



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2026

HB 1614 Delegate Arentz

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – USE OF LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force to use lane direction control signal monitoring systems on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to enforce the motor vehicle offenses of entering or traveling in a lane over which a red lane direction control signal is shown; requiring the District Court to remit to the Authority any civil penalties collected by the court resulting from a citation issued using a lane direction control signal monitoring system operated by the Authority; etc.

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TR, §§ 12-113.1(b), 26-305(a), & 26-401 - amended & § 21-1404.1 - added & CJ, GP, & IN, Various Sections - amended

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HB 1615 Delegate Bhandari, et al**COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS AND CONDOMINIUMS – EMERGENCY USE OF RESERVE FUNDS**

Providing that reserve funds of a cooperative housing corporation or condominium may be used for purposes other than those specified in the funding plan in an emergency and if the use of funds is approved by an affirmative vote of the members or unit owners having at least two-thirds of the votes in the cooperative housing corporation or the council of unit owners, respectively.

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CA, § 5-6B-26.1(g) and RP, § 11-109.4(f) - amended

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HB 1616 Delegate Rogers**MUTUAL INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANIES – CONVERSION TO MUTUAL INSURERS**

Authorizing a mutual insurance holding company that, directly or indirectly, owns 100% of the capital stock of a reorganized stock insurer to convert its mutual insurance holding company system to a mutual insurer on adoption and approval of a plan of conversion; and establishing certain requirements related to the plan of conversion and its submission to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval.

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IN, § 3-121.1(l) and (m) - amended and § 3-121.2 - added

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HB 1617 Delegate Alston, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH INNOVATION ZONES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing the local zoning authority in a county to designate a health innovation zone, a contiguous area that demonstrates measurable and documented health disparities and poor health outcomes; requiring a county, if the local zoning authority designates a health innovation zone, to establish, by law, certain incentives; requiring the Prince George's County Council to designate a health innovation zone in certain areas; authorizing the Prince George's County Council to designate additional health innovation zones in certain areas; etc.

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

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HG, §§ 20-14A-01 through 20-14A-04 - added

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HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 17, 2026**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

Reassigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections