



# SYNOPSIS

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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 15, 2026*

### **SB 979** Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – PROSECUTION OR ENFORCEMENT OF  
LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CODES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-106(kk) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 980** Senator Salling

PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR DWELLING HOUSE OF DISABLED  
VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain income limitation and certain disability rating percentages used to establish eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-265 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 981**     **Senator Muse****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – OMBUDSMAN UNIT, GOVERNING DOCUMENT DATABASE, AND LOCAL COMMISSIONS**

Establishing the Common Ownership Community Ombudsman Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to receive and respond to certain complaints; requiring common ownership communities to file certain governing documents with the Department of Housing and Community Development, which the Department must use to create a publicly accessible database; and establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by the local government of a county.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CL, § 13-207, HS, § 2-304, and RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-114 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 982**     **Senator McCray****MUTUAL INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANIES – CONVERSION TO MUTUAL INSURERS**

Authorizing a mutual insurance holding company to convert its mutual insurance holding company system to a mutual insurer on adoption and approval of a plan of conversion; and establishing certain requirements related to the plan of conversion and its submission to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 983**     **Senator McCray****HIGHER EDUCATION – ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL – OBJECTIONS**

Repealing the requirement that a proposed new academic program be a graduate program in order for the Maryland Higher Education Commission or institutions of higher education in the State to file an objection to implementation of the proposed program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 11-206.1(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules