



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 4, 2026
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 4, 2026

HB 744 **Dorchester County Delegation**

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DORCHESTER COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Dorchester County in the event Dorchester County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SP, § 31-2B-09 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 745 Delegate Mireku–North, et al

INCOME TAX – SENIOR TAX CREDIT – REFUNDABILITY

Making a certain credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old refundable; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-754 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 746 Delegate Bagnall

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL – COST SHARING PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health and certain carriers from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model statewide in primary care settings that provide health care services to Program recipients.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 15-141.1 - amended and IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 747 Delegate Kipke

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-1409(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 748 Delegate Mireku–North**PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR CAREER LADDER FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS – REPEAL OF DEADLINES**

Repealing the requirements that certain experiential and educational qualifications in the early childhood career ladder for eligible private prekindergarten providers must be met on or before certain dates; and requiring that certain qualifications be met within 3 years after being hired as an early childhood teaching assistant and within 6 years after qualifying as a lead teacher.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-1A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 749 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – THEFT – NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS AND VICTIMS’ REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring the prosecuting attorney of thefts of property or services with a value less than \$1,500 to notify the victim or the victim’s representative about each court proceeding, the right of the victim to submit a victim impact statement, any posttrial court proceedings, any appeal, and any sentence review related to the case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 750 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO OR EGRESS FROM A RELIGIOUS FACILITY – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person, acting alone or with others, from preventing another from entering or exiting a religious facility; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both on conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 10-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 751 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM MEMORIAL DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim November 7 as Victims of Communism Memorial Day; and directing the Department of Legislative Services to send a copy of the Act to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 7-421 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 752 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, §§ 7-103(h) and 8-409 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 753 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TP, §§ 2-112(d), 14-811(h), and 14-885(a) and (b) - amended and § 14-888(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 754 Wicomico County Delegation**WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B (GOLF COURSE) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 32-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 755 Delegate Wolek**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT (PHONES AWAY FOR THE SCHOOL DAY ACT)**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, not later than the 2026–2027 school year, a policy prohibiting the use of a personal electronic device by a student during school day hours; providing the policy may not prohibit a student from using a personal electronic device for any purpose related to an individualized program or 504 plan; providing that any disciplinary measures adopted as part of the policy may not include suspension or expulsion solely for violation of the policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 756 Delegate Conaway**LAW ENFORCEMENT – USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – IMAGES CAPTURED IN DWELLING INTERIOR**

Authorizing the use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement to investigate the commission or attempted commission of certain crimes if the image used by facial recognition technology was captured in the interior of a dwelling.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 2-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 757 Delegate Conaway**THEFT OF MAIL AND PACKAGES AND VICTIM NOTIFICATION**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages; requiring the prosecutor of a violation of the Act to notify the victim or the victim's representative about each court proceeding, the right of the victim to submit a victim impact statement, any posttrial court proceeding, any appeal, and any sentence review related to the court proceedings; and providing that a person who violates the Act by depriving an owner of mail or a package is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 758 Delegate Hornberger, et al**PROBLEM GAMBLING – AUTHORIZED USES OF FUNDS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purposes for which the Secretary of Health may make grants from or agreements for the use of State and federal funds with respect to the provision of services for problem gamblers; and altering the purposes for which the Maryland Department of Health may utilize the Problem Gambling Fund to provide reimbursement to support peers providing behavioral health services to individuals with problem gambling issues who are receiving treatment or participating in certain prevention programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-804(a) and SG, § 9-1A-33(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 759 Delegates Stinnett and Addison**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING DATE LIMITATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, 8-110 (a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 760 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – MISDEMEANOR THEFT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Increasing, from 2 years to 3 years, the statute of limitations for the crime of theft of property or services with a value greater than \$100 but less than \$1,500.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-104(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 761 Delegate Griffith, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)

Increasing to \$40,000 over a 2–year period the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income received by an individual, regardless of age, during a taxable year for certain military service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 762 Delegate Conaway

LAW ENFORCEMENT – USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – IMAGES CAPTURED BY CAMERA AFFIXED TO DWELLING EXTERIOR

Authorizing the use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement to investigate the commission or attempted commission of certain crimes if the image used by facial recognition technology was captured by a camera affixed to the exterior of a dwelling by the owner or lawful tenant of the building.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 2-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 763 Delegate Conaway

SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – CITATIONS – FAILURE TO PAY

Altering the penalty for failure to pay the civil penalty issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-809(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 764 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED MEMBERS – COMPENSATION MC 2–26

Altering the compensation of an elected member and the president of the Montgomery County Board of Education to be based on the compensation of certain members of the General Assembly other than the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House that is in effect at the beginning of the elected member’s term.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 3-902(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 765 **Delegate Griffith, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING AND POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT LEASE – PENALTY

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 8-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 766 **Delegate A. Johnson**

RETAIL TOBACCO BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREMIUM CIGAR LOUNGE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE (MARYLAND PREMIUM CIGAR LOUNGE ACT OF 2026)

Establishing a Class C–PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with a certain tobacco products retailer license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license; prohibiting a county clerk from issuing a certain tobacco products retailer license if the location is adjacent to a health care facility or a child care facility; exempting a holder of a certain tobacco products retailer license from the Clean Indoor Air Act; providing an annual license fee of \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2026

ABC, § 4-1002 - added and BR, § 16.5-204(b) and HG, § 24-505 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 767 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT AND OPENING OF MAIL AND PACKAGES

Requiring a court to notify the United States Postmaster General of a certain conviction involving the theft, taking, or opening of mail or packages, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-905 - amended and § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 768 Delegates Simpson and Shetty

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN IN CUSTODY – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions relating to the responsibilities of the Department of Human Services as representative payee and fiduciary for certain children committed to the custody of the Department; requiring the Department to use certain benefits in a manner that is in the best interest of the child for the child's current unmet needs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 5-527.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 769 Delegate Woods, et al

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – CONDITIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK – REVISIONS

Altering the circumstances under which the Board of Social Work Examiners may issue a conditional license to practice social work; establishing alternate pathways through which an individual issued a conditional license may receive a full license; and requiring the Board, beginning in 2026, to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the number of conditional licenses issued under the program, the number of conditional license holders who obtained full licensure, and any recommendations for improving the program.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 19-309.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 770 Delegate Watson, et al**KOREAN AMERICAN DAY**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-401 through 7-421 - renumbered and § 7-401 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 771 Delegate Miller, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring each health occupations board to adopt certain regulations related to continuing education credits for a certain human trafficking awareness training program on or before October 1, 2026; and establishing requirements for the training program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HO, § 1-225.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 772 Delegate Shetty, et al**WORKGROUP ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RATE METHODOLOGY MODERNIZATION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization in the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop transparent, cost-based reimbursement methodologies for certified community behavioral health clinics and outpatient mental health centers; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

HB 773 Delegate Hornberger, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND STREET ROD VEHICLES – MINIMUM AGE**

Requiring a motor vehicle to be at least 30 years old to be eligible for registration as a historic vehicle and at least 40 years old to be eligible for registration as a street rod vehicle.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, §§ 13-936 and 13-937.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 774 Delegates Wilkins and Smith**LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES AND HOLDOVER TENANCIES – LOCAL GOOD CAUSE TERMINATION (GOOD CAUSE EVICTION)**

Authorizing a county to adopt, by local law or ordinance, provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for a local law or ordinance adopted in accordance with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 8-208(c) and 8-402(c)(2) - amended and §§ 8-402(e) and 8-402.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 775 Delegate Hutchinson**WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PERMITS – LIGHTHOUSE PIERS – PERMISSION OF OWNER OF PRIVATE WETLANDS**

Prohibiting a person from being required to obtain permission from the owner of private wetlands in order to construct a pier that is within the private wetlands, connected to a lighthouse, and not connected to the shore.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 16-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 776 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-8A-10(c) and CP, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 777 Delegate Spiegel, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – REQUIRED EQUIPMENT – REAR OCCUPANT ALERT SYSTEMS (THE HOT CARS ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering for sale certain motor vehicles manufactured or assembled after a certain date unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a rear occupant alert system; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from registering a motor vehicle sold in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2029

TR, § 22-422 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 778 Delegate Allen, et al**LAND USE – MIDDLE HOUSING OPTIONS – REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that certain local jurisdictions have an affirmative duty to create opportunities for housing by evaluating the suitability of vacant, unused, or underutilized commercial or industrial land for housing use; altering the requirements for the housing element of a certain comprehensive plan; requiring local jurisdictions to establish certain policies and adopt certain local laws to promote and encourage building middle housing units on certain land; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

LU, §§ 1-401, 1-407.1, 3-114, and 10-103 - amended and §§ 4-601 through 4-604 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 779 Delegate Lehman, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – RIVERINE SITING AND DESIGN CRITERIA
– REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, beginning on certain dates, certain State and local projects for which 50% of project costs are funded with State funds to be in compliance with riverine siting and design criteria established under the Act; and requiring, on or before July 1, 2027, and in consultation with specified State agencies, the Coast Smart Council to establish riverine siting and design criteria to address the 500-year flood impacts on State and local capital projects.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 3-1006 - amended and § 3-1021 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 780 Wicomico County Delegation**WICOMICO COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING TIME RESTRICTIONS –
REPEAL**

Repealing certain time restrictions that apply to the hunting of game birds and mammals on certain Sundays on private property and public land designated for Sunday hunting in Wicomico County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 781 Delegate Conaway**PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS – INSTRUCTION ON THE
CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum resources and county boards of education to develop and incorporate instruction on the consequences of a conviction for felony murder for public middle school students in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 782 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – TAKING AND BREAKING OPEN LETTERS – PENALTY

Increasing the fine for violating the prohibition against taking and breaking open a letter addressed to another without the other's permission from \$15 to \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-905 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 783 Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PLATOON 22, INCORPORATED

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-323(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 784 Delegate D. Jones

AQUACULTURE – PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, AND STRUCTURES ON SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – EXTENSION

Extending to June 30, 2030, the authorization of a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, to place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2019, as amended, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 785 Delegate Fisher**AMENDMENTS CONVENTION CALLED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION – DELEGATION TO THE CONVENTION**

Requiring the General Assembly to appoint a delegation to an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution and an advisory committee under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements; providing for the membership of the delegation; providing for the qualifications, oath, compensation, and duties of a commissioner to the delegation; establishing the operations of the delegation and the advisory committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SG, §§ 10-1801 through 10-1807 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 786 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the U.S. Postal Service or a delivery service company; requiring the Central Collection Unit to report certain overdue restitution to certain consumer reporting agencies; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-616 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 787 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages from intended recipients; and authorizing the court to order a person convicted under the Act for a third or subsequent offense to participate in substance use disorder evaluation and treatment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 788 Delegate Conaway

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2026)

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the United States Postal Service or a delivery service company; authorizing the court to order a person convicted of a certain crime to stay away from certain locations; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 789 Delegates Forbes and Griffith

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 38-104 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 790 Delegate R. Long, et al

STATE TRANSFER TAX – EXEMPTION FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the exemption from the State transfer tax for instruments of writing that transfer improved residential real property to certain first-time home buyers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 13-203(b) - repealed and § 13-207(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 791 Delegates R. Long and Mangione**BALTIMORE COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – MORATORIUM ON ASSESSMENT INCREASES AND REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND METHODOLOGY**

Prohibiting, for a taxable year beginning after June 30, 2026, but before July 1, 2028, an increase of the assessed value of residential real property in Baltimore County except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to retain an independent third party to study and make certain recommendations regarding the residential real property assessment practices and methodology of the Department; requiring the Department to report, on or before December 1, 2027, the results of the study; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 792 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND PACKAGES (PORCH PIRACY ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting the theft of mail or packages delivered or left to be collected by the United States Postal Service or a delivery service; providing for the disposition of interest on unpaid restitution in certain cases involving the theft of mail or packages; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-106.1 - added and CP, § 11-616 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 793 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – THEFT – NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS AND VICTIMS’ REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring the prosecuting attorney of thefts of property or services with a value of less than \$1,500 to notify the victim or the victim’s representative about each court proceeding, the right of the victim to submit a victim impact statement, any posttrial court proceedings, any appeal, and any sentence review related to the case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 794 Delegate Acevero, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN AFFILIATION OR SUPPORT BY POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to prohibit police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for White supremacist groups, ideologies, or causes or participating in or actively promoting a certain extremist group.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-207(p) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 795 Delegate Wu, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GRIEVANCE PROCESS AND REPORTING (AI HEALTH INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring that a carrier's internal grievance process provide for human review of grievances resulting from adverse decisions made using artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools; requiring carriers to report certain information on grievances resulting from adverse decisions made using artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools; requiring a carrier to provide a model review process under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-10A-02(b)(2) and 15-10A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 796 Delegate Terrasa, et al**RECYCLING – PROHIBITION ON THE CHEMICAL CONVERSION OF PLASTIC**

Altering the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical conversion processes, pyrolysis, hydrolysis, methanolysis, gasification, enzymatic breakdown, or similar processes as determined by the Department of the Environment; and prohibiting a person from building in the State a facility that converts plastic to fuel or feedstock through a chemical conversion process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 9-1701(q) - amended and § 9-1715 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 797 Delegate Boafo**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 20-601 and 20-606 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 798 Delegate Wolek**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 5-1501(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 799 Delegate Miller, et al**MARYLAND CO-LOCATION ENERGY INNOVATION AND RELIABILITY ACT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations related to the construction of a generating station that is co-located with a data center but is not interconnected with the electric transmission system or electric distribution system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-207.6 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 800 Delegate Wolek

EDUCATION – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND STUDENT WELL-BEING AND HUMAN FLOURISHING (MARYLAND STUDENT WELL-BEING AND FLOURISHING ACT)

Updating certain provisions of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future that refer to “behavioral health” to be inclusive of “student well-being and human flourishing”; and amending the purposes, membership, and duties of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to include the furtherance of student well-being and human flourishing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 5-212(a), 5-411(f)(2), 6-122(a), 7-447(a) and (d)(4), and 7-447.1(a), (c), (d)(3), (k), (l), (p), and (r) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 801 Delegate Embry

INCOME TAX – ADDITION MODIFICATIONS – BUSINESS STOCK GAINS, FINES, PENALTIES, AND BONUS DEPRECIATION

Providing an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for the gain from the sale or exchange of certain small business stock excluded from federal gross income and a certain amount of fines, penalties, and trade or business expenses; providing certain modifications to the federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain deductions under the federal income tax for the depreciation of certain property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-204(m) and (n) - added and §§ 10-210.1 and 10-305(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 802 Delegate Bartlett

WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE

Providing that the contents of a certain intercepted communication and evidence derived from the communication may be received in evidence in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 803 Delegate Miller, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CAREER LADDER – TEACHER CLASSROOM TEACHING TIME**

Altering certain requirements of the career ladder for educators to increase the required percentage of working time a teacher on level one, two, or three of the career ladder must spend teaching in the classroom from 60% to 80%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-1003(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 804 Delegate Wolek**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging including personnel, partnership development, and any programs, services, or activities within the Department; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 10-204 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 805 Delegate Solomon, et al**THE BUILDING HOMES ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-276 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 806 Delegate Hornberger**VEHICLE LAWS – VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Secretary of the Environment to establish an application process and requirements to certify facilities to conduct tests or inspections under the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; and establishing a certificate for certain facilities to conduct tests or inspections under the Program.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TR, §§ 23-203 and 23-205 - repealed, §§ 23-203, 23-203.1, and 23-205 - added, and §§ 23-201 and 23-204 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 807 Delegate Lehman, et al**EDUCATION – TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TEACHER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training in English language learner–related teacher competencies and include English language learner–related teacher competencies in other courses throughout the curriculum; and requiring a teacher preparation program to include a certain course in teaching English language learners beginning in the 2028–2029 academic year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-121 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 808 Delegate S. Johnson**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STEP THERAPY, FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOLS, AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO TREAT SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from applying a prior authorization requirement in certain circumstances to and from applying a step therapy or fail–first protocol for a prescription drug used to treat an adult enrollee’s diagnosis of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, major depression, post–traumatic stress disorder, or a medication–induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of serious mental illness.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 15-160 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 809 Delegate Rosenberg**WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Specifying the intern fellowships that exist in the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the Program that is at least a 150% of the appropriation provided in a prior fiscal year.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-1701, 18-1702, and 18-1704 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 810 Delegate Taylor, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY TITLE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Blockchain–Based Real Property Title Pilot Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to explore the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 811 Delegate Wolek**AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAMS – GRANTS – MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES (THE VILLAGE MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 10-1201 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 812 Delegate Tomlinson, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT FIGHTS – SCHOOL INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE**

Requiring a principal or school administration to investigate each student fight or physical struggle; prohibiting a school employee from disciplining a student under certain circumstances; and requiring a principal or school administration to expunge certain documentation from a student’s disciplinary record under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 813 Delegate Martinez, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY**

Authorizing, beginning January 1, 2027, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients if the Department elects to provide the comprehensive coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxix) and 15-160 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 814 Delegate Tomlinson**STATE PROCUREMENT – SUBMISSION OF SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENTS**

Requiring a recommended awardee of a State procurement contract to submit a certain copy of a subcontractor agreement or contract to the procurement officer before the unit awards the procurement contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 13-230 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 815 Delegate Hornberger**CECIL COUNTY – COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS – SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS**

Requiring, beginning in 2032, the election of a member of the Cecil County Council to represent a specific residency district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district; and requiring the election of a member of the Cecil County Board of Education from a county council residency district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. XI-A, § 3A and ED, § 3-4A-01 - amended and Maryland Constitution, Art. XI-A, § 3B - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 816 Delegate Taylor, et al**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – AFFORDABILITY – PURPOSE OF FUND AND AUTHORIZED PROGRAM**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to specify that the financial security provided by the Fund be provided at rates that are affordable; and authorizing the Executive Director of the Fund to establish an affordability program that may otherwise be considered to be inconsistent with certain provisions of insurance law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 20-301(a) and 20-507(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 817 Delegate Foley, et al**CARBON REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES – REGULATIONS AND USE OF FUNDING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations governing the permitting of certain carbon removal technology and practices; and requiring each State agency to use available funding sources to fund carbon removal projects that utilize certain carbon removal technology and practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, § 2-1213 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 818 Delegate Embry, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH – TUITION EXEMPTION AND ASSOCIATED BENEFITS**

Requiring public institutions of higher education to provide free of charge room, board, and required books, course materials, supplies, and equipment to certain foster care recipients and homeless youth who qualify for a certain tuition exemption and enroll as students at the institutions; providing that if a foster care recipient or homeless youth receives a scholarship or grant it may be applied to cover all or part of the costs of room and board or required books, course materials, supplies and equipment; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 819 Delegate Stinnett, et al**COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE EXPUNGEMENT LAWS OF MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland for issues of efficiency and equity; and requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 820 Delegate Hornberger, et al**HANDGUN PERMITS – SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE HOLDERS**

Requiring that a handgun permit bear a certain endorsement showing that the permit holder has enhanced privileges to wear, carry, or transport a handgun in any location where a law enforcement official is authorized to wear, carry, or transport a handgun, notwithstanding any law or ordinance that prohibits the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun at a place.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-315 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 821 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT – JUDICIAL REMOVAL –
DISQUALIFICATION FROM FUTURE JUDICIAL OFFICE**

Providing that a justice or judge removed or retired from office upon a recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities is not eligible for future judicial office.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, § 4B - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 2-504 and ET, § 2-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 823 Delegate Griffith**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY TITLE PILOT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Blockchain–Based Real Property Title Pilot Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to explore the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 824 Delegate Stinnett, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CONVICTION OF DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE**

Altering a certain list of felony convictions that are eligible for expungement to include distributing or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 10-110(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 825 Delegate Woods, et al**BRAIN HEALTH – GUIDELINES, GRANT FUND, AND COMMEMORATIVE MONTH (TAHJAI’S LAW)**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of May to be Brain Health and Chronic Headache Awareness Month; requiring the proclamation to align with a certain national brain tumor awareness initiative; establishing the Maryland Brain Health Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with certain entities, to develop guidelines on brain health screening; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal 2028 an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Fund.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-504 through 7-507 - renumbered and GP, § 7-508 and HG, §§ 20-2501, 20-2502, 24-2801, and 24-2802 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Appropriations

HB 826 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**PROPERTY TAX – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – MORATORIUM ON ASSESSMENT INCREASES**

Prohibiting, for a taxable year beginning after June 30, 2026, but before July 1, 2029, an increase of the assessed value of residential real property in the State except under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 827 Delegate M. Morgan, et al**REPAIR THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND ACT**

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle–miles–traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TG, § 9-305 and TR, §§ 7-208(b-1) and 7-506(a)(1) - amended and TG, § 9-401 and TR, § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 828 Delegate Ebersole**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT MEMBER**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include an educational support member who is actively working in a public school as a noncertificated, nonsupervisory public school employee; and providing for the qualifications, term, powers, and election of the new member.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 829 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 and transportation network operator’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 from being held civilly or criminally liable for reporting or responding to in good faith a suspected incident of human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 10-404(g) and (h) - renumbered, §§ 10-104.2 and 10-404(g) - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 830 Delegate R. Long, et al**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS AND VERIFICATION**

Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and a witness and the local board verify the voter's signature; and providing that the witness signature requirement does not apply to active duty uniformed services members serving overseas or their spouses or dependents who live overseas.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 9-303 and 9-310(a)(5) and (c) - amended and § 9-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 831 Delegate Schindler**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for public local employees; applying the Maryland Public Employee Relations Act to county and municipal government employers and their employees; providing that a public employee may be deemed a certain management employee for purposes of establishing collective bargaining rights; establishing impasse procedures for collective bargaining between certain public local employers and their employees that include binding arbitration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG, §§ 1-2A-01 through 1-2A-07 and SG, § 22-104 - added and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 832 Delegate Boaf, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – HIRING RESTRICTION (ICE BREAKER ACT)**

Prohibiting State law enforcement agencies from hiring individuals who were hired as sworn officers by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement after January 20, 2025.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 833 Delegates Boyce and Stein**COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND – REESTABLISHMENT**

Reestablishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland with an altered membership and mandate; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 834 Delegate Schindler**FAMILY LAW – CHILD NEGLECT DEFINITION – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of child neglect to include the failure or refusal to provide to a child the education required by law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 5-701(s) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 835 Delegate Acevero, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NO-KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS**

Repealing the authority for the issuance and execution of a no-knock search warrant; establishing that a warrant may not authorize an officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, or place without first announcing the officer's purpose and authority; specifying that a warrant may be executed only between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and requiring an officer executing a search warrant, before entering certain areas to be searched, to give reasonable notice to alert any occupants of the officer's authority and purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 1-203 and PS, §§ 3-207(a)(24) and 3-525(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 836 Delegate Conaway**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS – FEES**

Prohibiting a county board of education from charging a student or a student's parent or guardian any fees related to enrollment in or completion of a competitive entry college preparatory program consisting of Advanced Placement courses specified by the College Board.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-205.1(g)(1) - amended and § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 837 Delegate Ebersole, et al**EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES – PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING**

Requiring a certain physical examination used to determine the physical fitness of a student seeking to participate in interscholastic sports to include a certain cardiovascular prescreening; requiring certain health care providers who perform certain physical examinations for students participating in interscholastic sports to include a cardiovascular prescreening as part of the examination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-402.1- added and § 7-436 - amended and HG, § 14-501(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 838 Delegate Cullison**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST AGREEMENTS**

Repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber–pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HO, §§ 12-6A-03, 12-6A-04, and 12-6A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 839 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEETING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing certain public comment requirements and recording requirements for the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County; and requiring the members of the Board to undergo certain training.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, § 16-407 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 840 Delegate Edelson, et al**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS RENTED TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

hb843 Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a commercial building that is rented or rented to own at fair market value to a small business if the commercial building is located in a designated arts and entertainment district or Main Street Maryland community.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-276 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 841 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – GOVERNING BODIES AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Requiring that unit owners or lot owners have an opportunity to comment during certain meetings convened by the board of directors, the developer, or the declarant of a condominium or a homeowners association; requiring the developer of a condominium to appoint a unit owner, not otherwise affiliated with the developer, to the board within 30 days after the date on which units representing 25% of the votes have been conveyed by the developer to members of the public for residential purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-108(c)(1), 11-109(a) and (c), 11-109.4(c)(2), 11-116, 11B-106.1, 11B-111, 11B-111.6(d), and 11B-112(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 842 Delegate Griffith, et al**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OF SERVICE MEMBER – REPEAL OF TIME LIMITATION**

Repealing a requirement that a dwelling house of a surviving spouse of a service member who died in the line of duty be acquired within 2 years of the service member's death to qualify for a real property tax exemption.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 7-208(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 843 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – NOTICE OF TAX SALE – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the requirements for providing notice of the tax sale of property in Washington County: increasing from one to two the number of notices required to be sent to the owner of property after the property is sold at a tax sale in Washington County; and requiring the second notice be sent within 15 days after the first required notice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TP, §§ 14-813(a) and 14-817.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 844 Delegate Griffith, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE EXEMPTION – UNEMPLOYABLE DISABLED VETERANS**

Establishing that not more than one vehicle owned by, or leased to, an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 13-903(a)(9) and (10) - amended and § 13-903(a)(11) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 845 Wicomico County Delegation**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DELMAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 18-3603(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 846 Washington County Delegation**PROPERTY TAX – CITY OF HAGERSTOWN AND THE HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY, INC. – EXEMPTION**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, §§ 7-251 and 7-524 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 847 Delegate Conaway**CRIMINAL LAW – FRAUD – POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a law enforcement officer to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of residential real property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 8-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 848 Delegate Stein**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE – TRASH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

Requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to adopt regulations that incorporate by reference sections 30.7.5 and 31.7.5 of the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (2024 Edition) and authorize the placement of trash and recycling in corridors and exits in accordance with the NFPA Life Safety Code.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PS, § 6-206(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 849 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FREEZE IN ENROLLMENT – EXCEPTIONS**

Prohibiting a freeze in enrollment in the Child Care Scholarship Program from including certain individuals enrolled in certain governmental support programs, children with siblings enrolled in the Program, individuals with certain employment issues, and individuals employed by a child care provider.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-111 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 850 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, 4.5-307 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 851 Delegate Forbes

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS

Clarifying that the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is a tax-exempt body politic and corporate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 7-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 852 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-3801 through 18-3804 and 18-3807 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 853 Delegate Holmes, et al

REAL PROPERTY – REGULATION OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Maryland Department of Labor to oversee the licensing of community managers who provide management services for common ownership communities; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit certain persons from providing certain services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, BR, CA, RP, SF, and SG, Various Sections - added and amended and SG, § 8-403(13) through (65) - renumbered

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 854 Delegates Boyce and Barnes**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION
SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Nonpublic Special Education School Renovation Program in the Interagency Commission on School Construction to provide grant funding to certain nonpublic special education schools for certain renovations and improvements to classrooms, upgrades to residential cottages on school grounds, health, safety and accessibility upgrades, infrastructure modernization, and certain new construction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-331 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 855 Delegates Holmes and Healey**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – CANDIDATE OR
PROPOSITION SIGNS – DISPLAY PERIOD**

Altering, to 45 days before voting and early voting for a primary election, general election, or vote on a proposition, the time period during which a common ownership community may restrict the display of candidate or proposition signs.

EMERGENCY BILL

CA, § 5-6B-23 and RP, §§ 11-111.2 and 11B-111.2 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 856 Delegate Ebersole**LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EDUCATOR SCREENING – EDUCATOR
IDENTIFICATION CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL PERSONNEL
VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 857 Delegate Griffith, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 55**

Increasing, from \$12,500 to \$20,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 55 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 858 Delegate Conaway**REAL PROPERTY – WRONGFUL DETAINER ACTIONS – TIME OF HEARING**

Altering from 10 business days to 14 calendar days the period of time during which a hearing must be held after the filing of a wrongful detainer action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 14-132(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 859 Delegate Boafo, et al**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DIGITAL ASSETS AND DIGITAL ASSET STAKING – REGULATION (MARYLAND FINANCIAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting certain regulation of certain activities involving digital assets by an agency or other instrumentality of the State or a political subdivision of the State; and clarifying that the provision of digital asset staking as a service is excluded from a certain definition and certain filing and registration requirements under the Maryland Securities Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

FI, §§ 12-1301 through 12-1304 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 860 Delegate Alston

PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION (ARNAUD AND MAGRUDER MEMORIAL ACT)

Specifying that a petition for emergency evaluation is effective for 5 days after being endorsed by a certain court; authorizing a court, on a certain motion and for good cause shown, to extend a petition for up to 5 days at a time, not to exceed a total of 30 days; requiring the court to include the date the petition expires on the petition; and requiring peace officers to comply with a certain provision of law when executing a petition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 10-623 and 10-624(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Judiciary

HB 861 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 6 months after the Governor is inaugurated in the Governor’s first term; and requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to notify the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly if the plan is delayed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 3.5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 862 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, or a fine of up to \$25,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 5.5-110(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 863 Delegate Schmidt, et al**GUN THEFT FELONY ACT OF 2026**

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; establishing a penalty for a first conviction for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both; and establishing a penalty for subsequent convictions of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 864 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 qualified apprentices or journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, §§ 11-203(e), 17-601, 17-603, 17-604, and 17-606 - amended and §§ 17-601.1, 17-602.1, 17-604.1, 17-605.1, and 17-607 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 865 Delegate Cullison**HEALTH INSURANCE – REMITTANCE ADVICE – INTEREST ON
LATE-PAID CLAIMS**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that owe interest on claims under a certain provision of law to provide certain remittance advice that separately identifies and itemizes the interest owed claims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 15-1005(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 866 Delegates Kaufman and Taveras**OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Requiring the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to include at least three positions to conduct the duties of the Office to provide specialized case management services to assist deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing individuals; and requiring the Office to provide specialized case management services to deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, §§ 9-2402 and 9-2403 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 867 Delegate Conaway**REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS FOR WRONGFUL DETAINER – REQUIRED POSTINGS**

Providing that certain provisions of law pertaining to wrongful detainer actions do not apply unless certain property is posted conspicuously against trespass or loitering.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 868 Delegate Conaway**BALTIMORE CITY – PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS – INSTRUCTION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION FOR FELONY MURDER**

Requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to develop curriculum resources and develop and incorporate instruction on the consequences of a conviction for felony murder for middle school students in Baltimore City public schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 869 Delegate Holmes, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEALER LICENSES – CITY OF BOWIE**

Increasing from four to five the number of dealer licenses available for certain manufacturers or distributors that deal only in electric or nonfossil-fuel burning vehicles; and providing that one of the licenses may be issued only for the operation of a dealership in the City of Bowie.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-305(e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 870 Delegates Korman and Boaf**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS (LARGE BUILDINGS FOR TOMORROW ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, by October 1, 2028, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, energy conservation requirements for the new construction of buildings that are subject to the Building Energy Performance Standards adopted by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 12-503 - amended and § 12-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 871 Delegate Stewart**ELECTION LAW – ENHANCED AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement an enhanced automatic voter registration system on or before January 1, 2029; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of enhanced automatic voter registration information by the Administration, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board; authorizing the State Board to implement certain enhanced automatic voter registration at certain agencies with their consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, §§ 3-203, 3-303, and 3-503 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 872 Delegate Coley, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers if the Seat Pleasant Police Department becomes a participating governmental unit; and providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Seat Pleasant Police Department's participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SP, § 31-2A-08 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 873 Delegate Simmons, et al**MANSLAUGHTER BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL – INCREASED PENALTIES (JAMARI'S LAW)**

Increasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 2-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 874 Delegate Simmons**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-202(a) and (b) - amended and § 11-210 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 875 Delegate Simmons, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE TO PURCHASERS OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to prepare certain literature relating to firearms and ammunition and to distribute the literature to all county health departments in the State; requiring each county health department to distribute certain literature to all establishments that sell firearms or ammunition within the county; requiring establishments that sell firearms or ammunition in the State to make certain literature visible and available and to distribute the literature to purchasers of firearms and ammunition; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 5-901 and 5-902 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 876 Delegate Simmons**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING DATE LIMITATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, 8-110 (a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 877 Delegate Spiegel, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – INSTITUTIONAL DEBT – REPORT**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education to submit a report on institutional debt to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by October 1 each year, beginning in 2027; authorizing the Commission to assess a civil penalty, up to \$10,000 per violation, against an institution for failure to submit a report or knowingly including inaccurate information in a report; and establishing certain notice and hearing procedures that the Commission must follow before assessing a civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 11-212 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 878 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 879 Delegates Bagnall and Guyton**LANGUAGE ACQUISITION TRACKING PROGRAM FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Language Acquisition Tracking Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in the State Department of Education; establishing a State Coordinator of Language Acquisition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children within the Department to coordinate the Program and create a parent and guardian resource to help parents and guardians of deaf or hard of hearing children track a child's language acquisition progress; establishing the Language Acquisition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children Advisory Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 8-801 through 8-807 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 880 Delegate Palakovich Carr**MARYLAND INCOME TAX – DECOUPLING FROM AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE – DEPRECIATION AND BUSINESS INTEREST EXPENSES**

Providing certain modifications to the federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain deductions under the federal income tax for depreciation of certain property and certain business interest expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-210.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 881 Delegates Kaufman and Taveras**TASK FORCE ON NOT-FOR-PROFIT FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

Establishing the Task Force on Not-for-Profit Funeral Establishments to study the feasibility and necessity of the establishment of not-for-profit funeral establishments in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

HB 882 Delegates Kaufman and Taveras**CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION – TERMINATION DATE AND MANDATORY FUNDING FOR THE STATE’S CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION HUB – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a \$350,000 appropriation to the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub; requiring the Hub to carry out certain duties to the extent funding is available; and repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law related to consumer health information and the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HG, § 20-2204 and Chapter 679 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 883 Delegate Qi, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a developer of artificial intelligence from making, or knowingly causing artificial intelligence to make, certain representations or statements relating to behavioral health care subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000,000; requiring a developer artificial intelligence sold, leased, given, or otherwise provided to consumers in the State to include a certain notice or protocols; authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action for an alleged violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, §§ 14-5101 and 14-5102 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health

HB 884 Delegate Toles, et al**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE – LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION – FUNDING (LAND-GRANT EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Requiring, to address a funding disparity, that the Governor include at least \$5,000,000 to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in the annual budget bill each fiscal year until a total amount of \$321,181,312 is appropriated; and authorizing the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to use funds made available by the Act for development of infrastructure and academic programs, investment in faculty, scholarships, and certain other institutional needs.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-141 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 885 Delegate Nkongolo, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CAUSING INGESTION OF AN ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG – PROHIBITION (WOMEN’S FREEDOM FROM COERCION ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully causing another to ingest an abortion-inducing drug when the person knows or believes that the other person is pregnant and without consent, through fraud or coercion, or by force or threat of force.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-216 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

HB 886 Delegates Hornberger and Lopez**CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS – COVERAGE UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND WORKGROUP ON CERTIFICATION**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for services provided in any setting by certain certified peer recovery specialists; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a certain workgroup on the certification process of peer recovery specialists.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 15-102.3(p) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxix) and IN, § 15-864 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 887 Delegate Hornberger**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – ALLOCATION FOR FAIR HILL PURSES**

Altering, for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029, the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals by requiring \$200,000 of local impact grants distributed to Cecil County to be used for purses offered for certain races held at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-1A-31(a)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 888 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Washington County for certain disabled veterans to include certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-323(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 889 Wicomico County Delegation

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

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County and the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-324(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 890 Delegate Crutchfield, et al

FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS (“KNOW BEFORE THEY KNOCK” FAMILY RIGHT TO NOTICE ACT)

Requiring a certain on-site interview following a report of suspected child abuse to be with the child’s parent or guardian rather than the child’s caretaker; and requiring a local department of social services or a law enforcement agency to provide a certain notice to a parent or legal guardian of a child at a certain time during an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 5-706 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 891 Delegate Conaway

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

Requiring the Patuxent Institution and each State and local correctional facility to maintain records on instances of items damaged or destroyed due to visible leakage of menstrual discharge under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Patuxent Institution and each State and local correctional facility from subjecting female incarcerated individuals to disciplinary measures for items damaged or destroyed without malicious intent due to visible leakage of menstrual discharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, §§ 4-214 and 9-616 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 892 Delegate Hill, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES – ACTIONS FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR ALTERNATE USE**

Authorizing certain persons to bring an action when the owner of a property that includes a cemetery proposes the sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of a certain cemetery; and requiring a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 5-101 and 5-505 - amended and § 5-506 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health

HB 893 Delegate Hill, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – ABANDONED CEMETERIES – ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION**

Authorizing a governmental unit to acquire property on which an abandoned cemetery is located under certain circumstances and for a certain purpose; requiring a governmental unit that acquires property under the Act to make a certain effort to contact certain persons for a certain purpose; authorizing a person or organization to bring an action to request the court to transfer property acquired under the Act to the person or organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 5-806 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health

HB 894 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; requiring the Maryland 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 located near certain transit stations; delaying the collection of certain development excise taxes and development impact fees for certain residential real estate projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, LU, LG, and TR, Various Sections - renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 895 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

FOOD RETAILERS – DYNAMIC PRICING, SURVEILLANCE DATA, AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (PROTECTION FROM PREDATORY PRICING ACT)

Prohibiting a food retailer from engaging in the practice of dynamic pricing or using consumer surveillance data to set a price for consumer goods or services; prohibiting a food retailer from using protected class data to offer, advertise, or sell a consumer good or service under certain circumstances; prohibiting a food retailer from diminishing or impairing any right or benefit guaranteed to employees of the food retailer under an existing collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CL, § 13-321 - added and § 13-411 - amended and LE, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION FUND

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 13-220 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 897 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, ENERGY STORAGE, AND MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND (LOWER BILLS AND LOCAL POWER ACT OF 2026)

Requiring an electric company, located in the State, that owns or operates a transmission line that is designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts to participate as a member in a regional transmission organization under certain circumstances; requiring a person applying for a certain certificate of public convenience and necessity to include certain information with the application; requiring certain transmission utilities to submit a certain advanced transmission technology implementation report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU and SG, Various Sections - amended and added and TR, § 8-311 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

Altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; redesignating the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account to be the Strategic Closing Fund within the Department of Commerce; altering the purposes for and methods by which the Fund may be utilized; altering the termination date of the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program, Job Creation Tax Credit, Research and Development Tax Credit, and Employer Security Clearance Costs Tax Credit; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Articles and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - Various Actions

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 20-702 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 2, 2026**HB 386 Delegate Korman, et al****METRO FUNDING MODIFICATION ACT OF 2026**

Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget each year to provide grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; making the Act contingent on enactment of certain legislation by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TR, § 10-205(f) and (g) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 559 Delegate Edelson, et al**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES CAPITAL GRANTS – CALCULATION**

Altering the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in certain fiscal years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 8-403 - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 3, 2026**HB 420 Delegate Rogers, 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 jurisdiction; 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 for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, AG, BOP, BR, ED, EN, FI, HG, HO, IN, LE, NR, PS, PU, RP, and TR,
Various Sections - added and amended

Reassigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Health

HB 614 Delegate Wu, et al**EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUILDING ENERGY USAGE – MONTHLY REPORT**

Requiring each county board of education to collect data on energy usage and report the data collected to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations specifying the data to be collected and the means and frequency of reporting; and requiring the Commission to analyze the data collected and provide recommendations for improving school building energy efficiency and usage.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-331 - added

Reassigned to: Appropriations