



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 13, 2026*

SB 961 **Senator Salling**

INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the limitation on the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax that an individual may claim for certain expenses incurred for a donation of deer meat to certain organizations; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-746 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 962 **Senator Kagan, et al**

JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTIONISTS – PROHIBITION ON SERVICE IN CERTAIN GOVERNMENT ROLES

Prohibiting individuals convicted of certain crimes in relation to the attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, from serving on a board, committee, commission, task force, or workgroup created by state law, in the executive service of state government, or in a special appointment in state government; and requiring an appointing authority to take certain actions to remove or terminate the employment of an individual serving in a role in violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 10-1701(d) - amended and § 10-1703 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 963 **Senator Hester**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MEDICAID
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM – MAINFRAME SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 964 **Senator McCray**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS
(MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualified apprentices or journeymen necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 965 **Senator Charles**MOTOR VEHICLES – OUT-OF-STATE DRIVERS – AUTOMATED
ENFORCEMENT (OUT-OF-STATE DRIVER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring each county and municipal automated traffic enforcement program to submit to the Vision Zero coordinator a quarterly report containing certain information regarding each citation issued under the program during the quarter to a motor vehicle registered in another state.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 8-1006 and 8-1007 - renumbered and § 8-1006 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 966 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – NET ENERGY METERING – SUCCESSOR PROGRAM**

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

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

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

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 967 **Senator Gallion****LAND USE – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – RIGHT OF APPEAL**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to authorize any person aggrieved by a decision of a historic preservation commission to appeal the decision to the board of appeals of the local jurisdiction or the appropriate circuit court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, § 8-308 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 968 **Senator Gallion****EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS – FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS**

Repealing the requirement that a school bus be constructed with certain materials that enable it to meet all the criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by the National School Transportation specifications and procedures adopted by the most recent National Congress on School Transportation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-808 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 969 **Senator Mautz****HEALTH INSURANCE – LYME DISEASE AND RELATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES – LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 970 **Senator Zucker****SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF SPORTS WAGERING**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners; and making the Act contingent on the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission issuing licenses to at least three independent evaluators.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-1E-17(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules