



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 13, 2026**  
**Schedule 21**

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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 13, 2026**

**HB 1358** Delegate Nkongolo, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND  
LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS (LOCAL  
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS INVESTMENT ACT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allocate money from the Hospital Employees Retraining Fund to local workforce development boards under certain circumstances; altering certain workforce development programs to require inclusion of local workforce boards; requiring the Department to provide funding to a local workforce board as part of a certain quick response program; requiring local workforce boards to provide grants to employers under the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods Program; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 11-201, 11-304, 11-305(a), 11-601(d), and 11-1405(d) - amended  
Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Health

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**HB 1359 Delegates Ruth and Phillips****POLICE PURSUITS OF FLEEING SUSPECTS – STANDARDS (DIMEKA THORNTON ACT)**

Requiring each law enforcement agency in the State to submit the agency's policy regarding pursuit of fleeing suspects to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission annually on or before January 1 each year, beginning in 2027; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Attorney General and certain law enforcement agencies, to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on or before June 1, beginning in 2027; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1360 Delegate Lehman, et al****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the dates by which a regulated lobbyist must file a certain report to the State Ethics Commission; and altering the contents of the report to include a list of each matter on which the regulated lobbyist performed lobbying activity, a description of the lobbyist's position on each matter, and each bill number or a description of each legislative action on which the lobbyist performed lobbying activity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 5-705(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1361 Delegate Rosenberg****CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Establishing that a certain conspiracy involving a controlled dangerous substance crime has the same penalty as the underlying crime; providing for the venue for prosecution of a certain crime related to a controlled dangerous substance; and providing for the venue for prosecution of a certain crime committed in furtherance of a crime involving a criminal organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, §§ 5-602 and 9-807 - amended and § 5-611 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1362 Delegate Wivell, et al****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – MEETINGS  
– RECORDING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that meetings of the council of unit owners, board of directors, or governing body a condominium and of a homeowners association, including meetings of the governing body, board of directors, or committee of the homeowners association, be recorded by video with audio or audio only; and requiring that meeting recordings be kept in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 11-109(c),(d), (e), and (f) - renumbered, § 11-109(c) - added, and §§ 11-109.1(b), 11B-111, and 11B-112(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1363 Delegate Nkongolo****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS –  
REGISTRATION**

Requiring a person to register as a domestic violence offender with a certain supervising authority if the person is convicted of at least two domestically related crimes; requiring certain information to be included in a registration statement; establishing the term of registration; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to make available to the public and post to the Internet a current listing of each registrant and certain registration information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, §§ 11-7A-01 through 11-7A-08 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1364 Delegate Pena–Melnik****PUBLIC HEALTH – MAMMOGRAMS – ARTERIAL CALCIFICATION  
NOTICE**

Requiring certain centers where mammography testing is performed to include in the screening results letter that is sent to a patient, as required by federal law, a notice of the presence of arterial calcification as observed during the patient's mammogram.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 20-115 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1365 Delegate Pena–Melnyk****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS AND INSURANCE – MENOPAUSE – PROVIDER TRAINING AND COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring health occupations boards that require licensees or certificate holders to complete certain continuing education to grant a certain number of hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

HO, § 1-231 and IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1366 Delegate Nkongolo****FAMILY LAW – FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS – DURATION**

Requiring all relief granted under a final protective order to remain effective against a respondent on probation during the period of the respondent’s probation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 4-506(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1367 Delegate Cullison, et al****COMMISSION ON RE–IMAGINING HEALTH CARE IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Commission on Re–Imagining Health Care to envision and make recommendations regarding establishing a comprehensive health care system in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by December 1, 2027, and a final report of the Commission’s findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2029.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1368 Delegate Rosenberg****SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM – NOTIFICATION OF MISSED SERVICES (SHIFRA’S ACT)**

Requiring the parents of a child with a disability who has an individualized education program to receive a written notice when a certain special education or related service aid specified in the individualized education program is missed, incomplete, or interrupted as specified; requiring the notice to explain the missed, incomplete or interrupted service aid and the reason the service aid, or support was missed; requiring the notice to provide parents with information on requesting a certain meeting to discuss certain matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 8-405.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1369 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)****DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – AUDIT AND FINANCE COMPLIANCE UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to implement systems and processes to monitor certain efforts; establishing certain responsibilities of the Unit to monitor certain efforts to correct certain audit findings; authorizing the Unit to implement certain proactive steps to address and prevent audit findings for certain agencies; requiring the Unit to provide direct assistance to certain agencies with a certain number of audit findings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 3-401 through 3-407 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1370 Delegate Hornberger****TOWN OF RISING SUN – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems on State highways located in the Town of Rising Sun, if authorized by the Cecil County Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 21-707.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1371 Delegate Young, et al****MARYLAND–AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland–Africa and the Caribbean Investment and Development Program in the Department of Commerce to study and promote certain trade relations; establishing an Advisory Board to conduct certain studies and make recommendations to the Department; authorizing the Department to issue certain funds to certain businesses for certain purposes; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, §§ 5-2701 through 5-2707 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1372 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee), et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY INFORMATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CENTRALIZATION COMMISSION**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a process to receive and publish certain inspection information on the Commission’s Maryland Quality Reporting website; establishing the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide certain advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 19-109(b) - amended and HO, §§ 1-103 and 1-104 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1373 Delegate Martinez**

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – INDEPENDENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR AFTER SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL TIME CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – STUDY

Requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations on establishing an independent regulatory framework for after school and out of school time child care programs; and requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1374 Delegate Solomon**

## ALTERNATIVE FUEL, FUEL-EFFICIENT, AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES – HIGHWAY USE FEES

Repealing the annual surcharge required to register a zero-emission vehicle or plug-in electric drive vehicle; requiring the owners of certain vehicles to pay an annual highway use fee for each vehicle registered; establishing a Highway Use Fee Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; allowing the owners of certain vehicles to participate in the Program in lieu of paying the annual highway use fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 3-216(c)(2)(1) - amended, §§ 11-103.4 and 11-103.5 - renumbered, Various Sections - added, and § 13-956 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1375 Delegate Howard, et al**

## HEALTH INSURANCE – LYME DISEASE AND RELATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES – LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for the full length of long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from placing a quantitative limit on or denying coverage for benefits required under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1376 Delegate Rosenberg****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND HEALTH INSURANCE – TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, managed care organizations, and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide a prior authorization determination regarding a transfer on request of a special pediatric hospital or a referring health care provider and provide a retrospective review of a determination of medical necessity under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HG, § 15-158 and IN, § 15-861 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1377 Delegate Kaiser, et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – REDIRECTING SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Health to collaborate with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and certain repositories in the State to separate and redirect certain prescription medications to a State repository program; and requiring each repository participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any prescription medications collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred to a drop-off site.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1378 Delegate Terrasa, et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITATIONS ON ELECTION AND BALLOT ISSUE ACTIVITIES (MARYLAND CORPORATE POWER RESET ACT)**

Prohibiting certain domestic or foreign entities formed, organized, or authorized in the State from engaging in certain election activities or ballot issue activities; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to adopt regulations that provide for the determination of violations, procedures for forfeiture and reinstatement of charter privileges, disgorgement, due process, and coordination with the Office of the Attorney General; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, §§ 1-601 through 1-605, 2-101(c), 4-201.1, 4A-203.2, 5-704, 7-106, 9A-108, and 12-106 - added and §§ 8-601.1 and 10-108 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1379 Delegate R. Long****VEHICLE LAWS – VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES – SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

Reducing vehicle registration fees for certain Class A, D, and E motor vehicles owned by a resident of and registered to an address in the Sixth Legislative District until a replacement bridge for the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge opens to general vehicular traffic.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, §§ 13-912 and 13-915 through 13-917 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1380 Delegate Fair****HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTIONS FOR GENDER–AFFIRMING CARE AND HORMONE THERAPY – COVERAGE AND DISPENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a certain supply of prescription drugs used for gender–affirming care, hormone therapy, or reproductive health in certain circumstances; and altering the amount of certain prescription drugs that a pharmacist is allowed to dispense on or after January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-864 - added and HO, § 12-512 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1381 Delegate Guyton**

## VEHICLE LAWS – STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN A BIKE LANE OR BICYCLE PATH – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1003(gg) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1382 Delegate Young, et al**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – PROHIBITED CERTIFICATIONS – BOYCOTTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Prohibiting a procurement officer from requiring, as a condition to submitting a bid or proposal on a State procurement, a certain certification from a bidder or offeror or including a certain clause in a State procurement contract or contract renewal relating to boycotts of foreign countries.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-212.2 and 13-230 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1383 Delegate Guyton**

## CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – PERMANENCY PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Altering certain provisions relating to the juvenile court's determination of a permanency plan for a certain child in need of assistance or guardianship review hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-816.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1384 Delegate Kipke****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER**

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2028, the Maryland Department of Health to select and contract with a State pharmacy benefits manager; requiring that each managed care contract entered into or renewed after July 1, 2028, require the managed care organization to contract with and use the State pharmacy benefits manager; and requiring the Department to engage an independent consultant to advise it in selecting and contracting with the State pharmacy benefits manager.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 15-103(g) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1385 Delegate Hill, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – HUMAN EVALUATION**

Requiring that certain audits and compliance reviews of an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool used for utilization review include a certain evaluation by a licensed health care professional; and requiring that the review and revision of the performance, use, and outcomes of an artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tool used for utilization review include a certain human evaluation and use of the findings of the evaluation for a certain purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 15-10B-05.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1386 Delegate Tomlinson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN OR FENTANYL CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY (VICTORIA, SCOTTIE, ASHLEIGH, AND YADER’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a certain individual from distributing heroin or fentanyl or chemical analogues of heroin or fentanyl, the use of which results in the death of or serious bodily injury to another; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and, in addition to any other penalty imposed for a certain violation, on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 5-602.1 and CP, § 4-201(j) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1387 Delegate Coley, et al****MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – FUND PRODUCER  
MINIMUM COMMISSION RATE – REPEAL**

Repealing the minimum commission rate of 10% of the total premium that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is required to pay to a fund producer of a policyholder to whom a policy is issued for private passenger auto insurance.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 20-512 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1388 Delegate Jacobs, et al****OYSTERS – ROTATIONAL HARVEST – PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the rotational harvest pilot program for oysters to be implemented by the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Department to open certain areas of the Chesapeake Bay to the rotational harvest of oysters in certain manners; requiring the Department, before opening an area to oyster harvesting under the pilot program, to survey and investigate the area to collect certain baseline data and, after closing the area, to continue to monitor the area to collect certain additional data; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 4-1011 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 5-701(b) and HG, §§ 20-601 through 20-603 - amended and HG §§ 20-601 and 20-605 through 20-607 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1390 Delegate Howard, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – VETERANS’ DAY – EXCUSED STUDENT ABSENCE**

Requiring public schools to excuse any student’s absence from school for observance of Veterans’ Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1391 Delegate Howard, et al****VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – TESTING AND INSPECTION – GROUNDS FOR FAILURE**

Clarifying that a motor vehicle may be determined to have failed to pass an emissions equipment and misfueling inspection if the emissions equipment is not present or the vehicle has been misfueled; and providing that a vehicle may be determined to have failed to pass an exhaust emissions test only if the vehicle is not in compliance with an applicable emissions standard.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 23-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1392 Delegate Grammer, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – QUOTAS (COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING ACT)**

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to report the use of quotas to the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office to create and make readily available a certain form; requiring the Office to investigate certain reports within 1 year after the submission of the report; requiring the Office to order a law enforcement agency to cease and desist under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-504(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1393 Delegate Nkongolo****MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – TELEPHONE QUEUING SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a virtual queuing system for telephone callers waiting to speak to a live representative at the Administration; and requiring the virtual queuing system to allow a telephone caller to request a return call instead of remaining on hold while retaining the telephone caller's original position in the telephone queue.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1394 Delegate McComas, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – RESTITUTION TO CHILD (BENTLEY'S LAW)**

Requiring a person to pay certain restitution to a child if the person violated the prohibition against operating a motor vehicle or vessel while impaired or under the influence resulting in the death of the child's parent or guardian; and establishing requirements and procedures for the determination and payment of restitution under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-606.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-15A-01 through 14-15A-05 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1396 Delegate Miller, et al**

## COMMISSION ON BLUEPRINT FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission on Blueprint Fiscal Sustainability and Student Achievement to study and make recommendations on the successful and sustainable implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and requiring the Commission to provide an interim report on or before December 31, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1397 Delegate Toles, et al**

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – GROSS AREA BASELINE CALCULATION – AQUATIC FACILITIES

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction, when calculating a school's Gross Area Baseline, to allocate square footage to accommodate certain aquatic facilities; requiring each local school system to develop a certain facilities plan before the start of a certain school year; and requiring the Interagency Commission to collaborate with each school system on developing a certain facilities plan.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-331 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1398 Delegate Nawrocki, et al**

## STATE TRANSFER TAX – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Suspending the imposition of the State transfer tax from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 13-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1399 Delegate Hill****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES –  
USE OF ALGORITHMIC SYSTEMS**

Establishing requirements for consumer reporting agencies that use algorithmic systems to assemble or evaluate consumer credit information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties; and requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of the Maryland Department of Labor to establish certain assessment thresholds for algorithms, mandate regular training for human reviewers, and implement a certain whistleblower protection program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 14-1228 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

Authorizing the suspension or revocation of a shellfish aquaculture harvester permit or shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card for certain violations; and prohibiting a person whose registration or permit card has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the Act from engaging or working in any aquaculture activity during the suspension or revocation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 4-1212 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1401 Delegate McComas, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – ABORTION – INFORMED CONSENT**

Requiring qualified providers to inform patients of certain information and obtain signed, written informed consent before performing a procedure to terminate a pregnancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 20-201 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1402 Delegate Stinnett, et al****MEDICAL EXAMINER – RELEASE OF BODY – REQUIREMENTS FOR MUSLIMS**

Requiring a medical examiner in receipt of notice that a deceased individual was Muslim to release the body of the deceased within 48 hours after the completion of the autopsy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 5-312 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1403 Delegates McComas and Hornberger****ELECTION LAW – INITIATIVE PROCESS**

Authorizing the people to petition to a vote a proposal to add to, amend, and repeal the public general laws or the Maryland Constitution under certain circumstances and establishing the Initiative process; and requiring that the amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election in November 2026 for adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. XVI-A, §§ 1 through 4 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1404 Delegate Reilly, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION**

Stating the authority to construct, permit, and operate in the State an energy generating system that produces energy from natural gas; authorizing investor-owned electric companies and electricity suppliers in the State to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, their own generating facilities and construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities; authorizing certain investor-owned electric companies to recover certain investments and costs in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-510(a) thru (i) - renumbered, §§ 7-219.1 & 7-510(a) - added, and § 7-510(b)(1), (c)(2), & (d)(2)(ii)1., (6), & (9)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1405 Delegate Healey, et al****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITIES – CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE**

Prohibiting a candidate for certain State offices and a person acting on behalf of a candidate for certain State offices from participating in certain campaign finance activities during a regular session of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EL, § 13-235 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1406 Delegate Smith, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SELF-DEFENSE – PRIOR ACTS BY VICTIM**

Authorizing a person charged with murder or manslaughter in any degree or a crime under Title 3, Subtitle 2 of the Criminal Law Article to assert the defense that the person acted in self-defense and need not prove that the person believed danger was imminent or immediate if the victim had previously committed a certain act against the person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 1-403 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1407 Delegate Rosenberg****ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – NOTICE OF TIMELY RECEIPT**

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to provide certain additional notice to voters using certain methods if there is an occurrence of federal judicial action regarding the timely receipt of absentee ballots with federal contests that preempts certain State law and regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1408 Delegate Guyton****MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS – IMPOUNDMENT**

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to impound a motor vehicle for which three or more citations from an automated traffic enforcement system have been issued if the citations are unpaid and overdue by at least 30 days.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

TR, § 25-103 - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1409 Delegate Ross, et al****GAMING – PROBLEM GAMBLING – PREVALENCE STUDY AND FUND REVENUE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling, with an initial study to be completed on or before July 1, 2031; requiring the Secretary of Health, on or before November 1 each year, beginning in 2027, to submit a report to the General Assembly on how the funds in the Problem Gambling Fund have been expended on treatment and prevention programs; and altering the distribution of certain fantasy competition and sports wagering proceeds.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

HG, § 19-804 and SG, §§ 9-1D-04 and 9-1E-12(b) - amended and SG, § 9-1A-33(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1410 Delegate Simmons****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PAID ORGAN DONATION LEAVE**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for qualified employers who provide certain paid organ donation leave to eligible employees; allowing a qualified employer to carry over any excess credit to certain taxable years; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1411 Delegate Ruth****DATA CENTER PLANNING AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

Requiring an owner or operator of a large-scale data center to submit a disclosure report to certain State and local agencies and elected officials under certain circumstances; specifying the contents of the disclosure report; requiring the Department of the Environment to publish the disclosure report on its website within 30 days of receiving the report; requiring, by June 30, 2027, each local jurisdiction with a population of at least 10,000 residents to adopt by local law a large-scale data center plan; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EN, LU, and SF, Various Sections - added and LU and TG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1412 Delegate Hornberger****NATURAL RESOURCES – CRABS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting certain persons who are licensed to catch crabs from selling cooked hard or soft crabs or crab meat harvested by the license holder; prohibiting seafood dealers and mobile seafood vendors from purchasing cooked hard or soft crabs or crab meat from certain persons who are licensed to catch crabs; requiring a mobile seafood vendor to obtain a seafood dealer license; and requiring seafood dealers and mobile seafood vendors to comply with applicable Maryland Department of Health requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

NR, § 4-807 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1413 Delegate Hornberger****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETROCESSION – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Planning, in consultation with certain agencies and stakeholders, to study the feasibility and economic impacts of the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, excluding the federal enclave of the National Capital Service Area; and requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1414 Delegate Martinez, et al****NURSING HOMES – DIRECT CARE WAGES AND BENEFITS AND COST REPORTS**

Requiring a nursing home to expend at least 75% of its total nursing and residential care revenue for direct care wages and benefits; and requiring nursing homes by September 1 each year, beginning in 2027, to submit a cost report with documentation of wage disbursement and other appropriate information to the Maryland Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 16-209 and 16-210 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1415 Delegate Moreno****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – IDENTIFICATION**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a certain model policy requiring the use of worn identification by a law enforcement officer in the course of duty; requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy developed by the Commission; requiring a certain law enforcement officer to wear identification while in the performance of duty in the State, with a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 3-207(p) and 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1416 Delegates J. Long and Woods****STATE PROCUREMENT AND RECIPIENTS OF STATE FUNDING – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

Requiring a unit of State government to set an expected degree of minority business participation specifically for certain provisions related to the procurement of electric vehicle charging equipment and installation in certain contracts under certain circumstances; requiring that recipients of \$100,000 or more of State funding for the purchase and installation of electrical vehicle charging equipment comply with the State's minority business participation program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 14-302(a)(18) - added and TR, § 2-115 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1417 Delegate Arikan, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT REQUIREMENT – REPEAL  
(MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT)**

Repealing the requirement that a person have a certain permit before the person carries, wears, or transports a handgun; repealing certain criminal prohibitions against a person who is at least 21 years old wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun; and establishing that a person may not wear, carry, or transport a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both on conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, CR, and NR, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1418 Delegate Arikan, et al****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS  
CHARGED WITH CRIMES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting public and nonpublic schools from hiring or retaining a certain employee who the school knows has been charged with a certain crime; requiring a nonpublic school or local school system contract to provide that a contractor or subcontractor may not knowingly assign an employee to work on school premises with certain access to children if the employee has been charged with a certain crime; and prohibiting a nonpublic school or local school system from rehiring an employee for 5 years if the employee fails to provide certain notice.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 2-206.1 and 6-113 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1419 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – CENTRALIZED BACKGROUND CHECK DIVISION**

Establishing the Centralized Background Check Division in the Department of State Police; requiring the Division to require each unit of State and local government to take certain actions; requiring the Division to provide or coordinate certain support services to units of State and local government; providing for the process and confidentiality of a position-related background investigation; requiring a certain unit of government to include a certain condition of funding for a regulated position funded by the unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 2-901 through 2-906 and SF, § 16-203(e) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Judiciary

**HB 1420 Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Establishing and altering requirements related to criminal history records checks for certain licenses and certificates issued by certain health occupations boards, including the State Board of Acupuncture, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, and the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HO, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Judiciary

**HB 1421 Delegate McComas, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST INJURIES AND FATALITIES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Pedestrian and Bicyclist Injuries and Fatalities to study and make recommendations on pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities, actions pedestrians and bicyclists can take to reduce their own negligence, and priorities and needs for making roadways safe for pedestrians and bicyclists; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1422 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)****STATE PERSONNEL – STATE FISCAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY**

Requiring the appointing authorities for certain units in the Executive Branch of State government to select a chief financial officer who meets certain requirements; requiring certain chief financial officers to be a certified public accountant or possess a master's degree in business, finance, or a related field and have certain management experience; requiring certain chief financial officers to provide the General Accounting Division of the Office of the Comptroller with certain information and a certain letter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 2-206 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1423 Delegate Wims****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WORKGROUP ON HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a Workgroup on Home– and Community–Based Services; and requiring the Department to submit a report of the Workgroup's findings and recommendations by October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1424 Delegate Behler****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – COMMUNITY SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTROL**

Authorizing a homeowners association in Anne Arundel County to manage, operate, and maintain a shared facility or community sewerage system as a controlling authority if certain conditions are met; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service to take charge of and operate the shared facility or community sewerage system under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, § 9-1110 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1425 Delegate Clippinger****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – REVISIONS**

Repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; and altering the deadline by which a license holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 12-2003(a), 12-2004(a), and 12-2103 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1426 Delegate Solomon****CLINICAL RESEARCH PHARMACIES AND CLINICAL TRIALS – PERMITS, OWNERSHIP, AND DEFINITION OF PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

Establishing a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to issue a clinical research pharmacy permit; authorizing a health care provider to hold an ownership interest in a clinical research pharmacy under certain circumstances; exempting the conduct of an investigational or experimental treatment or clinical trial by a corporation or other legal entity from the definition of "practice medicine"; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 12-101(d-1), 12-102(c)(2)(v) and (vi), and 14-101(o) - amended and §§ 12-101(d-1) and (d-2), 12-102(c)(2)(vii), and 12-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1427 Delegate Ruth****PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – RENTERS’ TAX CREDIT, HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT, AND HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ALTERING ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNT**

Altering eligibility for the renters’ tax credit; altering the calculation of and the maximum amount of the renters’ tax credit for certain taxable years; altering the eligibility for and the calculation of the homeowners’ tax credit for certain taxable years; making homeowners with a federal adjusted gross income greater than \$300,000 ineligible for the homestead property tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2027

TP, §§ 9-102(a)(9), (h), and (i) and 9-104(g) and (j) - amended and § 9-105(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1428 Delegate Anderson****SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ALTERATIONS**

Adding two student members to the Somerset County Board of Education; altering who appoints an individual to fill a vacancy on the board to be the County Commissioners of Somerset County instead of the Governor; increasing the annual compensation for the chair and regular members of the board to be \$6,000 and \$5,000, respectively; and altering the actions the board may take during an executive session.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, §§ 3-1201, 3-1203, and 3-1204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1429 Delegate Hornberger, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – MOTOR VEHICLES AND FARM EQUIPMENT**

Requiring a manufacturer of certain motor vehicles to provide certain information and tools related to the diagnosis, service, and repair of motor vehicles to certain owners and independent repair facilities under certain circumstances; requiring an original farm equipment manufacturer to make available certain documentation, updates, or information to an independent repair provider or owner of farm equipment to allow for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the farm equipment; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) and (xlviii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and (l), 14-5101 through 14-5109, and 14-5202 through 14-5205 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1430 Delegate Chang****MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SCHOOL FACILITIES – FUNDING**

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to distribute funds to public charter schools for the maintenance and operation of public charter school facilities; and beginning in fiscal year 2028, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the maintenance and operation of public charter school facilities that is equal to the total aggregate student enrollment in the Maryland Public Charter School Program for the prior fiscal year multiplied by \$1,600.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9-109(c) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1431 Delegate Buckel****SPORTS WAGERING – LICENSES – APPLICATION PERIOD**

Requiring the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, subject to specified limitations, to accept and consider applications for sports wagering facility licenses and mobile sports wagering licenses submitted before January 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-1E-15(h)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1432 Delegate Conaway****MOTOR VEHICLES – VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS HISTORIC VEHICLES – EMISSIONS INSPECTION AND INSURANCE**

Authorizing motor vehicles that are registered in the State and were previously registered as Class L (historic) vehicles to be insured by certain specialty insurance policies; exempting motor vehicles that are registered in the State and were previously registered as Class L vehicles from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; and establishing a certain recurring fee on motor vehicles registered in the State that were previously registered as Class L vehicles and that are exempt from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 13-936.3, 23-205.1, and 23-206.3 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1433 Delegate McCaskill****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – DEFINITION OF SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEE**

Defining, for purposes of collective bargaining in community colleges, the term “supervisory employee” to mean an employee who is authorized to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline employees, direct employees for 50% of the employee’s working hours, and address employee complaints; and excluding from the definition a department head or an employee in a comparable position or any faculty member below the level of assistant dean.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 16-701(q) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1434 Delegate McCaskill****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CAREGIVER RESOURCE WEBPAGE – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 20-2501 through 20-2503 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1435 Delegate Spiegel, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – HORMONE–RELATED CARE**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for hormone–related care, including hormone therapy treatment for perimenopausal and menopausal symptoms; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions related to coverage for hormone–related care; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to report to the Maryland Insurance Administration certain data related to hormone–related care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1436 Delegate Buckel****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – FEDERAL– AND STATE–ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS – GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to investigate certain grievances and mediate certain resolutions between the clients and providers of certain federal– and State–assisted housing programs; establishing procedures for the filing, review, and investigation of certain grievances; requiring the Office to inform a grievant of certain legal services and provide assistance to certain legal service providers in relationship to a grievance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, §§ 5.5-101 through 5.5-105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1437 Delegate Howard, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG–TERM CARE PREMIUMS**

Altering a limitation on claiming the income tax credit for eligible long–term care insurance premiums for more than 1 year with respect to the same insured individual; altering the amount of the credit from a one–time \$500 credit to a maximum of \$250 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2026; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1438 Delegate Woorman, et al**

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Education to review graduation requirements for public high school students every 5 years; and requiring implementation of updated graduation requirements for the cohort entering high school in the school year following State Board approval.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-205.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1439 Delegate Reilly, et al**

## REAL PROPERTY – PARTITION OF PROPERTY – LIENS AND PURCHASE PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

Requiring a party to a partition action to timely notify the court of the type and amount of each outstanding lien on the property if the plaintiff does not procure a title report; altering the calculation of the purchase price for the interest of a cotenant by subtracting the amount of outstanding liens owed on the property from the value of the entire parcel; requiring the court to adjust the purchase price for the interest of a cotenant based on certain costs and income from the property; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 14-703 and 14-708(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1440 Delegate Woorman, et al**

## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE AND UTILIZATION REVIEW – DRUGS REVIEWED BY THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD

Prohibiting a managed care organization and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a prior authorization or step therapy or fail–first protocol under certain circumstances for prescription drugs that have been reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 15-102.3(p) and 15-103(b)(34) and (35) and IN, § 15-142(f) - added and IN, §§ 15-142(f), 15-831, and 15-854 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1441 Delegate Embry****CRIMINAL LAW – PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND OPEN CONTAINER – PREPAYMENT OF CITATION**

Requiring a citation issued for violations relating to public consumption of alcohol and possession of an open container to contain notice that fines for the violation may be prepaid; establishing a maximum fine for public consumption and open container violations and authorizing the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a schedule for prepayment of the fines; establishing that prepayment of a fine is a plea of guilty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 10-119 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1442 Delegate J. Long, et al****COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PILOT PROGRAM – DEFINITION, APPLICATION, AND WORKGROUP – MODIFICATIONS**

Modifying the definition of “community choice aggregator” for the Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program to include residential electric customers served by certain electric cooperatives; expanding the application of the Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program to apply to all counties and Baltimore City instead of applying to Montgomery County only; and modifying the membership of the Community Choice Energy Workgroup.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 1-101(f) and 7-510.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1443 Delegate Arentz****RETAIL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing certain provisions related to energy salespersons and the marketing and pricing of green power; altering the process of renewing certain electricity supplier and gas supplier licenses; requiring the Public Service Commission to provide a certain licensee with due process before taking certain actions regarding the license; requiring electric and gas suppliers to submit a list of energy vendors to the Commission under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed and Ch 537 of the Acts of 2024, § 4 - amended and § 5 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1444 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ON–SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REGULATIONS – EXEMPTIONS**

Authorizing the Washington County Health Department to exempt the owner of a certain residential property from compliance with all or part of a certain on–site sewage disposal system regulation if compliance with the regulation would be unduly burdensome; and establishing requirements for the consideration and issuance of exemptions under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EN, § 9-1115 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1445 Delegate Wolek, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS (THE MARYLAND PROTECTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 7-309(b) - amended and § 15-103.9 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1446 Delegate Toles****COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS – SCHOOL VEHICLES – KNOWLEDGE TEST**

Authorizing certain school vehicle driver trainers to administer the commercial driver’s instructional permit knowledge test to applicants for a commercial driver’s license – school bus endorsement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 16-816.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1447 Delegate Fair****MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IMPROPER REGISTRATION – INVESTIGATION AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement a certain system for collecting certain information and determining certain addresses; authorizing the Administration to conduct certain investigations and assess certain penalties; requiring the Administration to provide certain notice; requiring certain penalties to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund; authorizing the Administration to enter into contracts with private parties to procure certain services of independent agents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 17-112 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1448 Delegate Tomlinson****MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES AND VOTING PROCEDURES AND LOCATIONS**

Requiring a municipality to submit to the State Board of Elections the qualifications to be a candidate for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the list of qualified candidates for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, and certain information on voting procedures and locations in a municipal election on or before certain dates; and requiring the State Board to post the information submitted by a municipality regarding a municipal election on the State Board's website immediately on receipt.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

LG, § 4-108.5 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1449 Delegate Nawrocki, et al****MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General; establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General Advisory Board to appoint and provide oversight for the Inspector General of the State; providing for the qualifications, salary, and term of office of the Inspector General; providing for the employment of certain staff by the Inspector General; establishing provisions related to the powers and duties of the Inspector General, the Chief Deputy Inspector General, and the Office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 7.5-101 through 7.5-112 - added and SP, §§ 5-305, 5-306, and 5-313 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1450 Delegate S. Johnson****HEALTH INSURANCE – COORDINATION OF BENEFITS – CARRIER RESPONSIBILITIES AND RETROACTIVE DENIALS OF REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring, under certain circumstances, an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, a health maintenance organization, a dental plan organization, a managed care organization, or any other entity providing health benefit plans in the State to identify primary and secondary payors, the amounts payable by those payors, and to coordinate benefits with those identified payors; and altering the time period in which a carrier may retroactively deny reimbursement subject to coordination of benefits with another carrier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 15-1005.1 - added and § 15-1008 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1451 Delegate McComas, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE DATA – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a standard system to collect and compile annual data on the costs of prenatal care, birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, abortion services, and menopausal care in the State; establishing limitations on the data and information that may be collected or reported under the Act; and requiring the Department to annually submit a report, beginning December 1, 2026, to the General Assembly and make the report publicly available on its website.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-220 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1452 Delegate Toles****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY  
SUITLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1214 and SF, §§ 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. and 11-203(1) - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1453 Delegate Miller****GAMING – EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT, PENALTIES, PLAYER PROTECTIONS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations governing the extension of credit to a player by a video lottery operation licensee; requiring the Commission to establish a certain list of players for whom the video lottery operation licensee has approved an extension of credit or authorized certain privileges; altering the maximum amount of certain penalties that the Commission is authorized to impose for certain violations of law governing video lottery facilities and sports wagering; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, §§ 9-1A-24(h) and 9-1E-09(f) - added and §§ 9-1A-25, 9-1D-04, 9-1E-08, 9-1E-11(b), and 9-1E-12(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1454 Delegate Queen****CAMPAIGN FINANCE – SECURITY EXPENDITURES – AUTHORIZATION**

Requiring a treasurer of a campaign finance entity to keep certain records relating to a security expenditure; authorizing a campaign finance entity to make certain security expenditures; requiring certain individuals to return certain security-related items to the campaign finance entity that purchased the items or to reimburse the campaign finance entity for the items; and requiring campaign finance reports to include certain information regarding a threat that necessitated a security expenditure.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, §§ 1-101(aa), 13-221(a)(2), and 13-304(b) - amended and § 13-251 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1455 Delegate Young, et al**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DIVESTMENT FROM ISRAEL

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to review certain investment holdings; requiring the Board of Trustees to take certain divestment actions with regard to certain Israeli investments; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from making certain new investments; providing certain immunities from liability for certain persons; requiring the Board of Trustees to act in good faith in taking certain actions in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 21-123.4 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1456 Delegate Embry, et al**

## CONSUMER PROTECTION – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT – OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION

Prohibiting a commercial entity from publishing or advertising information on certain residential property unless the commercial entity verifies that the person offering the property is the property's legal owner or the agent of the legal owner; requiring the commercial entity to maintain the verification for at least 3 years; requiring a commercial entity that publishes or advertises certain residential property information in violation of the Act to remove the publication or advertisement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-1330 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1457 Washington County Delegation**

## WASHINGTON COUNTY – JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Fourth Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-8C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1458 Delegate Shetty, et al****STATE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLEES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Refugees and Asylees; providing the purpose of the Program is to expand food access to certain households; requiring the Department of Human Services to administer the Program; establishing that certain individuals under the Program receive a certain supplemental benefit; and requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 5-507 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1459 Delegate Jacobs, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATIONARY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Requiring an owner or operator of a stationary energy storage system to pay for certain fire response training and equipment for certain local fire departments with certain fire suppression responsibilities; and requiring the State Fire Marshal to administer and enforce the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 12-707 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1460 Delegate Taveras, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – INVESTOR-OWNED SINGLE-FAMILY RENTAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a landlord of an investor-owned single-family rental property from charging a tenant more than a certain amount in rent, utilities, and additional mandatory fees; requiring a landlord to disclose the fair market rent, last sale price of a home, and the maximum allowable rent to a tenant or prospective tenant; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development or the Office of the Attorney General to impose certain penalties under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

RP, §§ 8-1101 through 8-1104 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1461 Delegate Taveras, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SPECIALTY DRUGS – RHEUMATOLOGIC CONDITIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are prohibited from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs for the treatment of rheumatologic conditions.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-847.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1462 Delegate Kerr****DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Renaming the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to the Office of Small, Minority, Disability, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Special Secretary of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to be the Special Secretary of Small, Minority, Disability, and Women Business Affairs; expanding the duties of the Special Secretary to include matters concerning individuals with disabilities; altering the purpose of the Department of Social and Economic Mobility Special Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 14-106 and 14-108 and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1463 Delegate Howard, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – CONSTITUENT SERVICES LIAISON – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire a constituent services liaison before the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year; requiring the president of the county board, in consultation with counsel for the county board, to negotiate the terms of the employment agreement for the constituent services liaison; providing that the constituent services liaison is subject to removal by the president of the county board under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 3-2A-09 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1464 Delegate Guzzone****HEALTH INSURANCE – THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS – VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring third-party administrators of plans that provide health benefits to develop a process through which a health care provider can request information to determine the eligibility of an enrollee and the administrator can respond to a request in a timely manner; and prohibiting certain carriers from retroactively denying reimbursement to a provider who used a certain process to confirm an enrollee was eligible for certain services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 8-310.1 - added and § 15-1008 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1465 Delegate Terrasa, et al****ENVIRONMENT – STREAM AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION PROJECTS – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to prioritize certain practices when carrying out certain duties related to stormwater management; establishing certain restrictions on the use of a stream or floodplain restoration project to satisfy certain compensatory mitigation, permit, or total maximum daily load requirements; establishing requirements for stormwater management plans that include certain stream-related projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 4-203, 4-204, and 18-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1466 Delegate Wims****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – QUALIFIED PROPERTIES**

Expanding the definition of a qualified property for purposes of the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 4-2801(h) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1467 Delegate Arikan, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS**

Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for certain repeat sex offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1468 Delegate Ruff, et al****HOSPITALS – PATIENTS IN ACTIVE LABOR – SAFE DISCHARGE LABOR PLANS**

Requiring a hospital to prepare a safe discharge labor plan before discharging or transferring a patient in active labor, subject to a certain exception; requiring a hospital to maintain records of safe discharge labor plans for at least 21 years; requiring a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the rights of a patient in active labor; and requiring a hospital to provide certain annual training to certain staff members.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HG, § 19-342.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1469 Delegate Cullison****HEALTH INSURANCE – WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE DEFINITION OF SPECIALTY DRUG**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to convene a workgroup to study a certain definition of specialty drug in a certain manner and make a recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2027, for a new definition of specialty drug.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1470 Delegate Cullison**

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DRUG DISPENSING – COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY AND FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DISPENSING FEE

Requiring, beginning in 2026, the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at least every 3 years; and requiring, within 6 months after the completion of the survey, the Department to adopt regulations establishing a fee-for-service professional dispensing fee based on the results of the survey.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-107.1 and 15-118.2 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1471 Delegate Embry**

CONSUMER PROTECTION – IDENTITY THEFT DEBT

Authorizing a consumer to send certain notice relating to alleged identity theft debt to a creditor; requiring a creditor to conduct a certain investigation following receipt of notice and to provide certain notice or take certain actions under certain circumstances; authorizing a consumer to file a civil action under certain circumstances and authorizing a consumer to demand a jury trial; prohibiting collection of certain debt under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, §§ 14-2A-01 through 14-2A-09 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1472 Delegate Qi, et al**

BETTER SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT OF 2026

Exempting from certain requirements relating to the offering of health benefit plans to small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization located in the State; and requiring professional employer organizations that enter into agreements with small employers to provide health benefit plans to disclose certain information in writing.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, §§ 15-1201(i)(2), 15-1202(b), 15-1204.1, and 31-101(aa) - amended and §§ 15-1201(r-1) and 15-1206(i) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1473 The Speaker****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND’S FUTURE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland’s Future Board under the Department of Commerce to develop, evaluate, and revise a visionary plan for the future of Maryland by a certain date and make recommendations for projects based on the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly; establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, SF, and Chapter 717 of the Acts of 2024, as amended, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1474 Delegate Ebersole****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – TRANSFERS AND CONVERSIONS**

Repealing certain prohibitions on a transfer to different premises or a conversion to a different class of license that apply to certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued, reissued, or transferred by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 13-1604(f) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1475 The Speaker****CONSUMER PROTECTION – DYNAMIC PRICING DISCLOSURE AND PROHIBITION ON RENT-SETTING**

Prohibiting a merchant from setting the price of consumer goods or services using personalized algorithmic pricing and issuing a certain communication in a certain manner unless the merchant includes a certain disclosure; prohibiting a person from knowingly or recklessly operating or licensing in a certain manner to perform a coordinating function to facilitate a certain agreement; prohibiting residential rental property owners or managers from knowingly or recklessly setting or adjusting rental terms in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 13-321 -added and RP, § 8-122 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1476 The Speaker****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – NET ENERGY METERING – SUCCESSOR PROGRAM**

Altering the conditions under which a certain standard contract or tariff for net energy metering will no longer be available; requiring the Public Service Commission to develop and implement a successor program to the existing net energy metering program; establishing the conditions under which the successor program will no longer be available; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain proceeding on the development and implementation of a certain successor program; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT**

PU, § 7-306(d) - amended and § 7-306.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1477 Delegate Odom, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – IBOGAINE CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS ACT)**

Establishing the Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program to provide grants to certain research institutions to conduct certain clinical drug development trials on the use of ibogaine; and including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5901 and 13-5902 - added and SF, § 7-331(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1478 Delegate Reilly, et al****STATE PROCUREMENT – PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS – ALTERATION**

Requiring a contractor to pay a subcontractor or supplier at least 95% of an undisputed amount to which the subcontractor or supplier is entitled within 10 days of receiving payment from the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 15-226(c) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1479 Delegate Boafu, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MINIMUM WAGE – INCREASE  
(MARYLAND RAISE THE WAGE ACT)**

Increasing the State minimum wage rate to \$18 for calendar year 2028 for large employers and for calendar year 2029 for small employers; and increasing, beginning January 1, 2029, and January 1, 2030, for large employers and small employers, respectively, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on annual growth in a certain consumer price index, as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1480 Delegate Clippinger****LABOR LAW – CHILD LABOR PENALTIES, PRIVATE SECTOR  
EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS, AND STATE EMPLOYEE LABOR  
STANDARDS**

Establishing certain civil penalties for violations of law involving the employment of minors; prohibiting employers from allowing the formation of a certain organization or entity under certain circumstances; authorizing certain private employees to petition the Public Employee Relations Board to resolve certain matters under certain circumstances; prohibiting Executive Branch units from applying for a waiver of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SG, § 22-101 and SP, § 2-201 - amended and LE, §§ 3-217 and 4-406 and SG, §§ 22-2A-01 through 22-2A-04 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1481 Delegate Reilly, et al****TISSUE BANKS AND HOSPITALS – AUTOLOGOUS AND DIRECTED BLOOD DONATIONS**

Prohibiting tissue banks and hospitals from denying a patient a physician-ordered autologous or directed blood donation under certain circumstances; authorizing a patient or an individual authorized to make medical decisions on a patient's behalf to request an autologous or directed blood donation; and authorizing tissue banks and hospitals to decline a request for a physician-ordered autologous or directed blood donation only under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 17-301 - amended and §§ 17-315, 19-301(d-1) and (d-2), and 19-310(c) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1482 Delegate Arentz, et al****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – REVISIONS**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and altering the amount of the property tax credit.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-265 - renumbered and § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 17-101(l) and 17-301 - amended and §§ 17-101(cc) and 17-304.2 - repealed

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1484 Delegate Arentz, et al****CHILD SEX OFFENDERS – PLEA AGREEMENTS AND PLACES FOR CHILDREN**

Providing that a State’s Attorney may not enter into a certain plea agreement in a prosecution for certain human trafficking offenses if the victim is a minor; and prohibiting a person convicted of a certain offense against a minor from knowingly operating or entering a certain place for children.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-1104 and CP, § 11-722.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1485 Chair, Health Committee****PUBLIC HEALTH – CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM – RESOURCES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING (TIARRA’S LAW)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain pamphlet relating to State and national crisis support resources; requiring certain health care providers and representatives of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to give the pamphlet to an individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to conduct a review of certain trauma-informed care training.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 10-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1486 Delegate Arentz, et al****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE – MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS**

Requiring that the average weekly wages from employments of a covered employee who, at the time of an accidental personal injury or last injurious exposure to an occupational disease, was concurrently employed by more than one employer be combined for purposes of computing the average weekly wages under certain circumstances; and requiring that the Subsequent Injury Fund reimburse an employer for certain compensation paid by the employer to an employee for permanent partial and total disability under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 9-602(a-1) - added, §§ 9-602(c), 9-630(b), and 9-637(c) - amended, and § 9-602(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1487 Delegate Wells****PUBLIC HEALTH – BALTIMORE CITY MOBILE INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring the Secretary to consult with the Baltimore City Health Department in the development and implementation of the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5901 through 13-5905 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1488 Delegate D. Jones, et al****CONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE – MODERNIZATION**

Altering terminology in the Maryland Constitution to be gender-neutral.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1489 Delegate Simmons****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – ELIGIBILITY (VINCENT ANTHONY FISHER III ACT)**

Altering the eligibility criteria for the filing of a certain motion to reduce the duration of a sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 8-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1490 Delegate Shetty, et al**

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – GOOD CAUSE AND ADEQUATE REASON EXCEPTIONS

Prohibiting the Department of Human Services from denying an application or reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance from an individual if the individual has good cause or an adequate reason for noncooperation with child support under certain criteria; requiring the Secretary of Human Services to establish certain good cause criteria; and requiring the Child Support Enforcement Agency to determine that there is adequate reason for noncooperation with child support using certain criteria.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 5-308(d) through (g) - added and §§ 5-308(d) and 5-312(e) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1491 Delegate Odom, et al**

EDUCATION – INTERJURISDICTIONAL SAFE PATHWAYS COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Interjurisdictional Safe Pathways Commission to identify, coordinate, and secure funding for safe pathways for students traveling to and from school; and requiring the Commission to report by December 1 annually to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly an assessment of funding opportunities, recommendations for infrastructure improvements, and progress in implementing interjurisdictional coordination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 7-811 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1492 Delegate Ebersole, et al****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – PUBLIC EMPLOYEES – REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION AND SCHOOL AND LIBRARY EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO STRIKE**

Establishing that certain certificated and noncertificated public school employees, library system employees, and employer organizations have the right to engage in a strike; repealing the authority of the Public Employee Relations Board to deny or revoke an employee organization’s certification as exclusive representative of public employees in State and local government under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, Various Sections - added and amended and SG, §§ 22-103, 22-205, 22-206(b), and 22-406 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1493 Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT**

Requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide at least 10 years’ notice and hold a certain public hearing before taking any action that results in a certain displacement of a company that has been providing student bus transportation services in Charles County; and requiring the Board of Education to provide written notice by registered mail at least 2 years before the displacement of a company that has been providing student bus transportation services.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-811 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1494 Delegate J. Long**

ELECTRICITY AND RETAIL GAS SUPPLY – CUSTOMER CHOICE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND GREEN POWER (RETAIL ENERGY MODERNIZATION AND CONSUMER CHOICE ACT)

Authorizing the offer and use of certain time-of-use rates and products relating to residential electricity supply and residential retail gas supply, including offering the rates for a term greater than a certain number of months; authorizing the sale and purchase of accounts receivable for certain products; authorizing certain energy resource aggregators to act without the direction of an electric company; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1495 Delegate Adams, et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION PLATES

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a single registration plate to all classes of vehicles; and prohibiting persons who are issued a Class L (historic) registration plate from violating the terms of issuance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 13-410 and 13-411 - amended and § 13-703(i) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1496 Delegate Adams, et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL

Altering the definition of “vulnerable individual” to exclude an individual who is riding a motorcycle for purposes of the prohibition on causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as a result of operating a motor vehicle in violation of certain rules of the road.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 21-903.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1497 Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – RENT STABILIZATION – SENIORS**

Requiring Charles County to establish a rent increase limit for units occupied by seniors that is no greater than the Consumer Price Index; and defining “senior” as an individual who is at least the age required to receive full Social Security retirement benefits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 8-209.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1498 Wicomico County Delegation****WICOMICO COUNTY – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County from issuing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to a specific establishment with retail floor space of more 3,500 square feet; prohibiting the Board from issuing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for use at certain restaurants, subject to certain grandfather provisions; and prohibiting the Board from issuing more than one Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for use in a councilmanic kjdistrict.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 32-901 and 32-1502 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1499 Delegate Adams, et al****BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS – DEPOSITS**

Increasing from one-third to one-half the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of the home improvement contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 8-617 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1500 Delegate Howard, et al**

## STATE AGENCIES – ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS – REQUIRED

Prohibiting a unit of State government that is required by law to adopt regulations to implement a program that is authorized or required under State law from collecting any fee or other payment under that program until the unit finalizes adoption of the regulations that implement the program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 10-103 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1501 Delegate Fair**

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOMELESS SHELTER CERTIFICATION

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to operate a certification program for homeless shelters; prohibiting a certain homeless shelter from operating without a homeless shelter certification after a certain deadline; requiring the Department to develop certain requirements for certain homeless shelter certification classes; and requiring the Department to perform on-site monitoring of certain homeless shelters and implement a certain grievance process.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, §§ 6-1401 through 6-1405 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1502 Delegates Hornberger and Pruski**

## CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS – REGULATION AND TAX

Authorizing the sale and possession of certain consumer fireworks, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; authorizing a county to opt out of certain provisions regulating the sale and possession of consumer fireworks; establishing a certain sales and use tax for certain fireworks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, Various Sections - added and amended and TG, §§ 2-1302.6 and 11-104(m) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1503 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to enact a local law to divide the county into certain districts, establish a process for the appointment of certain district planning commissions, provide for the membership and term of a certain district planning commission, and provide for the abolishment of a certain district planning commission; providing that a certain district planning commission has the same powers and duties within the district as a county planning commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, § 9-605 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1504 Delegate Healey****HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS – CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 8-630 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1505 Delegate Simmons****HIGHER EDUCATION – LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Adding correctional officers as eligible recipients in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents and the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-3701, 18-3702, 18-3801 through 18-3804, and 18-3807 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1506 Delegate Ross****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – NEW OWNER FEES – LIMITATIONS**

Limiting the amount that a condominium or homeowners association may charge a new unit or lot owner, other than an initial unit or lot owner, as an initial capital contribution or similar fee paid by the new owner at closing to be not more than the amount of monthly assessments paid by an existing unit or lot owner at the time of the closing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-135.1 and 11B-120 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1507 Delegate Adams, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION**

Authorizing an out-of-state physician licensed to practice medicine to issue a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows; and repealing the time limit applicable to a certification for a medical exemption for enhanced tinted motor vehicle windows.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 22-406(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1508 Delegate Nawrocki, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – HIGHWAY WORK PERMITS – NOTICE**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to immediately provide certain notice including certain information of an application for a work permit for a State highway to each member of the General Assembly who represents the legislative district in which the proposed work is to be performed.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 8-646(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1509 Delegate Roberts****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE SERVICERS – INSURANCE PROCEEDS**

Requiring a mortgage servicer that receives certain insurance proceeds to deposit the proceeds into a certain interest bearing account; requiring a borrower to elect the use of the interest earnings on the insurance proceeds; requiring certain interest earnings to begin accruing by a certain date; authorizing a mortgage servicer to charge a fee for disbursement of interest earnings subject to certain limitations; and requiring certain methods and procedures for disbursement of insurance proceeds and interest earnings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

FI, § 11-522.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1510 Delegate Grammer, et al****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – FRAUD PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Altering and establishing certain requirements related to the prevention, detection, and enforcement of unemployment insurance fraud in the State, including requirements related to the use of multifactor authentication under certain circumstances, reviews of claims for benefits, and the submission of proof of identification by claimants; authorizing the Maryland Department of Labor to recover overpaid benefits through State income tax withholding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LE, Various Sections - amended and added and SF, § 3-302(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1511 Delegate Healey****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MISSING PERSONS**

Renaming and transferring the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children to be the State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons; requiring the Department of State Police to study the Department's capacity to report about persons who have disappeared from, or are thought to be located in, Maryland to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System; and requiring the Department to submit its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 9-403 - transferred and PS, § 3-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1512 Delegate Conaway****BUSINESS REGULATION – ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS – REMITTANCE TO COMPTROLLER**

Requiring, if a merchant rounds up the price of a cash transaction for a good or service in a certain manner, the merchant to remit to the Comptroller the difference between the total price the customer is required to pay after the rounding occurs and the price before the rounding occurs; and requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain revenue to the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

BR, § 19-110 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1513 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$80,957,080 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public buildings, roads, and facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Appropriations

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

Altering the salaries of the County Commissioners of Calvert County, the president and members of the Calvert County Board of Education, and the County Treasurer of Calvert County; altering the benefits of the County Commissioners of Calvert County; repealing a certain provision about the salary of State's Attorneys; and altering certain retirement benefits for the County Treasurer of Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 2-101, CP, § 15-405(b), ED, § 3-303, and LG, § 16-202 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Ways and Means

**HB 1515 Delegate Adams, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES – EMPLOYER RELOCATION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 3-716 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1516 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****HUMAN SERVICES – ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING**

Transferring the administration of the electric universal service program from the Public Service Commission to the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Services; and altering the authorized uses of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include fuel assistance programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, HS, PU, and SG, Various Sections - renumbered and amended and PU, § 7-512.1 - amended and transferred

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 1517 Delegates Behler and Allen****LAND USE – QUALIFIED PROJECT – RETALIATORY DOWNZONING**

Establishing that a “qualified project” is a certain residential project that has been subject to retaliatory downzoning; requiring a local jurisdiction to allow the density of a certain qualified project to exceed the density otherwise authorized; and permitting a certain qualified project to consist of certain types of developments with certain density limits under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, 7-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1518 Delegate Buckel, et al**

## PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS – 5–YEAR ASSESSMENT CYCLE

Altering the triennial assessment cycle for real property for property tax purposes to a 5–year cycle.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1519 Delegates Amprey and Boafo**

## CANNABIS – MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENTS, ADVERTISING, AND PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS (CANNABIS REFORM AND OPPORTUNITY ACT)

Altering the definition of “control” of a cannabis business and excluding from the definition certain management services agreements, franchise relationships, and options to purchase; prohibiting the Maryland Cannabis Administration from limiting the acquisition of a certain ownership interest in cannabis businesses; reducing the number of years that a cannabis licensee is prohibited from transferring ownership or control of the license; repealing certain criteria for a certain prohibition on cannabis advertising that targets minors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 36-101(o), 36-401(e), 36-503, 36-803, 36-901, 36-903, and 36-1102 - amended and §§ 36-101(u-1) and 36-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1520 Delegate Tomlinson**

## COURTS – EXEMPTION FROM JUDGMENT – ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

Increasing, for certain categories of items, the amount allowed to be exempted from judgment; establishing additional categories of items that may be exempted from judgment; and altering the allowable exemptions for a debtor proceeding through bankruptcy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 11-504 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1521 Delegate Ruff, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS, VOLUNTEERISM, AND EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain contributions to organizations that support at-risk youth, volunteering at certain schools and recreation centers, and employing certain at-risk youth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1522 Delegate Odom, et al****TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY – VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES**

Repealing the exemptions for a motor vehicle that is owned by a motor vehicle rental or leasing company or that displays certain registration plates from liability for citations produced as a result of images recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system or a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 21-202.1(a)(3) and 21-809(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1523 Delegate Ross****ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND SEIZURE**

Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation or charging document; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products and certain other products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 1-313, 6-101, and 6-207 - amended and § 1-323 - added and HG, §§ 21-2E-02, 21-2E-03, 21-2F-02, and 21-2F-03 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Judiciary

**HB 1524 Delegate J. Long****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAID LEAVE – ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

Requiring employers that employ 15 or more individuals or are governmental units to provide full-time and part-time employees who are parents at least 20 hours of paid leave each year to attend school functions at the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school at which the employee's child is enrolled.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 3-804 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1525 Delegate Wivell, et al****REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, EMPOWER ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS**

Requiring the Governor to withdraw the State from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative by January 1, 2027; authorizing the State to rejoin the Initiative if all other states served by PJM Interconnection become full Members, or the State becomes and remains a net exporter of electricity; eliminating the surcharge that allows recovery of costs to utilities from the EmPOWER energy efficiency programs; providing that a certain tariff may not require an electric company to purchase or provide a certain bill credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 2-1002(g) and PU, § 7-222(d) - amended and PU, § 7-222(e) - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1526 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

Establishing in Carroll County a Class 1 distillery on-premises consumption permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County to issue the permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license; and authorizing the holder of a permit to sell food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 16-401 - amended and § 16-406 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1527 Delegate Arikan****COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE – PRACTICE AUTHORIZED (COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE PRACTICE ACT)**

Authorizing an individual to practice complementary or alternative health care in the State without obtaining a license, certification, or authorization issued under certain provisions of law; establishing certain requirements and limitations regarding the practice of complementary or alternative health care; and providing that certain provisions of this Act do not waive certain claims for relief.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 22-101 through 22-204 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1528 Delegate Ross, et al****EDUCATION – HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Authorizing a public school to allow a student participating in a certain home instruction program to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school under certain circumstances; and requiring a public school to give placement priority to a student enrolled in a certain school over a student who is not enrolled in the school if certain limitations exist.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1529 Delegates Ross and Holmes****BALTIMORE COUNTY – LOCAL COMMISSION ON COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES**

Establishing requirements for a local commission on common ownership communities established by local law in Baltimore County; requiring a Baltimore County common ownership community to register annually with the local commission; requiring the local commission to provide certain services and assistance for common ownership communities in Baltimore County; and authorizing the local commission to collect certain fees.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-114 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1530 Delegate Woorman, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS – OUT-OF-STATE TUITION EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY**

Repealing the requirement that an individual or the individual's parent or guardian file taxes for eligibility to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption at a public institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-106.8 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1531 Delegate Fair****MARYLAND HELPING EVERYONE AFFORD LIFE-SAVING TREATMENTS AND HEALTH CARE (HEALTH) FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Helping Everyone Afford Life-Saving Treatments and Health Care (HEALTH) Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to assist Maryland Medical Assistance Program enrollees, insured individuals, and uninsured individuals with health care costs associated with legally protected health care services and benefits provided under State law that are subject to federal restrictions; requiring that certain sources of revenue be distributed or credited to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CL, § 17-317, HG, § 13-4706(j), and TG, § 2-1303 - amended and IN, §§ 6-102(g) and 31-107.3, TG, § 2-1302.6, and TP, § 5-104 - added

Assigned to: Health and Ways and Means

**HB 1532 The Speaker, et al****CONTINUING THE NEXT GENERATION ENERGY ACT**

Lowering the maximum monthly energy demand that is required for a certain large load customer to qualify for a specific rate schedule; altering the requirements that a certain multiyear rate plan must meet; authorizing the Public Service Commission to require a public service company to include a certain reconciliation procedure in the company's multiyear rate plan; altering the years for which certain electricity savings percentages are used to calculate certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1533 Delegate Alston, et al**

PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS (CROWN AND CARE ACT – PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM HARMFUL HAIR CHEMICALS)

Providing that a person who violates the prohibition on the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale a cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients is liable for certain civil damages; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to investigate a complaint alleging that a person included certain prohibited ingredients in cosmetic products.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 21-259.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1534 Delegate Miller**

DATA CENTERS – STANDARDS FOR OPERATION AND SITING

Requiring an owner or operator of a data center to comply with certain standards under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish by regulation certain sound and vibration controls and requirements for backup power generation for data centers; prohibiting a local approving authority from authorizing the construction of a data center on certain agricultural land; and requiring a certain applicant to submit a certain report to a local approving authority under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 19-101 and 19-102 and LU, § 1-401(b)(27), 7-601, and 7-602 - added and LU, § 1-401(b)(27) through (32) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1535 Delegate Jacobs, et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL FISHING – MOBILE REPORTING APPLICATION

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a mobile application for individuals possessing an angler's license or Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license or registration to submit certain reports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 4-223 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1536 Delegate Lopez, et al****MARYLAND ENFORCEMENT LIMITS AND TRANSPARENCY (MELT) ACT**

Prohibiting a person from voluntarily assisting in immigration enforcement under certain circumstances and requiring a person who assists immigration enforcement to make and maintain certain records; authorizing a person injured by a violation of the Act to bring a certain civil suit; authorizing the Attorney General to make a certain investigation and to take certain actions to enforce the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 through 3-2705 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1537 Delegate Amprey****PUBLIC HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – METACHROMATIC LEUKODYSTROPHY**

Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health’s newborn screening system include screening for metachromatic leukodystrophy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 13-111 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1538 Delegate Miller, et al****LAND USE – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS (MARYLAND GENERATIONAL HOUSING ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring a certain local law to authorize development of at least one internal accessory dwelling unit and one external accessory dwelling unit on certain land notwithstanding a certain density limit; limiting the imposition of off-street parking requirements to certain accessory dwelling units; prohibiting a utility provider from charging a certain property owner certain fees; authorizing a certain accessory dwelling unit to share certain utility meters and service laterals with a primary single-family detached dwelling unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

LU, §§ 4-501 and 4-504 - amended and LG, § 20-128 and TP, § 7-252 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1539 Delegate Wilson**

## MARYLAND LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Establishing the Maryland Labor Relations Board as an independent unit of State government to oversee collective bargaining activities for certain private sector employees; establishing certain rights for employees and employers related to collective bargaining; establishing certain procedures related to elections and certification of exclusive representatives; and prohibiting an employer and employee organizations from engaging in certain unfair labor practices.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LE, §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-502 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1540 Delegate Harrison**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL CENTER  
– FUNDING – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the sunset termination of a requirement for the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain purposes related to the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 19-2401 - amended and Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2016, § 5, as amended - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1541 Delegate Bhandari**WORKGROUP TO STUDY EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS  
(SAGAR GHIMIRE ACT)

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by May 1, 2027, on its policy recommendations for improving the use of extreme risk protective orders in the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1542 Delegate Rosenberg****PUBLIC HEALTH – GOODS, SERVICES, OR TECHNOLOGIES USED IN DEATH SENTENCES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person doing business in the State from knowingly manufacturing or selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise supplying a drug, medical device, or other good, service, or technology or compounding a drug if the person knows or reasonably should know that certain authorization was prompted, either directly or indirectly, by a person seeking the drug, medical device, or other good, service, or technology with a certain intent related to a death sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 21-1114 and HO, § 1-231 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

**HB 1543 Delegate Bhandari****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – TEMPORARY WORKERS**

Establishing the Temporary Worker Oversight Unit in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring recruiters of temporary workers that operate in the State to register with the Department and post a certain bond; prohibiting employers and recruiters of temporary workers from taking certain actions; prohibiting an employer from employing a temporary worker before filing a certain affidavit; authorizing temporary workers to allow representatives of certain organizations to enter employer–provided housing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 7.5-101 through 7.5-401 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1544 Delegate Rosenberg****MARYLAND JUSTICE CORPS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Justice Corps Program in the University System of Maryland to provide an alternative pathway to a license to practice law, subject to a certain requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 10-207 - amended and ED, §§ 12-401 through 12-406 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1545 Delegate Miller****FREDERICK COUNTY – SPECIAL EDUCATION VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Frederick County Special Education Video and Audio Recording Program for the purpose of installing certain video and audio recording devices in specialized instructional settings and certain related areas to document certain incidents.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1546 Delegate Metzgar****BALTIMORE COUNTY – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD**

Altering the calculation of the homestead property tax credit percentage for a homeowner in Baltimore County who is at least 65 years old; 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(d)(6)(ii) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1547 Delegate Rosenberg****ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – MODIFIED RISK REDUCTION STANDARD**

Altering the conditions under which an owner of affected property is required to satisfy the modified risk reduction standard under the Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing law by repealing a requirement that an environmental investigation conclude that there is a defect at the affected property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 6-819(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1548 Delegates Stinnett and Simmons**

## REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASE – TERMINOLOGY

Replacing the term “landlord” with “residential housing provider” and “tenant” with “resident” in the context of residential leases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, BR, CA, EN, HG, HS, HU, PS, PU, RP, SG, and TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1549 Delegate Rosenberg**

## REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – RENTAL DWELLING UNIT – DEFINITION

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 6-801(u) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1550 Delegate Grammer**

## EMINENT DOMAIN AND CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY – REPEAL (PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT)

Repealing the authority of the State to engage in eminent domain; and repealing certain provisions of law relating to the State’s eminent domain and condemnation authority.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Sections - repealed and amended and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, XI-B, XI-C, and XI-D, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1551 Delegate Metzgar**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – REGULATION OF DOG BREEDERS

Establishing the Dog Breeder Accountability Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring, on or before July 1, beginning in 2028, a dog breeder to register annually with the Department of Agriculture and, at the time of registration, pay an annual registration fee of \$150; requiring, beginning on July 1, 2029, and within 30 days after the birth of a litter, a dog breeder to apply to the Department for a puppy birth certificate for each puppy born in the litter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

AG, §§ 17-101 through 17-106 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1552 Delegate Solomon, et al**

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS L BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – ESTABLISHED

Establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; and establishing an annual license fee of \$250.00.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 2-220 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1553 Delegate Alston, et al**

## ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED PERSON – EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP PETITIONS

Requiring an order for guardianship of the person of a disabled person to allow for certain visitation; authorizing an interested person to file a certain petition for guardianship of the person of a disabled person on the grounds that the disabled adult's current guardian is medically or physically neglecting the adult; requiring a court to hear certain petitions within a certain amount of time; and authorizing an interested person to file a certain petition to appoint a temporary guardian of a disabled person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, §§ 13-705, 13-708, and 13-709 - amended and §13-709.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1554 Delegates Hornberger and Sample–Hughes****SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES – STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain entities, to study and report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026, on exempting from the sales and use tax electricity used for agricultural purposes such as raising livestock or poultry, preparing, irrigating, or tending the soil, or planting, maintaining, or transporting seeds or crops; and requiring the report to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1555 Delegate Miller, et al****EDUCATION – BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the length of the term of the members of the Accountability and Implementation Board; authorizing a public school or local school system to appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings after receiving a decision by the Accountability and Implementation Board to withhold certain funds after a certain appeals process; establishing the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Stakeholder Advisory Council; establishing the Joint Oversight Committee on the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 5-402(d), 5-405, and 9.10-104(a) - amended and § 5-415 - added and SG, §§ 2-10A-16 and 2-1220(i) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1556 Delegate Ross****BUSINESS REGULATION – SUGARY BEVERAGE ADVERTISEMENTS – WARNING LABELS**

Prohibiting a person from placing an advertisement for a sugary beverage on certain property unless the advertisement includes a certain warning.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 19-110 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1557 Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)**

## PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishing a Real Estate Advisory Committee in the Department of General Services to conduct a review of certain real estate transactions and make certain recommendations; requiring certain real estate transactions submitted to the Board of Public Works for approval to include certain information; and requiring the Advisory Committee, by January 1 each year, to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly to include a list of certain real estate transactions by the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 4-417 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1558 Delegate Woods, et al**

## STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS – LICENSING

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for anesthesiologist assistants under the State Board of Physicians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 14-5H-01 through 14-5H-16 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1559 The Speaker**

## CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS – PLACEMENT

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

FL, § 5-525(a) and (c) and HG, § 19-390 - amended and HU, §§ 8-1401 through 8-1408 and 8-1501 through 8-1503 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health

**HB 1560 Delegate Behler****FOREST CONSERVATION – INCENTIVES – PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish and implement a pilot program for ecosystem value-oriented forest management plans to provide additional incentives for enrolling in and extending commitments to forest conservation and management; establishing the Forest Ecosystem Value Incentives Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to finance the pilot program; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund in fiscal year 2028.

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

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

NR, § 5-101(d) through (n) - renumbered and NR and SF, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 1561 Delegate Queen****ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND STORAGE – INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND FRONT-OF-THE-METER STORAGE (AFFORDABLE ENERGY ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to require one or more electric companies to develop and submit to the Commission a certain resource adequacy plan if the Commission makes a certain determination; authorizing an investor-owned electric company required or authorized to construct, acquire, own, or lease and operate its own generating facilities to recover certain prudently incurred costs and investments in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

PU, §§ 7-219.1, 7-219.2 7-510(c)(6) - added, § 7-510(c)(6) - repealed, and 7-1226 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1562 Delegate Wu****CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OUTAGE – AUTOMATIC CREDIT (AUTOMATIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OUTAGE CREDIT ACT)**

Requiring a commercial telecommunications service provider to automatically provide a service disruption credit to the account of a customer impacted by a material service outage; establishing the minimum amount of the credit for the service outage; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to enforcement and penalty provisions under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-5101 through 14-5105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1563 The Speaker and Delegate Bhandari****EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES AND POST-ACUTE CARE – COVERAGE AND FACILITY STUDIES**

Prohibiting certain policies and contracts issued by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from denying insurance coverage for certain emergency room services under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to conduct a study to quantify bed capacity in hospitals and post-acute settings in the State and make a recommendation on a certain collection and auditing process; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, § 15-504 - added and § 15-10A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 1564 Delegate Turner, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – DRUGS AND MEDICAL DEVICES USED IN DEATH SENTENCES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person doing business in the State from knowingly manufacturing or selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise supplying a drug or medical device or compounding a drug if the person knows or reasonably should know certain authorization was prompted, either directly or indirectly, by a person seeking the drug or device with the intent that the drug or device will be used to carry out a death sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 21-1114 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health

**HB 1565 Delegate Miller, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OBESITY MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS (HEALTHY MARYLAND FOR EVERY BODY)**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to include a certain obesity management and treatment program in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; establishing requirements for the obesity management and treatment program; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for an obesity management and treatment program for certain individuals who have been diagnosed with obesity, diabetes, or other obesity-related conditions.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SP, § 2-503 - amended and IN, § 15-839.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Appropriations

**HB 1566 Delegate Queen****REAL PROPERTY – DEEDS OF TRUST – RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENTS**

Clarifying that the holder of a promissory note, other instrument, or other obligation secured by a recorded deed of trust is entitled to the benefits of the deed of trust notwithstanding any person recorded in the land records as the holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

RP, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1567 Delegate Odom****VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, AND EPAMDS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING (PASS PEDESTRIANS SAFELY ACT)**

Requiring an operator of a bicycle, a motor scooter, or an EPAMD to exercise due care to avoid a collision with another vehicle or a pedestrian and maintain, if practicable, a safe distance of at least 3 feet when passing a vehicle or pedestrian; requiring an operator of a bicycle, a motor scooter, or an EPAMD to give an audible warning by voice or device before passing a pedestrian; establishing that a violation of the distance or audible warning requirements is a secondary offense subject to a civil penalty of \$25; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1207 - amended and § 21-1209.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1568 Delegate Ross****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL – DOGS AT LARGE (DOG LEASH LAWS)**

Requiring each county and municipality to adopt certain laws or ordinances prohibiting a dog from being at large; providing the Act may not be construed to preempt a local government from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures; and stating it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Act be applied and interpreted to recognize the definition of the term “running at large” as used by the Appellate Court of Maryland in *Blitzer v. Breski*, 259 Md. App. 257 (2023).

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, §1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1569 Delegates Young and Woorman****PARKING ENFORCEMENT – VEHICLES IN CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY**

Establishing that if a parking citation is issued for a motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is in the custody or control of an auto repair or storage facility, the auto repair or storage facility, and not the registered owner, is liable for the parking citation and any associated fines or late fees; prohibiting an auto repair or storage facility from requiring a customer to waive the customer's rights established under the Act as a condition of service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 26-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1570 Delegate Young****STATE GOVERNMENT – GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES – DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF STANDARDS**

Establishing certain requirements for standards developed by units of State government; and requiring the periodic review of standards adopted by units of State government.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 10-1703 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1571 Delegate Holmes****REAL PROPERTY – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS PROGRAM AND MOBILE HOME PARKS**

Altering the Access to Counsel in Evictions Program to expand access to legal representation and other services under the Program to individuals who occupy premises of a mobile home park; authorizing a prospective resident of a mobile home park to bring an action against a park owner for failing to provide certain documents and terms related to the tenancy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, added, and renumbered

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1572 Delegate Ghrist****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES – WASTE-TO-ENERGY**

Altering the definition of “Tier 1 renewable source” for purposes of including energy derived from waste as an energy source eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-701(s) - amended and § 7-701(u) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1573 Delegate Young****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR SMALL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain small political contributions paid to certain campaign finance entities during the taxable year; making the credit refundable; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, but before January 1, 2031; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1574 Delegate Solomon, et al****CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ALTERATIONS AND WORKGROUP TO STUDY ILLEGALLY PROVIDED CHILD CARE**

Requiring the State Department of Education to issue a warning to child care providers for certain violations of a rule or regulation adopted by the Department within a certain period of time; requiring the Department to establish a unit with the dedicated purpose of processing and managing information about criminal history records checks for applicants to child care providers; requiring the unit to notify an individual who has submitted an application about the status and result of the application within a certain time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 9.5-106, 9.5-303, 9.5-306, 9.5-404, and 9.5-411 - amended and §§ 9.5-118, 9.5-306.1, 9.5-411.1 and 9.5-411.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1575 Delegate Phillips, et al**

## CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT – PROHIBITIONS (COMMUNITY TRUST ACT)

Prohibiting employees and agents of State and local correctional facilities from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions; and prohibiting law enforcement agents from taking certain actions related to immigration enforcement, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 8-805 - added and CP, § 5-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1576 Delegate Rosenberg**

## SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND VAPING LIQUID – MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND

Increasing the sales and use tax on the sale of electronic smoking devices and vaping liquid; and requiring the increased revenue from the sales and use tax on electronic smoking devices and vaping liquid under the Act to be distributed to the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 20-120 and TG, §§ 2-1302.4 and 11-104(j) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1577 Delegate Ross**

## COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – COMMON AREAS – APPROVAL OF ALTERATIONS

Prohibiting the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association from making certain alterations to a common area without the approval of a majority of certain members, unit owners, or lot owners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, § 5-6B-23.3 and RP, §§ 11-108.3 and 11B-106.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1578 Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Department of Social and Economic Mobility)**

STATE PROCUREMENT – PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – REAUTHORIZATION AND REVISIONS

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to cannabis licensing, public-private partnerships, offshore wind projects, video lottery terminals, and sports wagering licensees; altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SF, § 14-301.1 - repealed and added and ABC, PU, SF, SG, and Various Chapters, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1579 Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**

STATE PERSONNEL – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE – LIMITS AND USE

Providing that an employee in the State Personnel and Management System may, without certain certification, take up to 30 days of paid family and medical leave to care for a child of the employee immediately following the birth of the employee's child or the placement of the child with the employee for adoption; and providing that family and medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act may not be limited to less than a certain number of weeks for certain employees in the Executive Branch.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, §§ 2-309, 9-505, and 9-1006 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 1580 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Economic Development Corporation)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ENHANCED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS

Authorizing the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to issue bonds for the development of a Maryland enhanced TIF district subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works; and authorizing the Board to authorize the State to pledge certain revenues for Maryland enhanced TIF districts, subject to a recommendation by the Corporation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EC, §§ 12-201, 12-204, and 12-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1581 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Stadium Authority)**

HORSE RACING – FACILITY OWNERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT, LICENSING, AND OPERATIONS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the entities to which the State Racing Commission may issue a license and award racing days for racing at mile tracks; altering certain requirements for the thoroughbred racetrack operator of and certain long-term agreements related to the Pimlico racing facility site; providing that the Maryland Stadium Authority is the successor of the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority for the operation of a certain racing and community development project; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

BR, EC, and SG, Various Sections and Chapter 604 of the Acts of 2025, § 25 - amended and EC, §§ 10-601(hhh) and 10-646.1(j) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1582 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

EDUCATION – PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY – ALTERATIONS (COMPREHENSIVE OUTCOMES AND MEASURES OF PROGRESS FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOLS (COMPASS ACT))

Altering the school quality indicators authorized for an educational accountability program in public schools; and prohibiting the use of certain indicators in an educational accountability system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1583 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – FAIRNESS AND AFFORDABILITY STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a workgroup to study how the General Assembly could establish an equitable and sustainable low-cost auto program or economic relief credit program to reduce the cost of private passenger automobile insurance for low-income drivers in the State; and requiring the workgroup to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1584 Delegate Stewart**

**DELIVERY NETWORK COMPANIES AND DELIVERY NETWORK SERVICES – REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY**

Establishing a framework for the regulation of delivery network companies and delivery network services in the State, including establishing permitting and licensing requirements, digital network requirements, reporting requirements, and payment, earnings, and receipt requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 10A-101 through 10A-109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1585 Delegate Kerr**

**MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Authorizing the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to participate on the project management team for a major information technology development project by working with certain entities on certain tasks; requiring, by July 1, 2026, the Corporation and the Secretary of Information Technology to identify a certain project for which the Corporation will serve as the primary project manager and report the project details to the General Assembly; requiring the Corporation to evaluate the use of alternative financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EC, § 10-116 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 12, 2026****HB 849 Delegate Mireku–North, et al****CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FREEZE IN ENROLLMENT  
– EXCEPTIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-111 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 915 Delegate Hill, et al****WORKGROUP ON AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE**

Establishing the Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care to identify the types of resources available for youth who have aged out of foster care to help them achieve self-sufficiency, determine the effectiveness of currently available resources and identify the challenges with current services and programs offered before a youth ages out of the system; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a report of its findings and recommendations by July 1, 2027, to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Reassigned to: Appropriations

**HB 999 Delegate Clippinger****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE  
– ALTERATION**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to manufacture, rectify, or bottle more than one brand of alcoholic beverage; and authorizing the holder to manufacture or rectify up to 31,000 gallons of product of an entity other than the holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 2-203 - amended

Reassigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections