



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 6, 2026*

SB 720 **Senator Hester**

EDUCATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GUIDELINES,
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND COLLABORATIVE
(ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE READY SCHOOLS ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain guidance on artificial intelligence to local school systems, educators, parents, and students through an online platform; requiring the Department to develop certain guidelines and best practices; requiring each county board to designate a coordinator for the use of artificial intelligence; establishing the Maryland AI Education Collaborative on Artificial Intelligence in K–12 Education to study the uses of Artificial Intelligence in each local school system; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2204 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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SB 721 Senator Waldstreicher**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR RECENTLY RELOCATED INDIVIDUALS (RALPH’S ACT)**

Requiring that certain individuals who were determined to be eligible to receive certain developmental disabilities services in another state be eligible to continue to receive those services in the State; requiring the Department to establish an expedited process to make a determination on whether an individual meets certain criteria to receive services within 30 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 7-404.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 722 Senator Waldstreicher**TASK FORCE ON NOT-FOR-PROFIT FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

Establishing the Task Force on Not-for-Profit Funeral Establishments to study the feasibility and necessity of the establishment of not-for-profit funeral establishments in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 723 Senator Jennings**REAL PROPERTY – DEEDS – RECORDATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a deed presented for recording effecting a change in ownership of residential property to contain the name of the title insurer and the policy number if the purchaser or other party has obtained title insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 3-104(f)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 724 Senator Lewis Young**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS – CLARIFICATION**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 725 Senator Waldstreicher**TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION CERTIFICATION AND STATE TRANSFER TAX (LAND TRANSFER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Prohibiting a clerk of the circuit court from recording an instrument that effects a change of ownership of real property from the United States to certain persons unless the instrument is accompanied by a Certificate of Compliance; requiring the Office of the Attorney General and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to review certain changes of ownership of real property and issue a Certificate of Compliance following a determination of legal compliance; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

RP, § 3-104(a) and TP, §§ 13-203(a) and 13-209(a) - amended and RP, § 3-104.3 and TP, § 13-203(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 726 Senator Feldman**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – COURSE ON WELL-BEING AND FLOURISHING**

Requiring the State Department of Education to make available a continuing professional development course on educator well-being and flourishing to school personnel and administrators on or before July 1, 2027; and requiring the course be made available at a comparable rate to continuing professional development courses for licensed personnel.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-132 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 727 Senators Lewis Young and Brooks**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – QUALIFIED ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION FOR USE**

Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG, § 4-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 728 **Senators Carozza and Mautz****HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DELMAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 18-3603(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 729 **Senator Henson****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 730 **Senator M. Washington****JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 14-875 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 731 **Senator M. Washington****HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 7-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 732 **Senator M. Washington****CANNABIS – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND –
DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FUNDS FOR BALTIMORE CITY**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute funds allocated to Baltimore City from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund to the Baltimore City Comptroller; requiring the Baltimore City Comptroller to administer and distribute the funds to a special fund established by the Baltimore City Comptroller, subject to certain requirements and limitations; and providing that the special fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ABC, § 1-3A-03 - amended and § 1-3A-04 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 733 **Senator M. Washington****LAND USE – DEFINITIONS AND BOARDS OF APPEALS**

Altering certain definitions and defining certain terms applicable to land use; altering requirements for the appointment and removal of members of a board of appeals; altering and repealing certain powers of a board of appeals; and altering the procedures applicable to certain proceedings before a board of appeals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LU, §§ 1-101, 4-301, 4-302, and 4-306 - amended, §§ 4-304 and 4-305 - repealed, and §§ 4-302.1, 4-304, and 4-305 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 734 **Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ELIGIBLE
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 735 **Senator King****PROPERTY TAX – PETITION TO REVIEW VALUE OF COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to submit a certain petition for review to appeal the value of commercial real property located in the county or municipal corporation that is sold to a new owner, if the total sales price of the property is 20% or more than the total sales price when the property was previously sold.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TP, §§ 8-415 and 14-503 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 736 **Senator Benson****CRIMINAL LAW – OBSCENE MATTER – VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF CHILD**

Increasing the maximum age from 16 to 18 of a certain child that may not be depicted in certain visual representations; altering the penalties for knowingly possessing and intentionally retaining, and knowingly or intentionally accessing and intentionally viewing, certain visual representations; authorizing a person depicted in a certain visual representation to bring a certain civil action; and requiring the Attorney General to submit a certain annual report by December 1.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 11-208 - amended and SG, § 6-112 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 737 **Senator Benson****JUVENILE LAW – PROBATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES – REQUIRED DISPOSITION (PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Requiring the juvenile court to order certain probation for a child found to have committed certain delinquent acts more than once or adjudicated to be a child in need of supervision more than once because of habitual truancy; requiring probation of a child adjudged delinquent for certain acts or a child in need of supervision to include the adoption of a treatment service plan and providing the child and the child's family with certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-8A-19(d) and 3-8A-20.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 738 Senator Augustine**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – MOBILE CRISIS AND CRISIS STABILIZATION**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for mobile crisis and crisis stabilization services; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 739 Senator Kramer**CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – STUDY**

Requiring the University System of Maryland to conduct a study to evaluate the relationship between climate change, homeowner’s insurance, and emergency and disaster preparedness; requiring the University, by January 1, 2027, to submit a report to the General Assembly on the federal flood insurance program, and private flood insurance programs and make recommendations on actions and modifications to mitigate risks associated with climate change and improve the service and responsiveness of insurers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 740 Senator Kramer**TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION OF OPERATORS**

Altering the definitions of “transportation network company” and “transportation network operator” for purposes of provisions of law regarding transportation network companies; requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator unless the deactivation is consistent with the company’s deactivation policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 10-101(l) and (m) and 10-401 - amended and § 10-410 - added

Assigned to: Finance

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, §§ 12-1201(e), (f), and (g) and 12-1207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 742 **Senators Guzzone and Zucker****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: Finance

SB 743 **Senator James****WORKGROUP TO STUDY STATE LAWS ON ELECTRIC BICYCLES – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study State Laws on Electric Bicycles to study current State laws on electric bicycles; and requiring the Workgroup, on or before January 1, 2028, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 744 **Senator McKay****CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE OF CUSTODY ORDERS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully interfering with a custody order over which a court of the State has jurisdiction by enticing or persuading a minor away or withholding a minor from a lawful custodian, a court-appointed guardian, or a person lawfully standing in loco parentis; and requiring a written warning for a violation of the Act to include certain information and a notice of the potential penalties that may be imposed for subsequent violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-504 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 745 **Senator McKay****POLICE TRAINING – AUTISM AND DEMENTIA (LEAD ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance-level and in-service police training to include certain training regarding individuals with dementia and autism.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-207(a)(16) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 746 **Senator McKay****POLICE DISCIPLINE – MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – SUSPENSION PENDING APPEAL OF TRIAL BOARD DECISION**

Authorizing the chief of a law enforcement agency serving a municipality to suspend a police officer without pay during the pendency of a certain appeal; and providing that a police officer who was suspended without pay in accordance with the Act is entitled to receive certain back pay if the officer prevails on appeal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 747 **Senator McKay**

CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE

Requiring a certain condominium unit owner to obtain a condominium unit owner insurance policy or a substantially similar property insurance policy for the unit; requiring a certain insurance policy to include certain provisions; and authorizing a council of unit owners to acquire an insurance policy on behalf of a unit owner who does not maintain a certain required insurance policy and charge the insurance premium as an assessment to the unit owner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 11-114.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 748 **Senator McKay**

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – ALLEGANY COUNTY

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SP, § 31-2B-09 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 749 **Senator Gile, et al**

RESIDENTIAL RETAIL CUSTOMER AND RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS – DEFINITION AND ALTERATIONS

Defining the term “residential retail customer” for the purchase of gas or electricity for home use; altering the requirements for residential electricity suppliers to use a certain calculation of an electric company's standard offer service rate in setting the price for electricity under certain circumstances; authorizing residential electricity suppliers to use consolidated billing; and altering the requirements of the Public Service Commission in approving the price of electricity marketed as green power.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 1-101(dd-1) - added and §§ 7-510(d) and 7-707(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 750 **Senator Lewis Young, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – TRAP–NEUTER–RETURN POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY CATS – REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS (ASH’S LAW)**

Establishing that the prohibition against abandoning an animal does not apply to a person who is providing care to a community cat under a certain trap–neuter–return policy; establishing that a local law that establishes a trap–neuter–return policy is subject to certain requirements and restrictions; and providing that the Act supersedes and preempts any law, ordinance, policy, or regulation of any local government body and any policy or rule of any person or corporation that prohibits or restricts the practice of trap–neuter–return.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 10-612 - amended and LG, § 1-1321 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 751 **Senator Mautz****VEHICLE LAWS – REQUIRED SECURITY – EXEMPTION OF FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES**

Exempting farm area motor vehicles from the requirement for a motor vehicle to carry required security.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 17-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 752 **Senators Sydnor and Augustine****COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND ASSESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission to Review and Assess Racial Disparities in the State Criminal Justice System to study and make recommendations on certain matters involving the disparate treatment of African Americans, Hispanics, and other non–White individuals in the State’s criminal justice system and other criminal justice issues in the State; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations on or before September 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, § 1-307 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 754 **Senator M. Washington****LAND USE – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to enact local laws providing for or requiring the preservation of natural resources through certain mechanisms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, § 1-101(k) - added, § 1-101(k) through (t) - renumbered, and § 7-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 755 **Senators Muse and Hershey****NATURAL RESOURCES – STRIPED BASS RECREATIONAL SEASONS AND FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from establishing a recreational catch and release season for striped bass; requiring the Department to establish certain recreational and charter boat summer and fall striped bass seasons and a trophy season for striped bass; requiring the Department to complete and submit to certain State entities for review an economic impact statement for any proposed fisheries regulations identified by the Department as having a major impact on interested stakeholders; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 4-731.1 and SG, § 10-110(b-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 756 **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN RISE DISTRICT – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 7-504.5 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 757 **Senator Rosapepe****CONSUMER PROTECTION – DISCLOSURE OF TARIFFS AND LOCAL SOURCING**

Prohibiting a person from not making a certain disclosure on the price of a consumer good; requiring the Department of Commerce to develop and maintain a searchable online database to connect businesses in the State with local sources for supplies and inventory; and requiring the Department to report on or before December 31 each year on the use and effectiveness of the database.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, § 2.5-111 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 758 **Senator Watson, et al****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – CANDIDATE OR PROPOSITION SIGNS – DISPLAY PERIOD**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 759 **Senator Watson, et al**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DIGITAL ASSETS AND DIGITAL ASSET STAKING – REGULATION (MARYLAND FINANCIAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2026)

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 760 **Senators Watson and West**

REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REVISIONS

Repealing a requirement that a printed deed or other instrument offered for recordation include certain margins; and requiring the clerk of the circuit court of a county to date each change or correction made to information in the general alphabetical index on the horizontal line on which the change or correction was made.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 3-104(e) and 3-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 761 **Senator Watson**

EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL GAMING – INTERNET GAMING REFERENDUM

Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain Internet gaming licenses; requiring certain implementation legislation to include certain criteria and specifications, subject to a certain limitation; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that certain revenues be used for dedicated purposes including the funding of public education; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 762 Senator Guzzone**HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT GRANTS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain racing licensee to receive a grant for a capital construction plan from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account without providing and expending a matching fund; requiring the racing licensee that receives the grant without providing and expending a matching fund to conduct live racing in the State for at least 10 years; and requiring the State Racing Commission to recapture certain grant funds under certain circumstances and in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-1A-01(w-1) and (w-2) - renumbered, § 9-1A-01(w-1) - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, §§ 10-4E-01 through 10-4E-05 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 764 **Senator Zucker, et al****EDUCATION – MINIMUM WAGE FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-306 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 765 **Senator Zucker****PROPERTY TAXES – TAX SALES, HEIRS PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND TAX CREDITS**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 766 **Senator Zucker****TAXES – WHISTLEBLOWER REWARD PROGRAM – EXPANSION**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 767 **Senator Ferguson****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS RENTED TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-276 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 768 **Senator Carozza****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS OF SERVICE**

Authorizing certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain prior service into the State Police Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 769 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC FACILITIES
BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a certain total principal amount for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 770 **Senator Ferguson**

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: Finance

SB 771 **Senator Ferguson**

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 773 Senator Augustine**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – VACCINATION ORDERS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 774 Senator Augustine**HEALTH INSURANCE – PLAN BENEFITS AND COVERAGE – ANNUAL REPORTING (TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, UNDERSTANDING, TIMELINESS, AND HONESTY (TRUTH) IN MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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

Assigned to: Finance

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-114(b) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-905 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 776 **Senator Smith****COMMISSION ON THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION FOR COLORED CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children to research the history, operations, and resident deaths at the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children and provide a complete and public accounting of the children who died and were buried on the grounds; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2029.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 6-1001 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 777 **Senator Salling****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: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 778 **Senator Feldman****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: Finance

SB 779 **Senator Feldman****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: Finance

SB 780 **Senator Brooks****CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – BURDEN ANALYSIS (CHERISH OUR COMMUNITIES ACT)**

Requiring that an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for certain generating stations located within a certain at-risk area to include with the application a baseline understanding of risk, disparities, and environmental needs (BURDEN) report describing and including information on certain environmental and public health burdens; altering the contents of a certain notice that must be provided on receipt of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-207(a), (c), and (d)(1)(i) - amended and § 7-207(b-1) and (d-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 781 **Senator Brooks**

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS – REQUIREMENTS FOR BURDEN ANALYSIS, ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (CUMULATIVE HARMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FOR IMPROVING SHARED HEALTH – CHERISH OUR COMMUNITIES ACT)

Requiring an application for the issuance or renewal of a covered individual environmental permit for a site or facility located within an at-risk census tract after a certain date to include in the permit application a report describing the environmental and public health burdens in the at-risk census tract; requiring the Department of the Environment to issue a determination as to whether approving a covered individual environmental permit will cause or contribute to adverse environmental or public health stressors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 1-701, 1-702, and 2-404.1 - amended and §§ 1-708 through 1-715 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 782 **Senator Jackson**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE – PROTECTIONS

Requiring certain junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and antique dealers to register and provide a description including certain information of purchased telecommunications equipment with a certain law enforcement official; prohibiting junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and antique dealers from purchasing telecommunications equipment other than by check mailed to the seller's address; prohibiting the sale or disposal of certain telecommunications equipment for a period of 30 days after the date of purchase; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, § 6-803(d) through (g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 784 **Senator Jackson****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT – APPLICATION
OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing a certain provision of law exempting all persons that acquire or are assigned certain mortgages, mortgage loans, or installment loans under certain circumstances from certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

FI, § 11-102 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 785 **Senator Guzzone****PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO
ABORTION CARE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 786 **Senator Guzzone**TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES –
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – REQUIREMENTS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 7-102.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 787 **Senator Guzzone, et al**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 788 **Senator Jennings**REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF DEEDS – CERTIFICATION OF
PREPARATION

Prohibiting a person or form from representing that certification by an attorney or under the attorney's supervision is the only method of certification for recordation of a certain deed and prohibiting a clerk of the circuit court from refusing to record a deed that is certified as being prepared by a party to the deed as authorized by law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 3-104(f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 789 **Senator Jennings****VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITIES – ADVANCED DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS**

Requiring certain persons to be licensed by the Motor Vehicle Administration in order to perform a recalibration of an advanced driver assistance system; establishing certain requirements for an automotive repair facility that performs advanced driver assistance system recalibrations; prohibiting an insurance company from taking certain actions relating to repairs or recalibrations of an advanced driver assistance system and requiring an insurance estimate to include certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xlvii) and 14-1327 - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xlix) and TR, §§ 15-1101 through 15-1108 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 790 **Senator Lam (By Request – Commission on Public Health)****PUBLIC HEALTH REFORM ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 791 **Senator Lam**

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 792 **Senator Lam**

HOSPITALS – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTION – POLICY REQUIREMENT

Requiring the State Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop and publish a model policy, by October 1, 2026, describing how hospitals are required to respond to an immigration enforcement action at the hospitals; and requiring certain hospitals in the State to develop a policy describing how each hospital will respond to an immigration enforcement action at the hospital by January 1, 2027, or 3 months after the Commission publishes a model policy.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HG, § 19-207(b) - amended and § 19-306 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 793 **Senator Lam**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 794 **Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY – COVERAGE EFFECTIVE DATE**

Authorizing an individual who enrolls for coverage or enrolls a dependent for coverage during a certain special enrollment period for pregnancy to choose a certain date option on which the coverage will become effective; and requiring the carrier, if the individual fails to select the effective date, to select a certain date option.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-1316(f) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 795 **Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – VISION BENEFITS – REGULATION OF INSURERS AND VISION BENEFIT MANAGERS**

Establishing requirements for certain vision benefits, vision benefit plans, and vision benefit discount plans; requiring an insurer or a vision benefit manager to disclose certain information on its website and in certain communications and maintain certain methods of communication for use by participating eye care providers; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for contracts between insurers or vision benefit managers and participating eye care providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-112.2(h) - repealed and §§ 15-2201 through 15-2213 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 796 **Senator Lam****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS – HEALTH CARE FINANCING**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 797 **Senator Lam****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT – DOWNCODING**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 798 **Senator Lam****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TOBACCO CESSATION**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by federal law, individual and group counseling for the purpose of tobacco cessation; and prohibiting the Program and managed care organizations from requiring prior authorization for any product or service for use in tobacco cessation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 799 **Senator McKay****WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND SERVICE RATES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 800 **Senator McKay****TASK FORCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVAL VOTING AND RANKED-CHOICE VOTING**

Establishing the Task Force on the Implementation of Approval Voting and Ranked-Choice Voting; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 801 **Senator McKay****REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, EMPOWER ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND NET ENERGY METERING**

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; altering the rate at which eligible customer-generators are paid for net excess generation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 802 **Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 803 **Senator Beidle**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 3 WINERIES AND CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERIES – BULK WINE

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 804 **Senator Beidle**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – REVISIONS TO HEAT STRESS STANDARDS

Requiring certain employers to develop, implement, and maintain an excessive heat-related illness prevention plan for employees; requiring certain employers to develop and implement an acclimatization plan for certain employees or follow the acclimatization plan established by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; requiring certain employers to monitor temperature in certain work locations and provide shade and water to employees; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 5-1201 - amended and §§ 5-1202 through 5-1208 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 805 **Senator Hettleman**

INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of law governing the recapture of certain amounts of the credit against the State income tax for certain individuals with student loan debt to require the recapture of the unused amount of the credit rather than the total amount; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to extend the period of time that an individual who claims the credit has to prove that the individual used the credit to repay the individual's student loan debt under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-740 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 806 Chair, 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: Finance

SB 807 Senator Bailey**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY AND CLASS 10 FARM DISTILLERY LICENSES**

Establishing a Class 10 farm distillery license that authorizes a license holder to distill, rectify, bottle, and sell at wholesale or retail distilled spirits produced on a licensed farm; requiring that a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license or a Class 10 farm distillery license engage in certain agritourism activity; establishing and altering certain standards and requirements for food service under a Class 8 farm brewery license or a Class 10 farm distillery license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 1-405, 2-210, and 2-212 - amended and § 2-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 808 Senator King**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 809 **Senator King****SUPPORTING OUR CAREGIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM –
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller, with assistance from the Department of Human Services, to conduct a feasibility study for establishing and operating the Supporting Our Caregiver Infrastructure Program; and requiring the Comptroller, on or before July 1, 2027, to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 810 **Senator King****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL –
IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Prohibiting public school security personnel from engaging in certain federal immigration investigation and enforcement functions; and prohibiting public school security personnel from producing or sharing certain student or employee information for purposes of federal immigration investigation and enforcement, except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-1508.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Judicial Proceedings

SB 811 **Senator Hayes****REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – ENTRY OF FINAL SALE
PRICE IN MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE**

Requiring a developer, builder, broker, or real estate agent to enter the final sale price of a new home into a multiple listing service or similarly accessible database within 30 days after the sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 10-804 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 812 **Senator Hayes****HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY AND CALCULATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the calculation of a certain homeowners' property tax credit; and increasing from \$60,000 to \$100,000 a certain combined gross income limit used for determining eligibility for the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-104(g) and (j)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 813 **Senator Hayes****HEALTH INSURANCE AND DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS – DENTISTS – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 814 **Senator Hayes****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SERVICE AGREEMENT – DEFUNCT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Prohibiting certain service agreements for residential property entered into before June 1, 2023, if the service provider is not considered in good standing with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation on or after June 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

RP, § 14-902(a) - amended and § 14-903.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 815 **Senator Hayes****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration with an institution of higher education in the State, to prepare a report on correctional industry programs in certain states and recommend ways to improve Maryland Correctional Enterprises to achieve successful reentry outcomes; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 816 **Senator Hayes****WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (WNADA NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CONNECTION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT)**

Establishing the Neighborhood Development and Social Connection Program within the West North Avenue Development Authority to provide technical support and grants to certain organizations to implement programs that foster social connections and activities in the West North Avenue Corridor; requiring the Authority to set aside not more than \$500,000 for grant activities; authorizing the Authority to award grants to implement the Program; requiring the Authority to report annually on its activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, § 12-715 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 817 **Senator Hayes****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL SALES – COMMUNICATIONS DURING APPRAISAL PROCESS**

Requiring an appraiser to provide a certain notice to certain parties to a residential real property appraisal under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to submit certain additional data to an appraiser before an appraisal is finalized for a certain purpose; and requiring an appraiser to include certain information in an addendum to a certain report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 14-1001 through 14-1005 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 818 **Senator Hayes**

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

Altering certain requirements related to the development of a certain project at State Center; and establishing a State Center Advisory Group.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 10A-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 819 **Senator Hayes**

JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 14-875 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 820 **Senator Hayes**

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: Finance

SB 821 **Senator Smith**ABANDONED SEARS BUILDING – ACQUISITION BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Requiring the Department of General Services to initiate proceedings for the acquisition of the property known as the Abandoned Sears Building on or before December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 822 **Senator Smith**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION –
IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, §§ 7-208, 7-303, 7-304(b), 7-305(7), 7-306, and 7-307 - amended and §§ 7-307.1 and 7-307.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 823 **Senator Smith**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION –
MEMBERS

Altering the appointing authority and method of appointment of parole commissioners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 7-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 824 Senator Smith**VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSING OF MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS AS DEALERS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain requirements for vehicle manufacturers or distributors to be licensed as vehicle dealers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-305(e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 825 Senator Hester**PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 826 Senator Hester**INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT FOR INVESTMENTS IN EMERGENT TECHNOLOGY**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 827 **Senator Hester**

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PRODUCT LIABILITY – CHATBOTS

Regulating the manner in which a developer designs and creates and an operator makes available to users in the State a chatbot, including establishing safety and privacy protections for users, establishing an enhanced protection for users who are minors under the age of 13 years, and requiring the display of certain warnings when using a chatbot; establishing that a chatbot is considered a product for certain product liability actions; applying certain provisions of the Act to governmental units; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) and HG, § 10-1502(e) - amended and CL and HG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 828 **Senator Hester**

STATE FINANCE – DELINQUENT FEDERAL FUNDS (FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT)

Reserving jurisdiction with respect to certain federal land in the State under certain conditions; authorizing the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management to collect a certain amount of delinquent federal funds; authorizing the Central Collection Unit, under a certain circumstance, to collect certain federal funds owed to the State, place liens on federal property in the State, and direct the Comptroller to withhold certain payments to the federal government; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

GP, § 6-202 and SF, §§ 3-302(a)(1) and 3-304(a) - amended and GP, § 6-204, SF, §§ 3-302(d) and 10-208, and SG, § 4-115 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 829 **Senator Waldstreicher**

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 830 **Senator Waldstreicher**

HANDGUN ROSTER REFORM

Altering provisions of law relating to the handgun roster, including requiring the Attorney General, or the Attorney General’s designee, to conduct a certain legal review of a petition to place a handgun on the handgun roster and to make a certain determination before a handgun is placed on the handgun roster; requiring the Maryland State Police, or a certain accredited laboratory, to conduct certain testing on a handgun; altering the responsibilities of the Handgun Roster Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 5-401, 5-404, and 5-405 - amended, § 5-403 - repealed, and §§ 5-403 and 5-403.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 831 Senator Ferguson**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: Finance

SB 832 Senator Hershey**NONPROFIT HOSPITALS – COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-303 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 833 Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – EXPANSION**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County to use revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs related to the replacement of public school facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG, § 20-706 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 834 **Senators Hershey and Ready****ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND PLANS – MORATORIUM**

Prohibiting a unit of State government from implementing or enforcing, after July 1, 2026, certain provisions of law relating to energy efficiency and conservation programs, services, and plans that support certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and targets; requiring the Public Service Commission to continue certain rate-making policies until certain electric companies and gas companies have recovered certain costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU, § 7-222(d) - amended and § 7-226.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 835 **Cecil County Senators****CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the salary of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County to be an amount determined by the County Council of Cecil County, but not less than \$11,000; establishing that the Chief Judge shall receive certain additional compensation annually as determined by the County Council of Cecil County, but not less than \$1,500; and specifying the annual allowance for travel expenses to be as determined by the County Council of Cecil County but not less than \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ET, § 2-108(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 836 **Carroll County Senators****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 837 **Senators Ready and Lam****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: Finance

SB 838 **Senator Ready****PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES AND HOME BAKERIES**

Altering the definition of “cottage food product” for purposes of provisions of law governing the sale of cottage food products to include nonpotentially hazardous foods, rather than nonhazardous foods, as specified in regulations adopted by the Maryland Department of Health; providing that a home bakery is not required, under certain circumstances, to be licensed by the Maryland Department of Health; and applying certain provisions of law governing cottage food businesses to home bakeries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-301(b-2), (g)(3), and (h)(3) and 21-330.1 - amended and § 21-301(h-1) and (h-2) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 839 **Senator Ready****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: Finance

SB 840 **Senators West and Hester****MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITIES – SITE PLANNING**

Requiring the Power Plant Research Program to make certain recommendations to the Governor’s Energy Subcabinet on or before a certain date; requiring the Subcabinet to make a certain assessment and recommendations to the Maryland Stadium Authority; requiring the Subcabinet to report certain information on or before a certain date; and requiring the Authority to conduct certain feasibility studies and to submit certain information on or before a certain date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 841 **Senators Feldman and Ferguson****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS – ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE FEE AUCTIONS**

Altering the uses of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and certain compliance fees; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to develop and conduct certain annual, competitive, low-bid alternative compliance fee auctions for the development of certain renewable energy generation projects; establishing the purpose and procedures for an auction and the eligibility requirements for certain bidders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 842 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS (PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FLEXIBILITY ACT)**

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

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

SB 843 **Senator Feldman****NET ENERGY METERING, SUNRISE PROGRAM, AND COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PROGRAM (SUNRISE ACT)**

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to administer, or through a local administering agency administer, certain programs and activities regarding low- and moderate-income households and the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program; altering the method by which certain rated generating capacity is counted toward the statewide net energy metering limit; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a certain statewide capacity reservation system for certain net energy metering projects; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 5-5A-09.1 - added and PU, §§ 7-306 and 7-306.2(a) - amended and § 7-306.2(o) and (p) - added
HU, § 5-5A-11 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 844 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code and the Public Local Laws of Maryland; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

EMERGENCY BILL

Annotated Code, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-101 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 845 Senator Carozza**MARYLAND VOTER REGISTRATION LIST ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY ACT**

Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to immediately remove a registered voter from the statewide voter registration list when the local board receives a certain report that the registered voter is deceased; requiring the election director to take certain action if the election director receives information that a voter removed from the statewide voter registration list is not in fact deceased; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, § 3-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 846 Senator Carozza**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 847 Senators Carozza and Mautz**WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SALISBURY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC.**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-324(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 848 Senator Gallion**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 849 **Senator Gallion****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: Finance

SB 850 **Senator Gallion, et al****ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS – ALTERATIONS (UTILITY AFFORDABILITY AND RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring that certain energy efficiency, conservation, and demand response programs include bill savings to residential customers; altering from December 31, 2032, to December 31, 2040, the date by which certain unpaid and unamortized costs must be eliminated; and requiring the Public Service Commission to establish, on or before July 1, 2027, certain caps or limit certain assessments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 7-222 and 7-223 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 851 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is located in a Rural Legacy Area and for which the property owner has sold certain development rights under the Rural Legacy Program; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-303(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 852 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Authorizing a holder of a barbershop and beauty salon license in Anne Arundel County to provide 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 853 Senator Sydnor**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY – NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting certain individuals from entering into a nondisclosure agreement with a person involved in an economic development activity, including establishing or operating a data center; including public service companies as an instrumentality of the State for the purpose of the Public Information Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 2-207(a) & 6-410(a), GP, § 4-101, HG, § 4-217(f), & TR, § 12-112(d)(1) - amended and EC, LG, and SG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 854 Senator Sydnor**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – RESTRICTIONS**

Establishing that a federal law enforcement officer's powers granted under a certain provision of law may be exercised only when the federal law enforcement officer is acting in accordance with State law; prohibiting a law enforcement officer of law enforcement agency from engaging in racial profiling; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from taking retaliatory punitive action against a law enforcement officer who discloses information concerning racial profiling; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CP, § 2-104 - amended and PS, §§ 3-535 and 3-536 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 855 Senator Sydnor**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MANUFACTURER'S LIMITED BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 856 Senator Sydnor**MOTOR VEHICLES – DRIVER'S LICENSES – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility standards and requirements for the issuance of provisional driver's licenses and original driver's licenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 16-103(c), 16-105(d), and 16-111 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 857 **Senator Waldstreicher**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – CIVIC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES – PROTECTION (MARYLAND EMPLOYEE CIVIC ACTIVITY AND LAWFUL EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT)

Authorizing an employer to require an applicant to disclose the applicant's engagement in certain actions only if the disclosure is related to specific job requirements; prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse action against an employee if the employee engages in certain activity; and providing that adverse action taken against an employee within 120 days after the employee engages in activity protected under the Act creates a rebuttable presumption of retaliation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 3-1901 through 3-1908 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 858 **Senator Hettleman (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: Budget and Taxation

SB 859 Senator Hettleman (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 certain master's degree 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 860 Senator Zucker, et al

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging; authorizing the Fund to be used for administrative expenses including personnel, partnership development, and other programs within the Department; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 861 Senators Zucker and Feldman

ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – AGRICULTURAL LAND

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that establish provisions and a model ordinance that require local stormwater management programs to enforce stormwater management regulations on agricultural land with the advice and consent of the local soil conservation district; and requiring the Department, in the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, to specify certain definitions and provisions related to the enforcement of stormwater management regulations on agricultural land.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 4-203(b)(2)(v) - amended and § 4-203(b)(5) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 862 **Senator Zucker****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 863 **Senator A. Washington, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education and County Superintendent, beginning in the 2027–2028 school year, to include certain funds in their annual budget to certain individuals hired as one-to-one student aides; requiring the County Superintendent, or the County Superintendent’s designee, to provide certain quarterly updates to the county board and the State Department of Education; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 864 **Senator A. Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the definition of a “foster care recipient” to mean an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement on or after the individual’s 8th birthday rather than 13th birthday for purposes of determining eligibility for a certain tuition exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-106.1(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 865 **Senator A. Washington****WORKGROUP ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF PRIVATE PASSENGER
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – EXTENSION AND ALTERATION OF
MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES**

Extending the termination date of the Workgroup on the Affordability of Private Passenger Automobile Insurance from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and altering the membership and duties of the Workgroup.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 2025, §§ 2 and 3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 866 **Senator A. Washington****PUBLIC HEALTH – CHAIN RESTAURANTS – SODIUM AND ADDED
SUGARS WARNING ICONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the sale of food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content by a chain restaurant by January 1, 2027, and to administer a certain continuing education campaign during calendar year 2027; and requiring certain chain restaurants to display certain icons next to certain food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content on each menu or menu board beginning January 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-330.3 and 21-330.4 - renumbered, § 21-330.3 - added, and § 12-1214 - amended and ED, § 13-517(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 867 **Senator A. Washington****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purpose of the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission by promoting innovation in space science, space technology, and aeronautics; altering the membership, duties, and staff responsibilities of the Commission; requiring the Commission to appoint an Executive Director; authorizing the Commission to provide grants to certain entities for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include \$30,000,000 for the Commission in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2028 and annually thereafter; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, §§ 5-2601, 5-2602, 5-2603(a) and (d), 5-2604, 5-2605, and 5-2608(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 868 **Senator A. Washington****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – MARYLAND ROUTE 410 (EAST–WEST HIGHWAY) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN – EXPANSION**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, §§ 3-701 through 3-706 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 870 **Senator A. Washington**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – ADOLESCENT
PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT BEDS – CAPACITY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S
COUNTY AND REPORT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to ensure the establishment and ongoing operation of at least 24 licensed adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in Prince George’s County; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Department to issue a request for proposals to establish adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in the county and to administer a certain grant program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 19-310.7 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 871 **Senator Smith**

CIVIL ACTIONS – PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS – SURCHARGE

Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with gross negligence; requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a certain surcharge on a defendant against whom a judgment for punitive damages is entered; requiring the Administrator to deposit money collected from the surcharge into the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 11-113 - added and ED, § 5-206(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 6-801(u) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 873 **Senator M. Washington**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 874 **Senator M. Washington**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SOCIAL WORKERS – SCOPES OF
PRACTICE

Altering the scopes of practice for licensed social workers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 875 **Senator Carozza, 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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 876 **Senator Attar****RECOVERY RESIDENCES – CERTIFICATION – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2027, rather than authorizing, a recovery residence to be certified by a credentialing entity before operating in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 7.5-401(a) and (b)(2), 19-2503, and 19-2504 - amended and §19-2501.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 877 **Senator Attar****BALTIMORE CITY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – MT. WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD**

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in the Mt. Washington neighborhood of Baltimore City under the pilot program authorized for Prince George’s County, the 45th and 46th legislative districts of Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park if authorized by local law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, § 7-302(e)(6) and TR, § 21-707.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 878 **Senator Attar****HEALTH FACILITIES – CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES – UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct at least two on-site unannounced inspections of each certified recovery residence annually; authorizing the Department to direct the recovery residence credentialing entity to revoke the certification of a certified recovery residence that fails to correct a deficiency with 1 month after notice of the deficiency is provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-2502 - amended and § 19-2502.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 879 **Senator Attar****BALTIMORE CITY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY DEER HUNTING AND ARCHERY HUNTING SAFETY ZONES**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City; and adding Baltimore City to the list of jurisdictions in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, §§ 10-410(a) and (g)(3)(i) and 10-906(b)(3)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 880 **Senator Kramer****PART-TIME STATE EMPLOYMENT PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND WORKFORCE RETENTION, RECRUITMENT, AND REENTRY ACT)**

Establishing the Part-Time State Employment Pilot Program in the Department of Budget and Management to promote and support the inclusivity of State employment by increasing the availability of part-time positions with benefits in State government; and requiring State agencies selected to participate in the Program to evaluate full-time position vacancies to determine whether the vacant positions could be converted to part-time positions with benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 7-701 - amended and § 7-702 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 881 **Senator Kramer****COMMERCIAL FINANCING – SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN LENDING ACT**

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to certain disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, §§ 12-1301 through 12-1314 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 882 **Senator Kramer****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF EDUCATORS WORKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain individuals who are employed full-time in a public primary or secondary school in the State and have outstanding student loan debt; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 883 **Senator Hayes****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CARROLL PARK SOCCER STADIUM AND FACILITY**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review certain matters and make certain recommendations relating to the Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility; authorizing the Authority to acquire by certain means a Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility site or an interest in the site; requiring the Authority to transfer certain lease payments to the Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility Fund under certain circumstances; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, SF, and SG, Various Sections - renumbered, added, and amended and Chapter 717 of the Acts of 2024, § 8, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 884 **Senator Watson****INTERNET POKER AUTHORIZATION AND REGULATION ACT OF 2026**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet skill-based gaming operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate Internet skill-based gaming and the conduct of Internet skill-based gaming in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet skill-based gaming agreements with certain other governments; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, ED, and SG, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-12 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 885 **Senator Watson****INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO – AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming and online bingo operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate Internet gaming, online bingo, and the conduct of Internet gaming and online bingo in the State; requiring an Internet gaming licensee and online bingo licensee to require individuals to provide proof of registration in order to participate in Internet gaming or online bingo; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, ED, LE, and SG, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-13 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 886 **Senator Muse****CONSUMER PROTECTION AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES AND MINIMUM WAGE**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 887 **Senators Lam and McCray****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – GREENHOUSE WORKERS –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND HEAT PROTECTION**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 888 **Senators Lam and Ellis****ELECTION DISTRICTS – GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS**

Clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting of the State; and altering districts for the election of Representatives in Congress for elections in 2026 and any election held after the 2026 election through the effective date of a districting plan adopted after the 2030 decennial census.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 4 - amended and § 62 - added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added and EL, §§ 8-702 through 8-709 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 889 **Senator Lam****CONSUMER PROTECTION AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT –
ELECTRONIC SHELVING LABELS AND SURVEILLANCE–BASED
PRICE AND WAGE SETTING – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in surveillance–based price setting to set the price of consumer goods or services; prohibiting a food retailer from using electronic shelving labels to display the prices of consumer goods, and instead requiring the use of nondigital presentations of price; making a certain violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and prohibiting an employer from engaging in surveillance–based wage setting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, §§ 13-321 and 13-322 and LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 890 **Senator Gile****INSURANCE – PREMIUM RECEIPTS TAX – EXEMPTION FOR
CAPTIVE INSURANCE PROCURED BY NONPROFIT HOSPITALS AND
HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 4-209 and 4-211 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 891 **Senator Gile, et al****HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS –
PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 892 **Senator Gile, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – PERIMENOPAUSAL, MENOPAUSAL, AND
POSTMENOPAUSAL CONDITIONS**

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 893 **Senator Gile****BUSINESS REGULATION – ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS –
AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a merchant to round certain cash transactions in a certain manner or round the amount of change due to a customer in a certain manner; authorizing an employer to round a wage that the employer pays using cash in a certain manner; and providing that certain provisions of the Act shall preempt existing regulations, rules, and ordinances that conflict with certain provisions of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, §§ 1-601 through 1-607 and LE, § 3-502(g) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 894 **Senator Gile****THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING – LICENSING AND REGULATION**

Prohibiting a certain litigation financier from providing certain litigation financing unless licensed under the Maryland Consumer Loan Law or provisions of law relating to installment loans; providing that litigation financing shall be considered a loan for certain purposes; requiring a certain disclosure of a litigation financing contract in certain civil actions; and providing that certain information is a permissible subject of discovery in certain civil actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, §§ 12-1301 through 12-1306 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 895 **Senator Gile****PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM**

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to the School Mapping Data Program and providing that the School Safety Subcabinet may provide funding from the Safe Schools Fund to a public safety agency; establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the Department of State Police to provide oversight of and technical assistance to a public safety agency for the production of certain school mapping data for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 5-310.1 and 7-1510.1 - repealed and § 7-1512(h) - amended and PS, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 896 **Senator Hershey, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION FEES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain motor vehicle registration fees for certain classes of motor vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 897 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF LICENSE QUOTA**

Altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 17-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 898 Senator McCray**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide reimbursement for applied behavior analysis services provided by registered behavior technicians under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, the Department from requiring as a condition of reimbursement that an individual receive a certain certification to provide applied behavior analysis services as a registered behavior technician to Program recipients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 15-114.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 899 Senator Ready**FIREARMS DEALERS – FIREARM HOLD AGREEMENTS**

Providing that a certain federally licensed firearms dealer may not be held civilly liable for personal injury to or death of any person after the return of a certain firearm to a certain firearm owner at the termination of a certain agreement, with a certain exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-149 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 900 **Senator Ready**

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: Finance

SB 901 **Senator Brooks, et al**

ELECTION LAW – TELEPHONE VOTING SYSTEM – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Elections to select, certify, and acquire a telephone voting system for absentee voting by certain voters who have attested to having a print disability that meets certain requirements; defining “print disability” as a condition that prevents or inhibits an individual from reading, holding, or processing, standard printed materials in the original format; providing for the eligibility of a voter to use the telephone voting system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 9-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 902 **Senator Brooks**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – HOME SECURITY SYSTEM EXPENSES – CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENT

Authorizing a campaign finance entity of a member of the General Assembly, under certain circumstances, to make a disbursement from a campaign account to reimburse the member for certain expenses related to a home security system used at the member’s primary place of residence; and authorizing a member of the General Assembly who expends personal funds on certain expenses related to a home security system used at the member’s primary place of residence to be reimbursed by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EL, § 13-218(b) - amended and EL, § 13-220.3 and SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 903 **Senator Carozza, et al****EDUCATION – ENGAGEMENT POLICIES AND SCHOOL COMPACT
(MARYLAND PUBLIC EDUCATION PARENTAL PARTNERSHIP ACT)**

Requiring each county board of education to develop a parent and family engagement policy on or before the start of the 2027–2028 school year; requiring each public school in the State to develop a Parent–School Compact beginning in the 2028–2029 school year; and requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain guidance and technical assistance to county boards and public schools in developing a certain parent and family engagement policy and Parent–School Compact.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 4-148 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 904 **Senator Zucker, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SERVICE CONTRACTS AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring a county board of education that seeks to enter into a service contract to submit to the State Department of Education certain information to justify the need for the service contract, and to submit a plan of assistance for employees adversely affected by the service contract; requiring the Department to design and develop a new system of professional development for paraeducators and other education support professionals; and requiring each county board to provide the new system of professional development to its employees.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 6-132 and 6-133 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 905 **Senator Zucker, et al**

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
MARYLAND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GRANT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the growth of companies that specialize in regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing by providing certain grants; authorizing grant proceeds to be used only for acquisitions, renovations or construction of certain space, infrastructure improvements, and purchase of equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 10-417 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 906 **Senators James and Ready**

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 907 **Senator Love****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: Finance

SB 908 **Senator Love****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 909 **Senator Love, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

Establishing certain standards and requirements for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on highways in the State; and establishing that certain data collected by fully autonomous vehicles is subject to the Online Data Privacy Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 14-4702 - amended and TR, § 15-901(f) - amended and §§ 21-1501 through 1510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 910 **Senator Mautz****HEALTH INSURANCE – GRADUATE-LEVEL CLINICAL INTERNS – REQUIRED REIMBURSEMENT**

Establishing that insureds and any other persons covered by certain health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates are entitled to reimbursement for the services rendered by a graduate-level counseling, social work, or psychology clinical intern under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 911 **Senator Mautz****ENVIRONMENT – WEATHER ENGINEERING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from injecting, releasing, or dispersing a chemical compound, substance, or apparatus into the atmosphere within the State for the purpose of affecting the temperature, weather, climate, or intensity of the sunlight; and requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, to establish a method for evaluating a report of weather engineering activity and investigate any report that the Department of the Environment deems in need of further review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 5-1501 through 5-1504 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 912 **Senator Mautz****VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES FORMERLY REGISTERED AS HISTORIC**

Exempting a vehicle that was registered as a historic motor vehicle before July 1, 2025, from the requirements of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 23-206.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 913 **Senator Mautz****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 914 **Senator Mautz****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 OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-901.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 14-206(e)(2)(x), 14-306.1, 14-306.2, 14-306.3, and 14-306.4 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 916 **Senator Mautz****WORKGROUP ON SEAFOOD MARKETING**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 917 **Senator Mautz****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “practice audiology”, including by clarifying that the ordering and performing of certain scanning and imaging are included as these procedures relate to auditory or vestibular conditions in the human ear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 2-101(q) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 918 **Senator Mautz****WICOMICO COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING TIME RESTRICTIONS – REPEAL**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 919 **Senator Lewis Young, et al****HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE FUNDING, MEETING NOTICES, VOTING, AND RECORDS**

Requiring that books and records kept by or on behalf of certain homeowners associations be posted online; clarifying that a governing body of a homeowners association may secure a line of credit or loan to fund reserves; requiring that certain homeowners associations provide notice of a meeting by electronic transmission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11B-112(a), 11B-112.3(f), 11B-113.1, 11B-113.2, and 11B-113.6(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 920 **Senator Harris, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, § 5-1501(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 921 **Senators Harris and Charles****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 922 **Senator Harris****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 923 **Senator Harris****SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES, ENERGY STORAGE, AND ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES – ADVISORY COUNCILS, CHECKOFF PROGRAMS, AND FUNDS**

Establishing the Maryland Solar Photovoltaic Module Energy Security and Affordability Fund, the Maryland Energy Storage Energy Security and Affordability Fund, and the Maryland Zero-Emission Vehicle Energy Security and Affordability Fund; establishing advisory councils to administer the funds, support the marketing and promotion of certain technologies, and create certain checkoff programs; requiring certain surcharges on the sale of solar photovoltaic modules, energy storage systems, and zero-emission vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended and SF, Various Sections and SG, §§ 9-2018 through 9-2020 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 924 **Senator Harris**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY –
MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED (BUSINESS NETWORKS ACCESS ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Chamber of Commerce Grant Program in the Department of Social and Economic Mobility to provide grants for membership subsidies for underrepresented individuals and inter-chamber events; specifying certain application requirements for the Program; and requiring Program applicants to meet certain eligibility requirements.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 9-4109 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 925 **Senator Harris**

SALES AND USE TAX – DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS SALES TAX
REVENUE – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND

Requiring 3% of the sales and use tax revenue collected from the sale of cannabis to be distributed to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-913 and TG, § 2-1302.2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 926 **Senator Harris**

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER
PRODUCTS – DEFINITION OF EXEMPT MATERIAL – ALTERATION

Altering the definition of “exempt material” for the purpose of provisions of law related to extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper products.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EN, § 9-2501(1)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 927 **Senator Hayes, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER’S PERMIT**

Establishing a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City for the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter’s permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requiring a holder of a State caterer’s license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 928 **Senator Harris, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS ACT)**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, not later than the 2027–2028 school year, a policy limiting the use of certain electronic communication devices by a student during the academic school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting the use of an electronic communication device for purposes documented in a student’s individual education program, to address a documented health issue, during an emergency event, for certain educational purposes, to access language translation tools, or to meet caregiving duties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 929 **Senator Harris****HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS – DISASTER MITIGATION SERVICES – REGULATION AND PROHIBITION**

Altering the definition of “home improvement” to include the provision of certain disaster mitigation services for purposes of licensing and regulations of home improvement contractors; authorizing a certain owner to rescind a home improvement contract for disaster mitigation services under certain circumstances; and authorizing the governing body of a county to impose certain limitations on in-person solicitation of a victim of a disaster by a contractor offering disaster mitigation services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 8-101 and 8-501(c)(1)(viii) and (ix) - amended and §§ 8-501(c)(1)(x), 8-501.1, and 8-507 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 930 **Senator Harris****STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

Allowing certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System to apply for a certain special disability retirement allowance on or before December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 931 **Senator Harris****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

Altering the contents of a certain financial disclosure statement to include a schedule of certain interests in a virtual currency held by certain officials and candidates for office; and adding domestic partners and registered domestic partners to provisions of law regarding spouses under the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, Various Sections - renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 932 Senator Harris**CONSUMER PROTECTION – SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – DISPLAY OF USER LOCATION**

Requiring a person that operates a social media platform to display to State users of the social media platform the general geographical location of each adult user whose account is visible to the State user on the platform.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 933 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee**JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES – TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

Withdrawing and repealing a certain proposed Constitutional amendment relating to temporary appointments to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities; allowing the chair of the Commission to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; and allowing the Governor, on certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Chapters 848 and 849 of the Acts of 2025 - repealed and Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 4A and 4B - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 934 Senator Corderman**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – FUNDING**

Codifying certain provisions of law that specify the intent of the General Assembly that the State provide at least a certain amount of funding for public school construction each year; and increasing the annual public school construction funding goal to \$550,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-303(m) - added and Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2022, § 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 935 **Senator Corderman, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO FOOD BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES**

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax of up to \$1,000 for donations of certain food and monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain charitable entities that provide food at no cost to individuals in need; and requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2029, on whether the subtraction modification in the Act contributed to any increase in donations to charities providing food at no charge to certain individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-208(dd) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 936 **Senator West, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – BUS OBSTRUCTION MONITORING SYSTEMS AND BUS STOP ZONES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 937 **Senator Henson****LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – PROSPECTIVE TENANT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK (MARYLAND FAIR CHANCE HOUSING ACT)**

Prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant; permitting a landlord to consider certain criminal history information prior to extending a conditional offer to a prospective tenant and requiring the landlord to consider certain information provided by a prospective tenant relating to a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) and RP, § 8-218(b) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xlix) and RP, §§ 8-2A-01 through 8-2A-11 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 938 **Senator Henson****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing Stabilization Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for emergency or urgent capital repair needs for certain multifamily housing; and authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill in fiscal years 2028 through 2031.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 4-216.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 939 **Senator Henson****BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION – RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 11-504(a) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 940 **Senator Henson****ENVIRONMENT – MOBILE HOME PARKS – WATER QUALITY TESTING**

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

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 941 **Senator Henson****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SEVERE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK PROPERTIES – INTERVENTION PLAN**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 942 **Senator Henson****ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT – SURRENDER OR SEIZURE OF FIREARMS**

Requiring a court, under certain circumstances, to order a respondent who has been ordered to comply with assisted outpatient treatment to surrender to law enforcement any firearm in the respondent's possession and not to purchase or possess any firearm for the duration of the assisted outpatient treatment order; and establishing procedures related to the surrender or seizure of a firearm to law enforcement under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 10-6A-02(b) - amended and § 10-6A-08.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

SB 943 **Senator Charles**

STATE PROCUREMENT – COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS AND PROPOSALS – IN-STATE EVALUATION PREFERENCE

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-103 and 13-104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 944 **Senator Charles**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – REENTRY READINESS PROGRAM

Establishing the Reentry Readiness Program in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and requiring the Department to work jointly with the Motor Vehicle Administration, the Division of Vital Records in the Maryland Department of Health, and the Department of Labor to staff and administer the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 9-619 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 945 **Senator Charles**

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX AND SALES AND USE TAX – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS AND GAME DAY SURCHARGE

Imposing a State admissions and amusement tax on gross receipts derived from certain admissions and amusement charges for admission to athletic competitions held at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus; imposing a supplemental surcharge on certain sales of food, alcoholic beverages, and accommodations within a certain distance of the University of Maryland, College Park Campus football stadium on certain days under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, §§ 1-101(s), 2-202(a), 2-1303, and 11-102 - amended and ED, § 13-108 and TG, §§ 4-102(g), 4-105(a-2), and 11-104(m) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 946 **Senator McCray****HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “qualified rehabilitation expenditure”, for purposes of the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit, to repeal the exclusion of expenditures for a certain rehabilitation that is otherwise funded, financed, or reimbursed by certain State or local expenditures; altering the definition of “substantial rehabilitation” to extend the period during which certain expenditures must occur; expanding certain competitive award criteria for commercial projects; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 5A-303 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 40B - amended and SF and TR, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 948 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – INTERNET-DELIVERED ABSENTEE BALLOTS – INFORMATION AND RECEIPT LIMITATION**

Requiring that the accessible online absentee ballot application provided by the State Board of Elections include certain information for voters that choose to receive an absentee ballot provided by the Internet; prohibiting certain voters on permanent absentee ballot status from receiving a recurring absentee ballot provided by the Internet; and altering the contents of a certain communication sent to certain voters on permanent absentee voter status.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, §§ 9-305(c), 9-306(b), and 9-311.1(d) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 949 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – CANVASSING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS – PREEMPTION BY FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACTION**

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to establish a uniform tabulation policy for absentee ballots with federal contests only if there is an occurrence of federal judicial action regarding the timely receipt of certain absentee ballots that preempts a certain State law and regulation; and requiring the State Administrator to provide certain additional notice to voters regarding absentee ballots under certain circumstances using certain methods.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 950 **Senator Kagan****CONVERSION THERAPY – PROHIBITIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 951 **Senator Ellis**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: Finance

SB 952 **Charles County Senators**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHARLES COUNTY WALDORF
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor Authority in Charles County; requiring the Authority to support and develop a certain 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; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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: Finance

SB 953 **Charles County Senators**

CHARLES COUNTY – RENT STABILIZATION – SENIORS

Requiring Charles County to establish a rent increase limit for units occupied by seniors.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 8-209.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 954 **Senator Harris****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, and 7-510(c)(6) - added, § 7-510(c)(6) - repealed, and § 7-1226 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED *February 6, 2026***SJ 3** **Senators Sydnor and Augustine****APOLOGY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE STATE’S RESPONSIBILITY IN RACIAL TERROR LYNCHINGS**

Issuing an apology and acknowledging the State’s complicity and negligence in allowing the perpetration of acts of racial terror lynching; and committing to taking reparative actions as recommended by the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SJ 4 **Senator A. Washington, et al****ANTI–NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION RESOLUTION**

Stating that the General Assembly joins certain other state legislative bodies, counties, and municipalities in passing a Back from the Brink resolution on reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons; urging members of the State’s Congressional Delegation to cosponsor a certain federal resolution related to the use of nuclear weapons; and urging the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment