



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 11, 2026**  
**Schedule 19**

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**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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

### **HB 1091 Delegate Kerr**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, §§ 14-201(p) and (r) and 14-205.3 - amended and § 14-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 1092 Delegate Martinez, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT BEDS – CAPACITY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure the establishment and ongoing operation of a minimum 24 licensed adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in Prince George’s County; requiring, if the Department determines that expanding the bed capacity will not meet a certain deadline, the Department to issue by June 30, 2027, a request for proposals to establish adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in the county and to administer a certain grant program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 19-310.7 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1093 Delegate Cullison****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the process by which health care providers apply to participate on a carrier’s provider panel, including certain notice requirements; establishing certain civil penalties for carriers that fail to provide certain notices in a certain manner and during a certain time frame; repealing the authorization for a carrier to charge a certain application fee; requiring carriers to use certain information to update the carriers’ provider directory at a certain frequency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 15-112(a), (g), (p), (t), (w), and (x) and 15-112.3 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1094 Delegates Hutchinson and Adams****HEALTH INSURANCE – GRADUATE-LEVEL CLINICAL INTERNS – REQUIRED REIMBURSEMENT**

Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate-level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances; providing the services are reimbursable if provided at an outpatient health care facility by a social work intern who is enrolled in a graduate program and is under the direct supervision of a licensed certified social worker-clinical; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, §§ 15-704, 15-707, and 15-714 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1095 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – TOBACCO BARNs**

Authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property that was formerly used solely as a tobacco barn; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-306(i) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1096 Delegate J. Long, et al****PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – NOTICE THROUGH PROPERTY TAX BILL**

Requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to give written notice of certain property tax credits for which a taxpayer may be eligible through the property tax bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, §§ 9-101 and 9-401 - renumbered and added and §§ 9-201 and 9-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1097 Delegate Roberts, et al****PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – SPORTS INJURY RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each public high school in the State to maintain an injury log for injuries that occur during school athletic activities, subject to certain requirements; and requiring each local school system to submit an annual report on high school athletic injuries to the State Department of Education beginning on or before July 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1098 Delegate Stewart****BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Providing that the exemption for owner-occupied residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding includes certain real property held in a revocable trust; and altering the amount of the exemption for owner-occupied residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 11-504(a) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1099 Delegate Vogel****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – TERM LIMITS**

Imposing a limit of four on the number of terms a person may serve in the General Assembly; providing that a certain term limit does not apply to terms that began before the 2030 gubernatorial election; and specifying how service for a partial term shall be considered for purposes of the term limits.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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

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 junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and antique dealers from purchasing telecommunications equipment other than by check mailed to the seller's address; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 17-1001(f)(1)(ii)8. and 9. - amended and BR, §§ 17-1001(f)(1)(ii)9. and (m) and 17-1010.1 and CR, § 6-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1101 Worcester County Delegation**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 33-902 - amended and §§ 13-1105 and 33-1311 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1102 Delegate Buckel, et al**

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – ALLEGANY COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Allegany County in the event Allegany 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

**HB 1103 Delegate Mangione, et al**

STATE DESIGNATIONS – SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – FREEDOM FLAG

Designating the Freedom Flag, designed and created by Richard Nicholas Melito of Richmond, Virginia, to memorialize the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, as the State symbol of remembrance for the attacks of September 11.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

GP, § 7-320 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1104 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS – LOCAL INSPECTIONS AND PERMITTING**

Altering the definition of “solar permitting software” for purposes of provisions regarding permitting and inspections of residential solar energy systems; altering from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2027, the date by which certain counties and municipalities must implement certain solar permitting software; requiring, on or before August 1, 2027, certain counties and municipalities to authorize remote inspections of certain residential solar energy systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 1-1320 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1105 Delegate Embry, et al****STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – PROSECUTION OR ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CODES**

Increasing from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for the prosecution or suit for enforcement of local consumer protection codes for which equitable relief, a fine, or a penalty is provided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-106(kk) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1106 Delegate Taveras, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN’S HEALTH ADVANCEMENT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Women’s Health Advancement to study the feasibility of establishing a State women’s hospital in Southern Maryland and a statewide clinical network to advance women’s health; requiring the Commission by January 1, 2027, to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an initial action plan, including a timeline, milestones, and specific research objectives; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5901 through 13-5904 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1107 Delegate Martinez, et al**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR AESTHETIC SERVICES AND RESTORATIVE CARE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (HEALING OUR SCARS ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage to victims of domestic violence for aesthetic services and restorative care related to scars or scarring determined to be medically necessary for the treatment of physical injuries caused by domestic violence.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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 1108 Delegates Stewart and Hornberger**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – GREENHOUSE WORKERS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND HEAT PROTECTION

Establishing collective bargaining rights for employees of employers who operate controlled-environment agricultural operations; requiring the Secretary of Labor to establish by regulation certain procedures related to collective bargaining; authorizing the Secretary to investigate violations regarding and enforce certain provisions of the Act related to collective bargaining; and requiring employers who operate controlled-environment agricultural operations to provide to their employees certain rest breaks under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-703 and 5-1202 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1109 Chair, Health Committee, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH REFORM ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to organize the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps; altering the membership, leadership selection process, and staffing of the Commission on Public Health; requiring the Commission to provide oversight over the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission; establishing the Public Health Workforce Development Fund; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to develop a process to assess the health equity impacts of relevant legislation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, SF, & SG, Various Sections - added and amended, HG § 13-5107 - repealed & Chapter 385 of the Acts of 2023, as amended, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Appropriations

**HB 1110 Delegate Lewis****JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering requirements for providing notice to interested parties when a county or municipal corporation files a complaint for a judicial in rem foreclosure on certain vacant and abandoned property.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 14-875 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1111 Delegate Pruski****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 3 WINERIES AND CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERIES – BULK WINE**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 3 winery license to acquire bulk wine from the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license; and authorizing the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to sell and deliver bulk wine to the holder of a Class 3 winery license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 2-205 and 2-206(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1112 Delegate Cullison****HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION COMMISSION –  
STUDY ON INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE  
MARKET STABILITY**

Altering the duties of the Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to require the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding individual and group health insurance market stability.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Chapter 696 of the Acts of 2025, § 1(g)(3) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1113 Delegate Lewis****VEHICLE LAWS – BUS OBSTRUCTION MONITORING SYSTEMS AND  
BUS STOP ZONES**

Replacing references to a bus lane monitoring system with references to a bus obstruction monitoring system; and prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bus stop zone if a transit vehicle is present, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 7-302(e)(2) & 10-311(e) & (h), GP, § 4-321(b)(7), & TR, §§ 12-113.1(b)(7) & 21-1134 - amended & TR, § 21-1003(gg) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1114 Delegate Martinez, et al****HIV PREVENTION DRUGS – PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING, AND  
INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; prohibiting managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or step therapy or cost sharing for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG and HO, Various Sections - added and amended and IN, § 15-858 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1115 Delegate Pruski, et al****EDUCATION – CAREER LADDER – NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION ASSOCIATED SALARY INCREASES**

Clarifying that a teacher who holds a certain National Board Certification awarded on or before December 31, 2021, that has an expiration date between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2031, inclusive, that has a 10-year award period, and that is subject to a renewal process is eligible for certain salary increases associated with the career ladder; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1116 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – ILLEGAL DUMPING – SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM HO. CO. 6–26**

Authorizing a designated Howard County department to place certain surveillance systems at certain dumping sites in Howard County; requiring the District Court, in consultation with the designated department, to prescribe a certain citation form; requiring the designated department to mail a certain citation or warning to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a certain surveillance system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, § 7-302(f), CR, § 10-112, GP § 4-322, and TR, § 26-305(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1117 Delegate Lopez, et al****ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES – INSURANCE AND MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVERAGE AND PROVISION UNDER STATE PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to certain limitations, to provide coverage for approved elopement response devices and supports; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for approved elopement response devices and associated supports to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 13-32B-01, 13-32B-02, 15-103(a)(2)(xxix), and 15-160 and IN, § 15-801.1 - added and HG and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1118 Delegate White Holland, et al****HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal mental health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a perinatal mental health condition screening program; requiring certain applicants for the renewal of a health occupation license or certificate to provide documentation that the applicant completed continuing education credit hours on perinatal mental health conditions; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

IN, § 15-830(a) and (c) and HG, §§ 20-1801 and 20-1802 - amended and IN, § 15-864, HG, §§ 20-1801 and 20-1804, and HO, § 1-231 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1119 Delegate Cullison****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SOCIAL WORKERS – SCOPES OF PRACTICE**

Altering the scopes of practice for licensed social workers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 19-101 and 19-102 - amended and § 19-307 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1120 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 jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health

**HB 1121 Delegates Bagnall and D. Jones****PUBLIC HEALTH – PERIMENOPAUSAL, MENOPAUSAL, AND POSTMENOPAUSAL CONDITIONS**

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards that require a licensee or certificate holder to complete continuing education requirements as a condition of renewal to grant at least a certain amount of continuing education credits for completing continuing education on perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal evaluation and treatment; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

HG, § 13-203 - amended and HO, § 1-231 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1122 Delegate Simmons****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – SHERIFF OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – VESTING**

Establishing for a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County vesting rights in the Employees' Pension System after accruing at least 8 years of eligibility service; and establishing that a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2026, may retire with a normal service retirement allowance from the Employees' Pension System if the individual is at least 65 years old and has at least 8 years of eligibility service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 23-401(f) - amended and § 29-306 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1123 Delegate Stinnett, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – MINOR'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS – PENALTY**

Altering the penalty for storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor has access to the firearm to include the possibility of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1124 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Crosby****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS – HEALTH CARE FINANCING**

Establishing consumer protections related to health care financing, including disclosure and refund requirements; prohibiting health care providers and certain agents of health care providers from offering, obtaining, applying for, or assisting in applying for certain financing; prohibiting a health care provider from promoting certain financing to certain patients or billing a certain financier before a certain number of days prior to a procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-5101 through 14-5108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health

**HB 1125 Delegates Phillips and White Holland****STATE CAPITAL PROGRAM – COVERED PROJECTS – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS (COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring units of State government proposing certain capital projects to complete a certain community engagement plan and certain community outreach activities and submit a certain report to the Department of Budget and Management; and requiring the Department to annually submit a compiled report, beginning December 1, 2027, of the community engagement and outreach reports submitted by each unit of State government proposing a covered project to certain governing bodies, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Policy Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 3-611 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1126 Delegate Qi****HEALTH INSURANCE AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS –  
LABORATORY SERVICES – CONTRACT PROVIDERS**

Prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from prohibiting an enrollee from selecting, or limiting the ability of an enrollee to select, a laboratory; prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from denying a laboratory the right to participate in the health benefit plan if the laboratory agrees to comply with certain terms; and prohibiting certain carriers and managed care organizations from imposing additional copayments, fees, or conditions for laboratory services provided to an enrollee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 15-102.3(a) - amended and IN, § 15-112(y) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1127 Delegate Wivell, et al****WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –  
ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES**

Expanding eligibility for the homestead property tax credit to include additional residences in Washington County; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-105(a), (c)(1) and (4), (d), (f), (g), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1128 Delegates Qi and Spiegel****INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT FOR INVESTMENTS  
IN EMERGENT TECHNOLOGY**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 25% of an investment made in qualified Maryland companies up to \$1,000,000; providing that investments in companies engaging in certain emergent technology may qualify for the tax credit subject to certain requirements; providing that a qualified investor shall make an investment in a qualified Maryland company within a certain amount of time after the Department issues an initial tax credit certificate; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(vii), SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)79., and Chapter 717 of the Acts of 2024, § 8(54) - amended and TG, § 10-733 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1129 Delegate Lopez, et al**

## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PROVIDER AGENCIES – WAGES AND LEAVE FOR PERSONAL CARE AIDES

Requiring provider agencies to pay at least \$17 per hour to personal care aides and to provide a certain notice regarding the wage to personal care aides; and requiring provider agencies to provide personal care aides with a certain minimum amount of earned sick and safe leave.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 15-160 and LE, § 3-1303(d) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1130 Delegate Martinez, et al**

## STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – MARYLAND ROUTE 410 (EAST–WEST HIGHWAY) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN – EXPANSION

Requiring the State Highway Administration to expand the scope of the Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project to include the public rights–of–way along East–West Highway from the intersection of Maryland Route 500 (Queens Chapel Road) east to U.S. Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1131 Delegate Lopez, et al**

## PUBLIC HEALTH – PREGNANCY LOSS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS (PREGNANCY OUTCOME PROTECTION ACT)

Prohibiting individuals who experienced a pregnancy loss from being subject to investigation, civil liability, or criminal prosecution except under certain circumstances; establishing a private right of action for a violation of a certain prohibition against investigations of pregnancy loss; providing that an incidence of pregnancy loss does not constitute probable cause to issue a certain search warrant, except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-220 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

**HB 1132 Delegate Terrasa, et al****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESALE CONTRACTS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS (KEEPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AFFORDABLE ACT)**

Altering the deadline by which certain required notices in certain retail contracts shall be provided to a purchaser; requiring the seller in a certain retail contract to provide notice of certain changes in mandatory fees and payments and other required disclosures; altering certain fees a council of unit owners or a homeowners association or its agent may charge for providing certain disclosures; and altering the time period within which a purchaser may cancel a certain contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-135(a) through (c), 11B-106(a) and (c), and 11B-108(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1133 Delegate Taveras, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – DRUG MANUFACTURER–FUNDED DISEASE AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS – REGISTRATION AND REQUIRED DISCLOSURE**

Requiring drug manufacturers and certain patient advocacy organizations to register with the Maryland Department of Health before conducting a disease awareness campaign in the State; and requiring that materials produced and distributed as part of a disease awareness campaign disclose the drug or device that the drug manufacturer is marketing for the medical condition that is the focus of the disease awareness campaign.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 24-2801 and 24-2802 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1134 Delegate Taveras, et al****PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS AND DEVICES – GIFTS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting sellers of certain pharmaceutical drugs and devices from giving or offering to give to health care professionals gifts in a calendar year that have a total combined retail value of more than \$50.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-1114 and 21-1207 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1135 Delegate Lopez, et al**

## 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1136 Delegate D. Jones**

## NONPROFIT HOSPITALS – COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Requiring certain nonprofit hospitals to provide a certain value of community benefits each year; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report on the compliance of nonprofit hospitals with the community benefits requirement to the Attorney General and the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to revoke the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit hospital under certain circumstances; and altering the requirements of a community benefit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-303 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1137 Delegate Allen**

## LAND USE – MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS – AUTHORIZATION (BRING BACK MAIN STREET ACT)

Requiring certain counties to allow multifamily developments and mixed-use developments as a permitted use on certain parcels or lots; prohibiting certain counties from imposing certain restrictions, requirements, or limitations on permitted developments; authorizing certain counties to require a permitted development to have a certain percentage of available floor space dedicated to retail uses and to include on-site parking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-104(e) - added and RP, §2-127 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1138 Delegate Forbes**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the Consumer Price Index used to determine the cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System in certain years.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1139 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Clarifying that an eligible governmental unit that satisfies certain requirements is eligible to participate in certain systems of the State Retirement and Pension System only if all employees of the eligible governmental unit participate in the certain system; and clarifying that certain documentation by an eligible governmental unit of the Employees' Pension System, the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, and the Correctional Officers' Retirement System shall include certain properly completed election forms.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SP, §§ 31-109, 31-109.1, 31-2A-03, 31-2A-03.1, 31-2B-03, 31-2B-03.1 -amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1140 Delegate Forbes**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be composed of nine members elected from each of the nine councilmanic districts of Baltimore County as they exist after a certain date and two appointed members at large beginning with the 2030 general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 3-2B-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1141 Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson****MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL – REQUIRED APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM REQUEST**

Increasing the minimum population threshold for municipal incorporation to 600 residents; requiring a certain organizing committee to make certain determinations and provide a certain report to the county commissioners or county council of a certain county regarding a proposed municipal incorporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, §§ 4-203 and 4-205 through 4-207 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1142 Delegate Wilkins****TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE STRUCTURES**

Establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal governments within the State; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1143 Delegate Lopez, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – PERINATAL AUTOPSIES (LUNG FLOAT TEST BAN)**

Prohibiting the Chief Medical Examiner, deputy chief medical examiners, assistant medical examiners, and pathologists authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner from using a hydrostatic lung test, also known as a lung float test, if performing a certain perinatal autopsy; authorizing a parent, guardian, or legal representative to bring a civil action for a violation of certain provisions of the Act; and altering the grounds for discipline of a physician to include a violation of certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-1010(b), HG, § 5-309, HO, § 14-404(a)(46) and (47), and PS, § 3-533(b) - amended and HO, § 14-404(a)(48) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1144 Delegate Crutchfield**

## CHILD SUPPORT – ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “adjusted actual income” under the State child support guidelines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 12-201(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1145 Delegate Lewis (By Request – Baltimore City 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 certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-8A-27 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1146 Delegate Alston, et al**

## CRIME OF VIOLENCE – MEDICAL FACILITIES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP – PENALTY (SACRED PLACES SAFETY ACT)

Prohibiting a person from committing a crime of violence while the person is in a medical facility or a place of worship; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

CR, § 14-105 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1147 Delegate Foley**

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS (PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FLEXIBILITY ACT)

Establishing that the exercise by the Public Service Commission of its authority is an essential government function; altering the duties of the Commission and the Executive Secretary of the Commission; providing for the designation of a certain employee as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Commission; requiring the Commission to submit certain information to the Department of Budget and Management each year, keep certain records, and submit to certain audits; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU, §§ 2-101, 2-104, and 2-108 - amended and SF, § 11-203(c-1) - added  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1148 Delegate Kaiser, et al**

PROPERTY TAXES – TAX SALES, HEIRS PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND TAX CREDITS

Altering eligibility for certain services and programs offered by the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to include certain persons acting on behalf of a deceased homeowner or an heir or a legatee of a deceased homeowner; establishing an Heirs Protection Program administered by the Ombudsman to allow heirs who inherit a dwelling to become the record title holder of the dwelling, prevent tax sales of dwellings inherited by heirs, and allow heirs to remain in their homes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF and TP, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed and Chapter 717 of the Acts of 2024, § 8, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1149 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 6-219 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1150 Delegate Kerr****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – MINOR CONDITIONS AND HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**

Authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs or devices and perform and interpret certain laboratory tests; repealing provisions establishing and governing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain statewide written protocols relating to the treatment of minor conditions and the prevention and treatment of human immunodeficiency virus.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5301 through 13-5303 - repealed and HO, § 12-101(x) - amended and §§ 12-515 and 12-516 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1151 Delegate Hutchinson, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – STUDY ON MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPICE ROOM AND BOARD SERVICES**

Requiring the Division of Health Care Financing and Medicaid within the Maryland Department of Health to study the impact of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide reimbursement for room and board services provided by a hospice house; and requiring the Department to report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee by September 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1152 Delegate Williams****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of State Police to conduct a study regarding the employment and use of special police officers; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1153 Delegate Guzzone, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT – DOWNCODING**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organization from downcoding a claim for reimbursement under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures that insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations are required to follow if the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization intends or makes a final decision to downcode a claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-102.3(b) and 19-712(b) and IN, §§ 15-113(b), 15-10A-06(a)(1), and 15-10D-02(d) - amended and IN, § 15-1005.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1154 Delegate Phillips****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

Altering a certain definition of restrictive housing; limiting the amount of time that an individual may be placed in restrictive housing; requiring all restrictive housing units to create the least restrictive environment necessary for certain purposes; prohibiting the placement of a certain member of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing for any period of time; requiring a certain individual in restrictive housing to be offered a certain amount of time outside the individual's cell each day; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 9-614(a) - amended and §§ 10-1001 through 10-1003 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1155 Calvert County Delegation****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 6-103 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1156 Delegate Fisher****CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – BENEFITS**

Altering a certain benefit amount for certain fire and rescue volunteers in Calvert County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 14-102(g) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1157 Delegate Guzzone, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PLAN BENEFITS AND COVERAGE – ANNUAL REPORTING (TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, UNDERSTANDING, TIMELINESS, AND HONESTY (TRUTH) IN MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE ACT)**

Requiring each carrier that provides a health benefit plan in the State to report certain data regarding claims and coverage to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner using a certain template; requiring the Commissioner to develop a template for carriers to report the data and make the data publicly available by posting certain data on a public website and developing and maintaining certain data dashboards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, §§ 15-2201 through 15-2208 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1158 Delegate Fisher****CALVERT COUNTY – CONTRACTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR ASSET MANAGEMENT – CONTRACT DURATION**

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into a contract for not more than a 20–year term for certain infrastructure or asset management programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 6-103(e) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1159 Delegate Lopez****PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that the annual report on the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program include certain recommendations; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to collect certain data on certain segregated accounts established under the federal Affordable Care Act and certain federal regulations from certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations and submit a certain report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee on or before January 1 each year.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 13-4707 - amended and IN, § 15-147 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1160 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 5-202 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1161 Delegate Korman****BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT REVIEW – CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION (BPW CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring a State agency to provide certain climate and sustainability information on submission of a certain contract award recommendation or proposed public-private partnership agreement to the Board of Public Works; requiring liaisons to the Board to ensure compliance; requiring the climate and sustainability information to be placed on the Board agenda; and requiring the Department of General Services to issue certain guidance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 10-208 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1162 Delegate Alston****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICATION–ASSISTED TREATMENT FUNDING**

Requiring the Special Secretary of Overdose Response to provide funding to counties for medication–assisted treatment programs; requiring certain counties to submit a certain report; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the purpose of providing funds under certain circumstances; expanding the authorized uses for the Opioid Restitution Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 9-603 and SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1163 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – VOTING AGE – BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS HO. CO. 5–26**

Authorizing the General Assembly to lower the age at which an individual may vote in an election for members of the Howard County Board of Education; and altering the minimum age at which an individual in Howard County may vote in an election for members of the Howard County Board of Education from 18 years old to 16 years old.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. I, § 1 - amended and Art. I, § 1A - added and EL, § 3-102 - amended and § 3-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1164 Delegate Foley****WATER COMPANIES, SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES, AND WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – RATE CONSOLIDATION AND LIMITED–INCOME MECHANISMS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to authorize certain rate consolidations involving two or more water systems or sewage disposal systems; requiring the Commission to allow water companies, sewage disposal companies, and water and sewage disposal companies to aggregate certain revenues and costs for certain purposes; authorizing the Commission to order gradual adjustments to certain rates charged to a system over a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU, §§ 4-307 and 4-309(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1165 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, §§ 14-801, 17-205, 17-601(b), and 17-6A-01(f) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1166 Delegate Palakovich Carr**MOTOR VEHICLES – DEALERS – FRONT REGISTRATION PLATE  
DISPLAY

Prohibiting a motor vehicle dealer from delivering a motor vehicle for which two registration plates are required to a buyer or lessee unless the motor vehicle has front registration plate mounting hardware or the buyer or lessee signs a written statement acknowledging declined installation of the mounting hardware; requiring a motor vehicle dealer to report certain information on declined installation of front registration plate mounting hardware to the Motor Vehicle Administration on a monthly basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-316 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

**HB 1167 Chair, Health Committee and Delegate Cullison**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MEDICAID  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM – MAINFRAME SYSTEM  
REPLACEMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to replace the State Medicaid Management Information System mainframe with a modular system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1168 Delegate Bagnall****LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT – RESPONSE POLICY AND AFTER–ACTION REVIEW**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a model sexual abuse and sexual misconduct response policy that includes, at minimum, certain components; requiring each local school system to adopt a certain response policy on or before July 1, 2027; and requiring each local school system to provide certain notices and conduct certain after–action reviews under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 4-148 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1169 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – HIGHWAYS – SPEED LIMITS HO. CO. 8–26**

Authorizing Howard County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways after performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and prohibiting Howard County from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on highways on which the speed limit has been reduced under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-803(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1170 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – EXPANSION OF AUTHORIZATION HO. CO. 9–26**

Expanding the authorization to place and use speed monitoring systems on highways in Howard County to include U.S. Route 1 (Washington Boulevard).

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1171 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER –  
VOTING HO. CO. 7–26

Altering the matters on which the student member of the Howard County Board of Education may vote.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 3-701(f)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1172 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Howard Co, Art. 14, §§ 26.102(b) and (g) and 26.103(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1173 Delegate Kerr, et al**

STATE PROCUREMENT – CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS –  
RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF STATE FUNDS AND RESOURCES

Prohibiting certain contractors and vendors from knowingly using public funds to influence the decisions of certain employees to support or oppose a certain employee organization or become a member of an employee organization; and prohibiting certain contractors and vendors from knowingly using public funds or resources to contract with or provide assistance to a person for the purpose of carrying out a certain campaign or engaging in anti–union activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1174 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MANDATORY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HO. CO. 11–26

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to close public schools in the county to students beginning in the 2027–2028 school year in observance of Yom Kippur and Juneteenth and to observe the first day of Diwali, Eid al–Adha, Eid al–Fitr, Lunar New Year, and Rosh Hashanah.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1175 Delegate Allen**

LAND USE – RESIDENTIAL HOUSING – OVERSIGHT, REGULATION, AND TAXATION (BUILDING AFFORDABLY IN MY BACK YARD ACT)

Establishing certain policies and processes to facilitate the development of residential housing in the State; requiring an entity that owns residential real property in the State to make a certain certification to the Department of Housing and Community Development; authorizing a local jurisdiction to establish an administrative process to review, approve, modify, or deny certain housing development project applications; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HS, LU, RP, and TP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

**HB 1176 Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET – MINIMUM FUNDING HO. CO. 10–26

Prohibiting the County Executive of Howard County from submitting and the Howard County Council from approving a budget that appropriates to the Howard County Board of Education less than 58% of the general fund revenue of the county for the fiscal year or the amount that the Howard County Board requests, subject to a certain contingency; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1177 Delegate Stinnett, et al****SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – VETERAN-OWNED  
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – OUTREACH**

Requiring the State certification agency, in consultation with the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the Military Department, and the Department of Veterans and Military Families to develop an outreach program to increase the participation in the small business reserve program by veteran-owned small business enterprises.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 14-504.2 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1178 Delegates Harrison and Toles****MUNICIPALITIES – ANNEXATION – LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting a municipality from annexing land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality is located without first obtaining the consent of certain members of the General Assembly; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LG, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1179 Delegate Nkongolo, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – APPLICATION STORE  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Establishing requirements for application store providers and developers; creating requirements for age verification and parental consent; prohibiting application store providers and developers from enforcing certain contracts under certain circumstances; prohibiting application store providers and developers from misrepresenting parental consent disclosures; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-5101 through 14-5107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1180 Delegate Qi****STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE – REQUIREMENTS**

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; providing that the Board may deny, reprimand, or suspend a certain license or permit if a certain individual fraudulently misrepresents that the individual holds a certain license or permit; requiring a code official to verify a licensee's documents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 3-311 - amended and LG, § 13-908 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1181 Delegate Bagnall****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; altering the duties of the Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Hospital Overstays; and requiring the Department of Human Services and the Maryland Department of Health to jointly submit a certain report concerning children who are placed in an out-of-home placement under a voluntary placement agreement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

FL, § 5-525(b), (c), and (e) and Chs. 479 and 480 of the Acts of 2025, § 2 - amended and FL, § 5-525(m) through (p) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health

**HB 1182 Delegate McCaskill****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ELOPEMENT – LOCATIVE DEVICES**

Authorizing certain public and nonpublic schools to coordinate a student's voluntary use of a certain locative device and monitor the student's location using the locative device for certain purposes and under certain circumstances; establishing certain privacy and data protections for information obtained through a student's voluntary use of a certain locative device; and requiring the State Department of Education to issue certain advisory guidance to certain public and nonpublic schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-11A-03 - repealed and §§ 7A-11A-03 and 7A-11A-04 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1183 Delegate McCaskill****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT**

Establishing a manufacturer's limited beer, wine, and liquor permit in Baltimore County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue the permit to the holder of a certain manufacturer's license; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 13-401 - amended and § 13-403 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1184 Delegate Acevero, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – UNAUTHORIZED SUPPORT OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY (NOT ON OUR DIME ACT)**

Prohibiting certain nonprofit organizations from aiding or abetting certain activity by the government of Israel or a citizen of Israel; authorizing the Attorney General or a certain person to bring a certain action against a nonprofit organization that violates the Act; and requiring the Secretary of State to remove a nonprofit organization from the Registry of Charitable Solicitation after receiving notice from the Attorney General or a prevailing plaintiff of a decision entered against a nonprofit organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 and 3-2702 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to take certain actions before suspending or removing an employee of the Commission; providing that the Commission may take any disciplinary action not later than 30 days after the Commission acquires knowledge of the misconduct for which the disciplinary action is imposed; authorizing an employee who is suspended for disciplinary purposes to appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 18-120.1 - added and PU, § 18-121 and SP, § 4-401 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1186 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 10-6A-05 - repealed and IN, § 19-520 and TR, §§ 18.5-102, 18.5-108, and 21-202.1(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1187 Delegate Hinebaugh****WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND SERVICE RATES**

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving a rate increase for a water company or a sewage disposal company if a county or municipality has commenced or indicated an intent to commence a certain eminent domain proceeding; and requiring a fact finder to consider certain factors in an eminent domain proceeding involving a water company or a sewage disposal company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 4-203 - amended and RP, § 12-105.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1188 Delegates Boaf0 and Amprey**

EXCESS OWNERSHIP OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES EXCISE TAX (END HEDGE FUND CONTROL OF MARYLAND HOMES ACT OF 2026)

Imposing an excise tax on the acquisition and excess ownership of certain single-family residences in the State by certain entities; providing for the calculation, collection, and distribution of the excise tax; establishing the Down Payment and Settlement Expense Loan Program Fund, which may be used only to provide financing for down payment and settlement expenses to enable eligible homebuyers to purchase homes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 4-310 - added and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1189 Delegate Hinebaugh**

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUM TAX PROCEEDS TO STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

Requiring that \$5,000,000 of property and casualty insurance premium tax proceeds be distributed, beginning July 1, 2026, annually to the State Disaster Recovery Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, § 6-103.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1190 Delegate Hinebaugh**

PUBLIC UTILITIES – OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS – EXEMPTION

Exempting certain off-grid electricity providers from certain provisions of law; providing that a certain off-grid electricity provider is subject to certain laws concerning certificates of public convenience and necessity and certain other required approvals for the construction of a generating facility; providing that a person may not be considered to be an off-grid electricity provider under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to off-grid electricity providers that begin operations after October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-219.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1191 Delegate Boafo****SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS – TEMPORARY  
EVENT–BASED DEALER LIMITED LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a limited license to do business as a temporary event–based dealer in the State; authorizing a person that does not maintain a fixed business address in the State to apply for a limited license; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to issue a limited license to a person for the purpose of doing business at certain locations; establishing certain requirements to apply for and hold a limited license; and applying certain enforcement and penalty provisions to applicants, licensees, and certain other persons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

BR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1192 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 December 31, 2026, by which the Board must establish certain licensing requirements and by which interpreters must meet certain licensing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 9-2411, 9-2412, 9-2414(a), and 9-2415 and Chapters 269 and 270 of the Acts of 2023, §§ 4 and 5 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1193 Delegate Hinebaugh**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SAVAGE HIGHLANDS  
STATE PARK – HOTEL RENTAL SURCHARGE

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to assess and collect an 8% hotel rental surcharge on rental units at Savage Highlands State Park and remit the proceeds to the Comptroller for distribution to Garrett County; and requiring Garrett County to use and distribute the proceeds from the surcharge either for promotion of the county or for the general fund of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 5-1016 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1194 Delegate D. Jones**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT – EXEMPTION FROM  
EARNINGS OFFSET

Exempting a retiree of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from a certain earnings offset if the retiree is reemployed with a participating employer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 25-403 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1195 Delegate Stein**NET ENERGY METERING, SUNRISE PROGRAM, AND COMMUNITY  
SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PROGRAM (SUNRISE ACT)

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to administer, or through a local administering agency administer, certain programs and activities regarding low- and moderate-income households and the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program; altering the method by which certain rated generating capacity is counted toward the statewide net energy metering limit; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a certain statewide capacity reservation system for certain net energy metering projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 5-5A-09.1 - added and PU, §§ 7-306 and 7-306.2(a) - amended and § 7-306.2(o) and (p) - addedHU, § 5-5A-11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1196 Delegate J. Long, et al****ENVIRONMENT – MOBILE HOME PARKS – WATER QUALITY TESTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop a mobile home park water quality testing program by January 1, 2027; requiring the Department to perform water quality testing at a certain percentage of the total number of mobile home parks by certain dates; requiring the Department to provide notice of water quality testing results; requiring a mobile home park owner to take certain actions, including remediation, on a finding of a water quality issue; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 9-4B-01 through 9-4B-06 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1197 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Feldmark****TAXES – WHISTLEBLOWER REWARD PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering and expanding the type of tax enforcement actions for which a certain whistleblower may, under certain circumstances, receive a monetary award for providing certain original information to the Comptroller under the Whistleblower Reward Program; and requiring the Attorney General and State agencies to provide to the Comptroller information pertaining to a final assessment that results from a whistleblower's original information under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TG, §§ 1-401 through 1-403, 1-405(a), and 1-406 - amended and § 1-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1198 Delegate Lopez, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – COERCED DEBT – DEBTOR PROTECTIONS**

Providing that a debtor may provide certain notice to a creditor and request that the creditor cease debt collection activity relating to a coerced debt; authorizing a debtor, after providing a creditor with certain notice, to bring an action against the creditor seeking certain relief; authorizing a debtor to bring a certain action against a certain individual; and establishing a certain affirmative defense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 through 3-2707 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1199 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**

STUDY ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ECONOMY–WIDE CAP–AND–INVEST PROGRAM (MARYLAND CLIMATE CRISIS EQUITY ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in collaboration with the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Energy Administration, and in coordination with certain entities and persons, to complete a study and develop a report evaluating the potential design and implications of implementing an economy–wide cap–and–invest program that will help the State achieve certain emissions reductions and provide a sustainable funding source for certain initiatives.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1200 Delegate Wivell, et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRONIC AND VIDEO TOLLS – EXEMPTION FOR REGISTERED OWNERS UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT

Exempting the registered owner of a vehicle from being liable for payment of certain electronic or video tolls if the owner provides to the Maryland Transportation Authority or its duly authorized agent by the date stated on the notice of toll due certain information regarding the owner’s cancer treatments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1414(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1201 Delegate Wivell, et al**

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting condominiums for which the council of unit owners votes to fund repairs to the common elements through a special assessment by an affirmative vote of 80% of certain unit owners and certain homeowners associations from provisions of law pertaining to reserve studies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-109.4 and 11B-112.3 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1202 Delegate Acevero, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CONTENT STANDARDS, CURRICULUM, AND BULLYING POLICIES – CULTURE AND HISTORY OF PALESTINE**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop certain content standards regarding the culture and history of Palestine to be included in certain State standards for social studies; requiring the Department to develop certain curriculum guides and instructional resources regarding the culture and history of Palestine in alignment with certain content standards; requiring each public school to include Palestinian culture and history in the social studies curriculum beginning in the 2027–2028 school year; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 4-111.5 - added and § 7-424.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1203 Delegate Hinebaugh****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, Various Sections - amended and § 21-405.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1204 Delegate Wivell, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Education Savings Account Program in the State administered by the State Department of Education; providing that on a quarterly basis the State shall deposit into an account of an eligible student a certain percentage of the per pupil amount of State and local funds for each education program in the resident school district for which the eligible student would be included in the enrollment count; allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for deposits into an education savings account; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 9.12-101 through 9.12-106 and TG, § 10-208(dd) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1205 Delegate Wims, et al****EDUCATION – MINIMUM WAGE FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

Establishing a minimum wage rate of at least \$25 per hour to be paid by county boards of education to certain education support professionals beginning on July 1, 2028; and requiring the State Department of Education to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026, on an estimate of the total cost of implementing a \$25-per-hour minimum wage for education support professionals.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-306 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1206 Delegate Phillips****PROCUREMENT – DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) REEVALUATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the Department of Social and Economic Mobility, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, to establish the DBE Reevaluation Assistance Program to provide certain services to eligible businesses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 2.5-106(18) and (19) - amended and § 2.5-106(20) - added and SG, § 9-4103 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1207 Delegate Hinebaugh****STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND –  
ALTERATION AND MANDATORY APPROPRIATION**

Altering the purpose and authorized uses of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund; and requiring, for fiscal years 2028 and 2029, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fund to be used solely for the protection and restoration of Deep Creek Lake.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 8-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1208 Delegate Fisher****CALVERT COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS –  
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to use certain revenue from certain payment in lieu of taxes agreements to fund certain support services organizations and support services programs in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, §§ 7-101 through 7-104 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1209 Delegate Cullison, et al****CONVERSION THERAPY – PROHIBITIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION**

Clarifying that injury resulting from conversion therapy is cognizable for purposes of a health care malpractice action; establishing certain procedures in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; removing the limitation on noneconomic damages to a claimant in an action for health care malpractice resulting from conversion therapy; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, Various Sections - amended and added, CR, §§ 3-1301 through 3-1303 and IN, §§ 19-118 and 19-119 added, and IN, § 19-117 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

**HB 1210 Delegate Tomlinson, et al****CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND TRANSMISSION LINES – NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS**

Requiring a person applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of any transmission line to provide certain notices to certain landowners regarding the construction; and establishing that failure to provide a certain notice invalidates a certain hearing and, under certain circumstances, voids an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-204 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1211 Delegate Tomlinson****CONDOMINIUMS – UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION**

Providing that a certain unit owner is responsible for the full cost of repair, replacement, and, under certain circumstances, restoration of certain portions of a condominium if the cause of the damage to or destruction of the portion originates from the owner's unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 11-114(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1212 Delegate Hutchinson, et al****WORKGROUP ON SEAFOOD MARKETING**

Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Natural Resources jointly to convene a workgroup to examine challenges and opportunities in the State related to seafood marketing; and on or before December 1, 2026, requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Natural Resources jointly to report the findings of the workgroup and any recommendations of the workgroup, including recommendations for legislation, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1213 Delegate Ruth, et al**

STATE TRANSFER TAX – RATE – ALTERATIONS (HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS)

Altering the State transfer tax rate and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 13-203 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1214 Delegate Amprey**

VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – DEALER ASSOCIATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Authorizing a vehicle dealer association to request an administrative hearing on certain matters.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-201(a-1) - added and § 15-214 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1215 Delegate Stonko, et al**

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – SALE OF SHAMROCK FARMS TO CARROLL COUNTY

Prohibiting the Maryland Stadium Authority from selling, transferring, or disposing of Shamrock Farms except under certain conditions; and authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to purchase Shamrock Farms on or before July 1, 2029, and subject to certain terms, conditions, and notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 10-613(a)(7) and SF, § 10-305(b)(1) - amended and EC, § 10-615(c) and LG, § 12-404(e) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1216 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 1-203 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1217 Delegate Wivell, et al****ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ENERGY USE INTENSITY TARGETS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a covered building that received a use and occupancy permit before June 1, 2022, from compliance with certain building energy performance standards and energy use intensity targets until it becomes necessary to replace lighting systems, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, or other major components of the covered building due to failure of those components, or as a result of the end of life of those components.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 2-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1218 Delegates Wilkins and Phillips****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SEVERE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK PROPERTIES – INTERVENTION PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General to develop a plan to identify severe health and safety risk properties in the State and take related actions; and requiring the Department to submit the plan and certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before August 31, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1219 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – STUDY**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

**HB 1220 Delegate Solomon****BUSINESS REGULATION – DATA BROKER REGISTRY**

Establishing a data broker registry; requiring by January 31 each year a business entity that acted as a data broker during the previous calendar year to submit a certain form to the Comptroller and pay a fee determined by the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to make the information submitted by business entities publicly available on the Office’s website; requiring the Comptroller to report certain information to the General Assembly by December 31 annually; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1005 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1221 Delegates Foley and Hutchinson****PUBLIC SAFETY –SHORT–TERM RENTAL UNITS – FIRE SAFETY (JILLIAN AND LINDSAY WIENER SHORT–TERM RENTAL FIRE 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 in the unit; requiring a certain short–term rental host to replace a smoke alarm under certain circumstances; requiring certain booking services to notify certain short–term rental hosts about certain fire safety requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 9-1101 through 9-1105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1222 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.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, 15-417(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1223 Prince George's County Delegation**

FARMERS MARKETS – STREET FOOD VENDING ZONES – REQUIREMENTS PG 411–26

Authorizing a county to designate areas adjacent to a farmers market as a street food vending zone; and requiring vendors selling certain food in a street food vending zone to meet certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 21-330.5 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1224 Prince George's County Delegation**

PROPERTY TAXES – SPECIAL RATE FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY – CHARTER COUNTY TAX LIMITATION PG 408–26

Authorizing the governing body of a charter county to set a special property tax rate on certain vacant and abandoned property that exceeds any limit in the county charter on the property tax rate or property tax revenues; and authorizing the governing body of a charter county to distribute to the general fund of the county the property tax revenue attributable to the special rate on certain vacant and abandoned property that exceeds any limit in the county charter on the property tax rate or property tax revenues.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 6-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1225 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT – REGISTRATION FEES**

Prohibiting the per port registration fee charged for a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a motor fuel from exceeding the fee charged per meter for a retail motor fuel dispenser meter; requiring funding for the purchase of equipment necessary to inspect the weight and measure to be provided from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; and altering the uses of the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

AG, §§ 11-204 and 11-204.7 - amended and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(13) and (14) - amended and § 9-20B-05(f)(14) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1226 Delegate Bartlett****MARYLAND ILLEGAL ONLINE GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT ACT**

Prohibiting certain persons from operating, offering, conducting, engaging in, or promoting illegal online gambling in the State; prohibiting certain persons from knowingly supporting, directly or indirectly, the operation, conduct, or promotion of illegal online gambling in the State; authorizing the Attorney General and certain prosecuting attorneys to take certain actions, issue certain notices, and seek certain relief in order to enforce the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xlix) and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-16 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

**HB 1227 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION PG 323–26**

Authorizing the use of crosswalk monitoring systems in school zones in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to yield to a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a crosswalk monitoring system; and prohibiting a contractor administering a system from being compensated in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10-311 - amended and TR, § 21-502.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1228 Delegate Qi****INSURANCE – PREMIUM RECEIPTS TAX – EXEMPTION FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE PROCURED BY NONPROFIT HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**

Exempting premiums on lawfully procured captive insurance by nonprofit hospitals and health care systems located in the State from the State insurance premium receipts tax imposed on unauthorized insurers and persons insured by unauthorized insurers; and prohibiting the Maryland Insurance Administration from charging or collecting a certain tax or certain fees, penalties, or interest from certain unauthorized insurers and certain insureds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 4-209 and 4-211 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

**HB 1229 Delegate Stewart****CONSUMER PROTECTION AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES AND MINIMUM WAGE**

Establishing that every person, as a central component of an individual's right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right while engaged in employment in the State to be paid at a wage rate that is at least equal to the State minimum wage rate set by law without regard to tips that the individual receives; repealing exemptions from Maryland Wage and Hour Law; specifying the State minimum wage rate and tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 49 - added and CL and LE, Various Sections - repealed, added, and amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1230 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County 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; authorizing the Commission to name the Office; altering the purpose and duties of the Office; altering the local small business enterprise program to include local or small businesses or certain other businesses; and authorizing the Commission to accept as a registered vendor any person that is registered as a vendor with another jurisdiction or has self-certified as a vendor in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 20-201, 20-203, and 20-301 through 20-304 - amended and § 20-401 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1231 Delegate Wivell, et al****WASHINGTON COUNTY – DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS**

Altering the definition of “dually enrolled student” to include both a nonpublic secondary school student and a homeschool student in Washington County so that these students are eligible to apply for the Part–Time Grant Program and the Early College Access Grant; and altering the definition of “full–time equivalent enrollment” to include both a nonpublic secondary school student and a homeschool student in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 5-201(g), 15-127, 18-1401, and 18-14A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1232 Delegate Edelson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN RISE DISTRICT – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

Exempting an economic development project located in a certain area of downtown Baltimore City from Baltimore City property taxes if the owner of the economic development project and the Baltimore City Board of Estimates enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement and certain other requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 7-504.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1233 Washington County Delegation****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 21-301(i-1) - added and §§ 21-309(a) and 21-325 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1234 Delegate Williams****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY –  
BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITIES**

Altering the definition of “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” to include a market hall, a sports facility, a mixed–use development, a technology innovation center, and facilities related to commercial development and revitalization.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 10-601(nn) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1235 Delegate Roberts, et al****STATE PROCUREMENT – COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS AND  
PROPOSALS – IN–STATE EVALUATION PREFERENCE**

Requiring competitive sealed bids and proposals to be awarded based on certain standardized evaluation criteria; requiring the criteria to be included in an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; and requiring a responsive bid or proposal to include a certain State and local economic impact statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-103 and 13-104 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1236 Delegates Wivell and Valentine****REAL PROPERTY – PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTIONS OF  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – HISTORIC DISTRICT EXEMPTION**

Exempting from a prohibition on restrictions on use for accessory dwelling units certain property located within a district designated to be of historic significance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 2-126 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1237 Delegate Ruth, et al****PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS – SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRY ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing certain requirements for a pesticide business licensee that has a subscription contract for pest control with a residential customer; requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a Residential Pollinator Protection and Neighbor Notification Registry for the purpose of registering certain individuals who are interested in receiving notice of certain pesticide applications; requiring the Department to prepare a certain list from the Registry and distribute the list to certain licensees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

AG, § 5-208 - amended and § 5-208.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1238 Delegate Acevero, et al****TAXATION – ULTRA-HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUAL SURTAX AND WEALTH TAX**

Imposing a surtax on the Maryland taxable income of individuals with a net worth in excess of \$1,000,000,000; providing for the calculation, administration, and enforcement of the surtax; imposing a one-time wealth tax on the amount by which the net worth of a Maryland resident exceeds a certain amount; providing for the calculation, administration, collection, and enforcement of the one-time wealth tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 7-332 and TG, §§ 10-101(b-1), (i-1), (p), and (q), 10-105(e), and 10-831 - added and TG, §§ 10-101(n) and 10-102 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1239 Delegate Kaiser, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**

Establishing the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; requiring the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Center, to take certain action in response to an attack on the State’s critical infrastructure; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to allow the owner or operator of critical infrastructure to become a member of the Maryland Information Sharing and Analysis Center and provide cybersecurity reporting standards to the owner or operator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, §§ 14-1401 through 14-1404 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1240 Delegates Fair and Buckel****SPORTS WAGERING – WAGERS ON HISTORICAL HORSE RACES – AUTHORIZATION**

Altering the definition of “sporting event” for purposes of provisions of law governing sports wagering to include historical horse races; authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to accept wagers on historical horse races that are made by an individual physically present and subject to certain limitations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from sports wagering on historical horse races; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 5-1501(c)(1) and SG, §§ 9-1A-28(b)(1), 9-1E-01(i), 9-1E-09(a) and (b), and 9-1E-12 - amended and §§ 9-1E-09(f) and 9-1E-09.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1241 Delegate Acevero, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE – QUALIFIED RELATIONSHIPS**

Altering categories of individuals whose deaths would allow an employee to use leave with pay for bereavement leave under a certain provision of law to include an individual with whom the employee had a qualified relationship; and defining “qualified relationship” to include an immediate family member, a grandparent, sibling, domestic partner, step–relation, adoptive relation, foster relation, and a de facto relation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1242 Delegate Allen****TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES –  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting transportation network companies under contract with the Maryland Transit Administration that facilitate transit service to persons with disabilities through transportation network operators from certain requirements relating to a criminal history records check and a required course for employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 7-102.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1243 Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX  
EXEMPTION FOR SMALL MANUFACTURERS PG 423–26**

Exempting all personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business with 50 or fewer employees from the personal property tax in Prince George’s County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, §§ 6-104 and 7-109(a) - amended and § 7-226.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1244 Delegate Rose, et al****OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES AND EMINENT DOMAIN –  
PROPERTY VALUE – DAMAGES**

Authorizing the owner of property used for residential purposes to bring an action to recover damages incurred as a result of the value of the property being diminished from the use of eminent domain to take property and construct an overhead transmission line within 300 feet of the property owner's residence; and requiring that reasonable fees be awarded to counsel for the defendant in a condemnation proceeding and the costs be charged against the plaintiff under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 12-104(h) - added and §§ 12-105(b) and 12-107(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 1245 Delegate Edelson****BALTIMORE FIRST RESPONDERS CHILD CARE SUPPORT AND  
ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Baltimore First Responders Child Care Support and Accessibility Program within the State Department of Education's Office of Child Care to support and expand a pilot program in Baltimore City that provides monthly child care allowances to first responders to access quality child care that aligns with the demands of a career in public safety; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$600,000 to the Program in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-909 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1246 Delegate Lewis****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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 2-111, HG, § 15-160, HU, § 5-304(d), and SG, § 21-106(b)(9) - added and SG, § 21-106(b)(7) and (8) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1247 Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – ALTERATIONS PG 425–25**

Altering the definition of “extraordinary development district” for the purpose of provisions of law governing tax increment financing to include a certain immersive entertainment venue; expanding the purposes for which bond proceeds may be used by Prince George’s County or the revenue authority of Prince George’s County to include the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of an immersive entertainment venue in an extraordinary development district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EC, Various Sections - renumbered, amended, and added and LU, § 18-310 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters