be conducted for purposes of submission of the results to the State Athletic Commission.

SB 32
Chapter 126 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BLOOD TESTING OF CONTESTANTS – TIMING

Extending from 30 to 90 days the period of time before applying for a license to participate in a boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest and before participating in the contest during which certain blood testing may be conducted for purposes of submission of the results to the State Athletic Commission.

HB 242
Chapter 129 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Altering requirements related to the confidentiality of unemployment insurance information to ensure compliance with federal law and regulations; altering existing confidentiality requirements related to inspection of employment records and claim information by agents of child support enforcement units; establishing exceptions to confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations; etc.

SB 216
Chapter 130 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Altering requirements related to the confidentiality of unemployment insurance information to ensure compliance with federal law and regulations; altering existing confidentiality requirements related to inspection of employment records and claim information by agents of child support enforcement units; establishing exceptions to confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations; etc.

HB 273
Chapter 137 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM (SHOP) ENROLLMENT – EFFECTIVE DATES

Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods.

SB 14
Chapter 138 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM (SHOP) ENROLLMENT – EFFECTIVE DATES

Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods.

HB 277
Chapter 141 **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS – ENFORCEMENT

Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.

SB 139
Chapter 142 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS – ENFORCEMENT

Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.

HB 232
Chapter 143 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD – TUITION ASSISTANCE

Expanding the institutions to include trade, or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.

SB 142 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**
Chapter 144 **Request – Departmental – Military)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD –
TUITION ASSISTANCE

Expanding the institutions to include trade or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.

HB 1155 **Calvert County Delegation**
Chapter 148

CALVERT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – LONG-TERM
CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSET
MANAGEMENT

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into certain contracts for infrastructure and asset management under certain circumstances.

HB 1623 **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 149

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – VILLAGE OF DRUMMOND –
AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZATION MC 20–26

Constituting the Village Council of Drummond as the governing body of the special taxing district constituted as the Village of Drummond in Montgomery County; providing for the structure, membership, duties, and obligations of the Village Council; altering the eligible uses of funds derived from the Village’s annual special tax levy; and providing for the Village’s annual appropriations process.

HB 895
Chapter 154**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****FOOD RETAILERS AND THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDERS – DYNAMIC PRICING AND PERSONAL DATA (PROTECTION FROM PREDATORY PRICING ACT)**

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

HB 1181
Chapter 159**Delegate Bagnall, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT – VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS**

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

HB 1559
Chapter 160**The Speaker, et al****CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS – PLACEMENT**

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

Section 3 only

SB 523**Chapter 164****Senator M. Washington****DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – WATER RESOURCES – IDENTIFICATION OF VERNAL POOLS (JACK COVER VERNAL POOLS ACT OF 2026)**

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

SB 772**Chapter 166****Senator Ferguson****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY DATABASE**

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

SB 70**Chapter 168****Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS – MDIPLOMAWORKS PATHWAY**

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

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

ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS –
MDIPLOMAWORKS PATHWAY

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

SB 94 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**
Chapter 170 **COMMERCIAL LAW – EARNED WAGE ACCESS – REVISIONS**

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

SB 694 **Senator Smith**
Chapter 172 **HUMAN RELATIONS – VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY**
DISCRIMINATION LAWS – COMPLAINTS

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

HB 643 **Delegate Valderrama, et al**
Chapter 174 **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSURE –**
QUALIFICATIONS

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

SB 742**Chapter 175****Senators Guzzone and Zucker**

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

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

SB 707**Chapter 177****Senator Ready, et al**

MENTAL HEALTH LAW – DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF OTHERS – DEFINITION (RIGHT TO TREATMENT)

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

SB 480**Chapter 180****Senator McKay**

OFF–HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECREATION OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT

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

SB 439**Chapter 183****Senator Jackson****EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – FIRE AND RESCUE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**

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

SB 394**Chapter 193****Senator Gile****PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES**

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

HB 422**Chapter 194****Delegate Bagnall, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS AND LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIVES**

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

HB 1192
Chapter 195**Delegate Bagnall****STATE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS –
MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSING**

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

SB 645
Chapter 196**Senator King****STATE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS –
MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSING**

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

SB 778
Chapter 206**Senator Feldman****CLINICAL RESEARCH PHARMACIES AND CLINICAL TRIALS –
PERMITS AND OWNERSHIP**

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

SB 266**Chapter 209****Senator Brooks****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS –
REGULATION OF INVASIVE TREES**

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

HB 35**Chapter 210****Delegate Foley, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATORY POWERS –
REGULATION OF INVASIVE TREES**

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

HB 578**Chapter 211****Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al****FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED
SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS – REGULATIONS, LISTS,
PETITIONS, ESSENTIAL HABITATS, AND TAKINGS**

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

SB 431**Chapter 212****Senator Brooks****FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS – REGULATIONS, LISTS, PETITIONS, ESSENTIAL HABITATS, AND TAKINGS**

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

HB 1047**Chapter 213****Delegate Hutchinson****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DELEGATION OF DUTIES – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 915**Chapter 214****Senator Mautz****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DELEGATION OF DUTIES – ALTERATIONS**

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

HB 1284
Chapter 217**Delegate Guzzone****RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – PRIVATE DUTY NURSING
– ON-SITE NURSE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

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

SB 417
Chapter 221**Senator Lam****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MANDATORY MEETINGS ON
RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MATTERS – EMPLOYEE
ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (MARYLAND WORKER
FREEDOM ACT)**

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

SB 326
Chapter 222**Senator Lam, et al****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND MIDWIVES – PARITY WITH
OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS (PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT PARITY ACT OF 2026)**

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

HB 377
Chapter 223**Delegate S. Johnson, et al****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND MIDWIVES – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

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

HB 485
Chapter 224**Delegate S. Johnson****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – REVISIONS**

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

SB 872
Chapter 225**Senator M. Washington****REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – RENTAL DWELLING UNIT – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “rental dwelling unit” for purposes of provisions of law governing the reduction of lead risk in housing.

SB 423**Chapter 230****Senator Kramer****RESEARCH FACILITIES AND TESTING FACILITIES THAT USE ANIMALS – PROHIBITIONS AND ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS (ANIMAL RESEARCH MODERNIZATION AND BEST PRACTICES ACT OF 2026)**

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

HB 374**Chapter 233****Delegate White Holland, et al****STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – REVISIONS**

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

SB 370**Chapter 234****Senator Augustine****STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – REVISIONS**

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

SB 411**Chapter 235****Senator Augustine, et al****HOSPITALS – CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEES AND PLANS – ESTABLISHMENT (SAFE STAFFING ACT OF 2026)**

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

HB 624**Chapter 236****Delegate White Holland, et al****HOSPITALS – CLINICAL STAFFING COMMITTEES AND PLANS – ESTABLISHMENT (SAFE STAFFING ACT OF 2026)**

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

SB 365**Chapter 238****Senator Waldstreicher****SECURITY GUARDS – CERTIFICATION RENEWAL – REQUIREMENTS**

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

HB 446
Chapter 239**Delegate Martinez, et al****HEALTH – DEMENTIA SERVICES AND BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM AND PROVIDER RESOURCE TOOLKIT**

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

SB 555
Chapter 240**Senator Hayes****HEALTH – DEMENTIA SERVICES AND BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM AND PROVIDER RESOURCE TOOLKIT**

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

HB 1357
Chapter 241**Delegate Kaiser, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

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

HB 1483
Chapter 242**Delegate Kaiser, et al****CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING – OUT-OF-STATE PROVIDERS – USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE**

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

SB 653
Chapter 245**Senator Kagan****STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE AND ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS**

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

HB 1180
Chapter 246**Delegate Qi****STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE AND ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS**

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

HB 308
Chapter 247**Delegates Qi and Hill****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PRINCIPAL OFFICES – PRIVATE MAILBOXES**

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

SB 599
Chapter 249**Senators Hester and Hettleman****ON-FARM ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

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

HB 429
Chapter 250**Delegate Boyce, et al****ON-FARM ORGANICS DIVERSION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

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

HB 85**Chapter 260****Delegate Charkoudian****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – COOPERATIVE LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING CORPORATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

SB 130**Chapter 261****Senator Henson****ENVIRONMENT – WATER – INDIVIDUAL SUBMETERS**

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

HB 220**Chapter 262****Delegates Charkoudian and Guyton****ENVIRONMENT – WATER – INDIVIDUAL SUBMETERS**

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

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

MILITARY FAMILY INCLUSION ACT

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

SB 773 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 269 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – VACCINATION**
ORDERS

Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also administer the vaccination.

HB 1135 **Delegate Lopez, et al**

Chapter 270 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – VACCINATION**
ORDERS

Authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals who are at least 3 years old without having to also administer the vaccination.

SB 280 **Senators Augustine and Zucker**

Chapter 271 **NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – TERMINOLOGY**

Altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve and interpret the history of certain populations.

HB 404 **Delegate Mireku–North**

Chapter 272 **NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – TERMINOLOGY**

Altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve and interpret the history of certain populations.

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

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

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

HB 342 **Delegate Behler, et al**
Chapter 275 **FORESTRY LICENSES – APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS –
ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 473 **Senator Hettleman, et al**
Chapter 278 **PUBLIC UTILITIES – FOR-HIRE DRIVERS AND
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATORS – HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING AND
LIABILITY**

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

HB 829**Chapter 279****Delegate Ebersole, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – FOR-HIRE DRIVERS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATORS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING AND LIABILITY**

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

SB 487**Chapter 285****Senator Henson****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – SAFETY CORRIDORS (VULNERABLE ROAD USER PROTECTION ACT OF 2026)**

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

SB 777**Chapter 298****Senator Salling****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE RETRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS (LOCAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS INVESTMENT ACT)**

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

HB 1025
Chapter 299**Delegates Rose and Miller****STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

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

HB 347
Chapter 300**Delegate Pruski, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

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

HB 1016
Chapter 301**Delegate Pruski, et al****NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES – LICENSED ARCHITECTS – EMPLOYER WORKFORCE RELOCATION AND OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYERS**

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

HB 1400
Chapter 304**Delegate Jacobs, et al****SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – PENALTIES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR REGISTRATION CARD**

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

SB 166
Chapter 305**Senator Bailey****SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – PENALTIES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR REGISTRATION CARD**

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

HB 1395
Chapter 307**Delegate Jacobs, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES**

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

HB 103
Chapter 308**Delegate Stewart****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED WAIVERS**

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

HB 1149
Chapter 311**Delegates Young and Hornberger****STATE FINANCE – CLAIMS OF THE STATE – SETTLEMENT**

Authorizing the Comptroller to settle a claim of the State that is in arrears, regardless of how long the claim has been in arrears, under certain circumstances.

HB 996
Chapter 313**Delegate Amprey****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

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

SB 631
Chapter 314**Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS**

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

SB 582
Chapter 316**Senator Jennings, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – UNSOLICITED LOANS**

Prohibiting a person from sending a check or other negotiable instrument to an individual under certain circumstances; establishing that an individual who receives a check or other negotiable instrument is not liable for the amount of the check or negotiable instrument under certain circumstances; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.

HB 535
Chapter 320**Delegate Arentz, et al****FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES –
MAXIMUM ANNUAL REVENUE**

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

HB 939
Chapter 323**Delegate Rosenberg, et al****CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – FILING – TIME PERIOD**

Authorizing the parent of a child to file a certificate of birth within 10 days after the birth occurred if the parent notified the person required to file the certificate of birth on a form provided by the Secretary of Health as soon as practicable after birth, but not later than 5 days after the birth occurred.

HB 1012
Chapter 328**Delegate Fair, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – LOCAL SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS
– AUTHORIZATION**

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

SB 719**Chapter 329****Senators Love and Hester****SEWAGE SLUDGE – PER– AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES – REGULATION**

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

HB 925**Chapter 330****Delegate Stein, et al****SEWAGE SLUDGE – PER– AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES – REGULATION**

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

SB 21**Chapter 333****Senator Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – MARYLAND GOLDEN AGE PASS**

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

SB 37**Chapter 334****Senator Simonaire****MARYLAND SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAMS – PARTICIPANT DISQUALIFICATION – REVISIONS**

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

SB 83**Chapter 335****Senator Simonaire****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE – FEDERAL AND COURT ACTIONS**

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

SB 96**Chapter 336****Senator Simonaire****SHEILA E. HIXSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS – TERMINOLOGY – ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS**

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

SB 161**Chapter 337****Senator Simonaire, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARK ENTRY FEE – EXEMPTIONS**

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

HB 1160
Chapter 338**Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – CALVERTHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER**

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

SB 703
Chapter 340**Caroline County Senators****CAROLINE COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS**

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

HB 878
Chapter 341**Carroll County Delegation****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION AND PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – CARROLL COUNTY CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES**

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

SB 449
Chapter 342**Carroll County Senators****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION AND PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – CARROLL COUNTY CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES**

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

HB 597**Chapter 347****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMUNITY CHOICE
AGGREGATION PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS MC 17–26**

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

HB 600**Chapter 349****St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION**

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

SB 714**Chapter 350****Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES
AND SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – TOILET
AND LAVATORY FACILITIES**

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

SB 189**Chapter 356****Senator Lewis Young****MUNICIPALITIES – OPEN DRAINAGE INLETS – INVENTORY AND IMPROVEMENTS (MASON’S LAW)**

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

SB 627**Chapter 357****Senators Lam and Hester****KOREAN AMERICAN DAY**

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

HB 661**Chapter 358****Delegates Wolek and Solomon****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE AND JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTHS**

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

HB 635
Chapter 360**Delegate Miller, et al****CHILD CARE FACILITIES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 359
Chapter 361**Senator Henson****CHILD CARE FACILITIES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 763
Chapter 381**Senator Guzzone****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

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

SB 585**Chapter 384****Senator Guzzone****HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUND – COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS – RESPONSIBLE ENTITY**

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

HB 625**Chapter 385****Delegate Cullison****HUMAN-RELEVANT RESEARCH FUND – COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS – RESPONSIBLE ENTITY**

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

SB 279**Chapter 387****Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSURE**

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

HB 1276
Chapter 388**Delegate Wolek, et al**

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

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

SB 816
Chapter 389**Senator Hayes**

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

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

SB 818
Chapter 390**Senator Hayes**

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

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

SB 213
Chapter 395**Senator Lewis Young****STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES**

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

HB 193
Chapter 396**Delegate Kerr****STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES**

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

HB 553
Chapter 397**Delegate Ruff, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – SEARCHABLE DATABASE**

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

SB 286
Chapter 398**Senator McCray****PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – SEARCHABLE DATABASE**

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

HB 130
Chapter 399**Delegate Ruff, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY DEED FRAUD**

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

SB 360
Chapter 401**Senator Henson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – EMERGENCY RESPONSE ANIMAL – PROHIBITED ACTIONS AGAINST**

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

HB 563
Chapter 402**Delegate Behler, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – EMERGENCY RESPONSE ANIMAL – PROHIBITED ACTIONS AGAINST**

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

HB 491
Chapter 406**Delegate Phillips****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUEST FOR VERBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

SB 531
Chapter 407**Senator Hettleman, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUEST FOR VERBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (VERBAL WAIVER TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

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

SB 964
Chapter 409**Senator McCray****PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)**

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

HB 864
Chapter 410**Delegate Wells, et al****PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)**

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

HB 870
Chapter 412**Delegate Korman, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS – NOTICE (LARGE BUILDINGS FOR TOMORROW ACT)**

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

HB 730
Chapter 413**Delegate Korman****BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND FRANCHISE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE LAW – ALTERATIONS (FRANCHISE REFORM ACT)**

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

SB 415**Chapter 414****Senator Beidle****BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND FRANCHISE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE LAW – ALTERATIONS (FRANCHISE REFORM ACT)**

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

SB 249**Chapter 415****Senator Beidle****TOBACCO PRODUCT LICENSEES – ADDITIONAL LICENSURE FOR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES**

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

SB 741**Chapter 417****Senators Beidle and Hettleman****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES – VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS – ALTERATIONS**

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

HB 1504
Chapter 418**Delegate Healey, et al****HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS –
CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION (THE HONORABLE
ANNE HEALEY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT OF 2026)**

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

SB 947
Chapter 419**Senator McCray****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT**

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

HB 1081
Chapter 420**Delegate Korman, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT**

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

HB 149**Chapter 422****Delegate Charkoudian****FIRE PREVENTION – ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALS, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HIGH-RISE PROPERTY FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TECHNICIANS**

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

SB 757**Chapter 423****Senator Rosapepe****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL SOURCING DATABASE**

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

HB 750**Chapter 424****Delegate Rosenberg, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – OBSTRUCTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – PROHIBITION**

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

SB 177**Chapter 425****Senator West****CRIMINAL LAW – OBSTRUCTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – PROHIBITION**

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

HB 501**Chapter 426****Delegate Bartlett, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSE BY A PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY**

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

SB 512**Chapter 429****Senator Smith****CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – PENALTIES**

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

SB 775**Chapter 430****Senator Smith****PUBLIC SAFETY – GUN BUYBACK PROGRAMS – DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS**

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

SB 822**Chapter 431****Senator Smith****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION AND ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS – IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY**

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

HB 467**Chapter 432****Delegate Embry, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION AND ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS – IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY**

Requiring the annual report of the Maryland Parole Commission to include certain information; altering a certain provision of law to require the Commission to provide certain documents to an incarcerated individual and the incarcerated individual's representative at a certain time; requiring the Commission to document, state on the record, provide to an incarcerated individual, and make available to the public certain information; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

HB 1062
Chapter 433**Delegates Embry and Taveras****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – JURISDICTION OVER PROPERTY OF MINORS OR DISABLED PERSONS – AUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS**

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

HB 264
Chapter 435**Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)****MARYLAND DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2026**

Limiting the personal information that may be collected, maintained, processed, and retained by units of State government under certain circumstances; requiring certain personal information to be deleted or de-identified under certain circumstances; requiring each unit to post a certain privacy notice on its Internet website and establishing certain requirements for privacy notices and privacy policies; requiring each unit of State government to designate a Privacy Officer; etc.

HB 718
Chapter 438**Delegate Stewart****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATE AND HIGHER EDUCATION E-MAIL – REQUIREMENTS**

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

SB 8**Chapter 445****Senator Hester, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DEEPFAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

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

HB 861**Chapter 448****Delegate Kaiser, et al****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN – REPORTING**

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

SB 581**Chapter 449****Senator Jennings, et al****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN – REPORTING**

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

SB 641**Chapter 451****Senator Corderman****STATE PROCUREMENT – EXCEPTIONS – HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES (THE HONORABLE BARRIE S. CILIBERTI HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 2026)**

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

HB 94**Chapter 454****Delegates Valentine and Simmons****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

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

SB 331**Chapter 455****Senator Folden, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

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

SB 437**Chapter 456****Senator Folden****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND FRAUD CRIMES – VALUATION AND FORGERY OF GIFT CARDS**

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

HB 752**Chapter 457****Delegate Toles, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND FRAUD CRIMES – VALUATION AND FORGERY OF GIFT CARDS**

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

HB 1452**Chapter 458****Delegate Toles, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SUITLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

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

HB 351**Chapter 459****Delegate Moon, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
(NO KINGS ACT)**

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

SB 346**Chapter 460****Senator Waldstreicher, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
(NO KINGS ACT)**

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

SB 516**Chapter 461****Senator Waldstreicher, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT – PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR –
REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING**

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

HB 904
Chapter 462**Delegate Moon, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT – PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR – REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING**

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

SB 345
Chapter 463**Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – DEALER AND MANUFACTURER ASSOCIATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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

SB 314
Chapter 464**Senator Waldstreicher****COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – DONATION OF PET SUPPLIES**

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

SB 320**Chapter 465****Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NO FINDING AND CASE TERMINATED WITHOUT FINDING**

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

HB 187**Chapter 466****Delegate Taylor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NO FINDING AND CASE TERMINATED WITHOUT FINDING**

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

SB 237**Chapter 469****Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING**

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

HB 182
Chapter 470**Delegate Stein****ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING**

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

HB 357
Chapter 471**Delegate Palakovich Carr****MUNICIPALITIES – ELECTION DATES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

HB 493
Chapter 474**Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****WASHINGTON COUNTY – JUDGESHIPS – DISTRICT COURT**

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

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

COURTROOM SECURITY – MINIMUM ADEQUATE SECURITY STANDARD

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

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

COURTROOM SECURITY – MINIMUM ADEQUATE SECURITY STANDARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – INVESTIGATION OF
THREATS – JUDGES

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

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

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – INVESTIGATION OF
THREATS – JUDGES

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

SB 290 **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**
Chapter 485 **BALTIMORE CITY – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – FINES AND**

PENALTIES

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

HB 681
Chapter 486**Delegate Lewis (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al**
BALTIMORE CITY – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – FINES AND PENALTIES

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

SB 111
Chapter 487**Senator McCray**
VEHICLE LAWS – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION

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

SB 243
Chapter 489**Senator Simonaire, et al**
UNIFORMED SERVICES SPOUSES ACT

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

HB 721
Chapter 490**Delegate Patterson, et al**
UNIFORMED SERVICES SPOUSES ACT

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

SB 150**Chapter 491****Senator Simonaire****NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS – PUBLIC PROFILES**

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

HB 1120**Chapter 492****Delegate Rogers, et al****PROFESSIONAL LICENSING PORTABILITY – MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND SPOUSES**

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

SB 418**Chapter 493****Senator Simonaire****PROFESSIONAL LICENSING PORTABILITY – MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND SPOUSES**

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

SB 215**Chapter 494****Senator Simonaire****VETERANS AND UNIFORMED SERVICES – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND AND APPLICATION OF LAWS**

Altering the application of certain provisions of law governing local government personnel, trout stamps, and landlord remedies to apply to all uniformed services; and altering the composition of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

SB 46**Chapter 495****Senator Simonaire****STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES – INTERMENT**

Defining the term “interment location” for the purposes of provisions of law governing the interment of individuals in State veterans’ cemeteries; and requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide an outer burial receptacle, rather than a grave liner, or a columbarium niche and marker at no cost with each interment location at a State veterans’ cemetery.

HB 364**Chapter 496****Delegate Kipke****STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES – INTERMENT**

Defining the term “interment location” for the purposes of provisions of law governing the interment of individuals in State veterans’ cemeteries; and requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide an outer burial receptacle, rather than a grave liner, or a columbarium niche and marker at no cost with each interment location at a State veterans’ cemetery.

SB 53**Chapter 497****Senator Simonaire, et al****MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION – ACQUISITION OF LAND IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Requiring the Maryland Port Administration to provide written notice to the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the General Assembly if the Administration makes a written request for the county’s approval of the acquisition of land or improvements on land in Anne Arundel County.

SB 162**Chapter 498****Senator West****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING DATE LIMITATION**

Repealing the sentencing date limitation of October 1, 2021, for an individual convicted as an adult of an offense committed when the individual was a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence.

SB 230**Chapter 499****Senator West****CRIMINAL LAW – THIRD-DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – BURGLARY**

Establishing that engaging in sexual contact with another without the consent of the other in connection with a first-, second-, or third- degree burglary constitutes sexual offense in the third degree; and altering the definitions of “tier I sex offender”, “tier II sex offender”, and “tier III sex offender” applicable to provisions relating to sex offender registration to include certain acts constituting sexual offense in the third degree.

SB 131**Chapter 500****Senator West****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.

HB 65**Chapter 501****Delegate Cardin****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.

SB 35**Chapter 505****Senator Jackson****STATE DESIGNATIONS AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – STATE SHARK, STATE NATURAL SCIENCES MUSEUM, AND PURPLE LIGHTS NIGHT**

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

HB 1049
Chapter 506**Delegate Crosby****CREDIT UNIONS – MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS –
ALTERATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 783
Chapter 507**Senator Jackson****CREDIT UNIONS – MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS –
ALTERATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 250
Chapter 508**Senators Simonaire and West****ESTATES – MARYLAND UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH
ACT**

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

HB 596
Chapter 509**Delegate Nkongolo, et al****ESTATES – MARYLAND UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT**

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

HB 1008
Chapter 510**Delegates Queen and Spiegel****FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – PROTECTIONS AND REQUIRED REFERRAL (VULNERABLE ADULT BANKING PROTECTION ACT)**

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

SB 753
Chapter 511**Senator Kramer****FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – PROTECTIONS AND REQUIRED REFERRAL (VULNERABLE ADULT BANKING PROTECTION ACT)**

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

HB 38**Chapter 512****Delegate Queen****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – LICENSING OF AFFILIATED INSURANCE PRODUCER–MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 475**Chapter 517****Senator Sydnor, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – PROTECTING ARTISTS' CREATIVE EXPRESSION (PACE ACT)**

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

SB 61**Chapter 518****Senator Sydnor****DIVISION OF CORRECTION – VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM**

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

HB 108
Chapter 519**Delegate Pasteur, et al****DIVISION OF CORRECTION – VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM**

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

SB 482
Chapter 520**Senators McKay and Kagan****CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT**

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

HB 593
Chapter 521**Delegate Hill, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT**

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

HB 30**Chapter 527****Delegates Foley and Odom****PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE –
POLICE-INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 578**Chapter 528****Senator James****PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE –
POLICE-INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 465**Chapter 529****Senators James and Ready****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT
STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

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

SB 221**Chapter 530****Senator James****CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

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

SB 673**Chapter 532****Senator A. Washington****STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLETION**

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

HB 1165**Chapter 533****Delegate Williams****STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLETION**

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

SB 10**Chapter 534****Senator A. Washington****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – APPLICATION APPROVAL**

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

SB 869**Chapter 535****Senator A. Washington****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WORKFORCE LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

HB 135**Chapter 536****Delegate Schindler, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS**

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

HB 963**Chapter 537****Delegate Woorman, et al****REGISTERS OF WILLS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

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

HB 426**Chapter 538****Delegate J. Long, et al****PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF ALLEGED DISABLED PERSON – STAY OF CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS**

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

SB 68**Chapter 539****Senator Charles****DRIVER'S LICENSES – DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS (D. TORCH ROAD SAFETY ACT)**

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

SB 294**Chapter 542****Senator Love****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING**

Prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing or record to a nonparty unless the court or the party redacts certain identifying information relating to a certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking that appears in the filing or record, unless the court finds clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to order otherwise; etc.

HB 461**Chapter 543****Delegate Ziegler, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RURAL READINESS PROGRAM AND RURAL MARYLAND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Rural Readiness Program administered by the Rural Maryland Council to provide assistance to rural communities to enhance their capacity for economic development; requiring priority to be given when making certain grants to entities that have completed the Rural Readiness Program; and establishing the Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund to be administered by the Council to provide grants to support collaborative planning and capacity building initiatives that address the needs of rural communities.

HB 850**Chapter 544****Delegates Bhandari and A. Johnson****HOME BUILDERS – OPEN HOUSE – SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a home builder holding a property open to the public to display in a conspicuous manner a certain notice to prospective buyers disclosing the duties of a home builder sales representative.

SB 233**Chapter 545****Senator Salling, et al****BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES – SALE, TRANSFER, OR GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION**

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

HB 1100**Chapter 546****Delegate Pruski****TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE – PROTECTIONS**

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

HB 564**Chapter 547****Delegate Allen, et al****PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES – REQUIREMENTS
(PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES CONSUMER
PROTECTION ACT)**

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

SB 82**Chapter 550****Senator Watson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING AND POSSESSION OF
COUNTERFEIT LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY – PENALTY**

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

SB 558**Chapter 552****Senator Bailey, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND
MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FUND – ESTABLISHED**

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

Except Sections 2 and 3

HB 1599
Chapter 553**Delegate Jacobs, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND
MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FUND – ESTABLISHED**

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

Except Sections 2 and 3

HB 328
Chapter 558**Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County
Delegation****BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PG/MC 105–26**

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

HB 1185
Chapter 559**Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County
Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT – APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY
SUSPENSIONS PG/MC 104–26**

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

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

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

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

HB 607 The Speaker (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)
Chapter 561 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES

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

SB 312 The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)
Chapter 562 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES

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

HB 822 Delegate Bartlett
Chapter 565 CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS AND REGISTERS OF WILLS –
MAXIMUM SALARY

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

SB 397**Chapter 566****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – APPOINTMENT OF MAJORS**

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

HB 11**Chapter 567****Delegate Simmons****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – APPOINTMENT OF MAJORS**

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

HB 96**Chapter 570****Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 98**Chapter 571****Senator Sydnor****BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

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

HB 1514
Chapter 574**Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – COUNTY OFFICIALS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION – SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

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

HB 1172
Chapter 579**Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ALTERATIONS HO. CO. 14–26**

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

SB 1003
Chapter 581**Howard County Senators****HOWARD COUNTY – SHERIFF AND STATE'S ATTORNEY – COMPENSATION HO. CO. 13–26**

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

HB 1222
Chapter 584**Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY SALARY – ALTERATION PG 426–26**

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

HB 668 **St. Mary’s County Delegation****Chapter 587****ST. MARY’S COUNTY – PROHIBITION ON STANDING IN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS HIGHWAY**

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

HB 934 **Washington County Delegation****Chapter 588****WASHINGTON COUNTY SALARY STUDY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

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

SB 498 **Washington County Senators****Chapter 589****WASHINGTON COUNTY SALARY STUDY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

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

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.

HB 548
Chapter 591**Delegate Behler, et al****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 of the Commission; etc.

HB 894
Chapter 592**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****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.

Except Section 3**HB 1364**
Chapter 604**Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****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.

SB 892**Chapter 605****Senator Gile, et al**

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.

Section 1 only**HB 1365****Chapter 606****Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**

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.

Section 1 only

SB 323**Chapter 609****Senator Smith, et al****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.

Except Section 4**HB 994****Chapter 611****Delegate Boafu, et al****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.

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.

SB 238**Chapter 616****Senator Augustine****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.

HB 340**Chapter 617****Delegate Mireku–North, et al****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.

HB 776**Chapter 635****Delegate Ruff, et al****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.

SB 521**Chapter 650****Senator Kramer****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.

HB 684**Chapter 651****Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

HB 282**Chapter 652****Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – 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 the local department of aging to complete an investigation and make an indicated, not indicated, or undetermined finding within 60 days.

SB 182 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**
Chapter 653 **– 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.

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.

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.

- HB 634**
Chapter 658 **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
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.
- SB 745**
Chapter 659 **Senator McKay, et al**
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.
- SB 252**
Chapter 660 **Senator West**
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.
- HB 330**
Chapter 661 **Delegate Kaufman**
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.

HB 216
Chapter 662**Delegate Kaufman, et al****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.

SB 140
Chapter 663**Senator West****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.

SB 698
Chapter 667**Senator McCray****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.

HB 474
Chapter 668**Delegate Patterson, et al****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.

HB 945
Chapter 684**Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****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.

SB 982
Chapter 687**Senator McCray****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.

HB 1616
Chapter 688**Delegate Rogers****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.

HB 677
Chapter 692**Delegate Nkongolo, et al****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.

SB 42
Chapter 693**Senator Simonaire****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.

SB 242**Chapter 694****Senator Simonaire, et al****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.

SB 839**Chapter 708****Senator Ready****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.

HB 1470**Chapter 709****Delegate Cullison****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.

HB 191
Chapter 714**Delegate Wims****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.

SB 691
Chapter 716**Senator McKay****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.

HB 1305
Chapter 723**Delegate Kaiser, et al****STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORTING**

Requiring the State Department of Education to include certain additional information in an annual report submitted to the General Assembly regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; and requiring the State Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, to develop and submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on improving outcomes for students in the State child welfare system.

SB 524 **Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 733 **Administration)**

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.

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.

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.

HB 1216
Chapter 749**Delegate Phillips****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.

SB 651
Chapter 750**Senator Henson, et al****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.

HB 738
Chapter 751**Delegate Phillips, et al****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.

SB 937**Chapter 752****Senator Henson****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.

HB 405**Chapter 753****Delegate Terrasa, et al****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.

SB 729**Chapter 754****Senator Henson****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.

HB 1490
Chapter 763**Delegate Shetty, et al****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.

HB 306
Chapter 770**Delegates Qi and Hill****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.

SB 334
Chapter 771**Senator Love, et al****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.

HB 315
Chapter 772**Delegate Stewart****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.

SB 335
Chapter 773**Senator Love, et al****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.

HB 200
Chapter 776**Delegate Lehman, et al****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.

HB 753
Chapter 777**Delegate Lehman, et al****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.

HB 573
Chapter 778**Delegate Taveras, et al****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.

SB 169
Chapter 788**Senator Lam, et al****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.

HB 372
Chapter 789**Delegate Lopez****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.

HB 1326
Chapter 790**Delegate Wilson, et al****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.

HB 497
Chapter 791**Delegate Simpson, et al****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.

HB 1300
Chapter 792**Delegate Hill, et al****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.

HB 1249
Chapter 793**Delegate Hill****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.

HB 1087
Chapter 794**Delegate S. Johnson****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.

HB 1387
Chapter 795**Delegate Coley, et al****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.

SB 637
Chapter 796**Senator Jackson****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.

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.

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.

SB 573
Chapter 804**Charles County Senators****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.

HB 1457
Chapter 811**Washington County Delegation****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.

SB 715
Chapter 812**Washington County Senators****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.

HB 1474
Chapter 832**Baltimore County Delegation****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.

Section 2 only

SB 244
Chapter 864**The President (By Request – Department of Legislative 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.

HB 529
Chapter 865**The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 1434
Chapter 873**Delegate McCaskill****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.

SB 322
Chapter 875**Senator Sydnor****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.

HB 862
Chapter 879**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.

Contingency – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia

SB 426
Chapter 880**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.

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HB 15

Chapter 198

Delegates Qi and Charkoudian

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS – AUTHORIZATION (MARYLAND LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT)

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

SB 144

Chapter 199

Senator M. Washington

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS – AUTHORIZATION (MARYLAND LIMITED WORKER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT)

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; defining “limited worker cooperative association” as a Maryland limited liability company that elects to be a limited worker cooperative association in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

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