



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

March 9, 2026  
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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 24, 2026*

### **SB 1001** Senator Mautz

NATURAL RESOURCES – DEVELOPMENT OF ABANDONED  
RAILROAD CORRIDORS – PROOF OF TITLE

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, prior to undertaking the development of a railroad corridor property for recreational use, to establish through a title search that the State owns the property in fee simple.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 5-1010 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1002** Prince George's County Senators

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS  
AER (EQUITY RETAIL) LICENSE

Establishing a Class AER (equity retail) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue the license to an applicant that is certified as a minority business enterprise by the county for use only in certain areas, subject to certain requirements; limiting to 2 licenses per year and a total of 10 licenses under the Act the number of Class AER licenses that the Board may issue; and authorizing an annual license fee of \$910.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 26-901.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 1003 Howard County Senators**

HOWARD COUNTY – SHERIFF AND STATE’S ATTORNEY –  
COMPENSATION HO. CO. 13–26

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Howard County and altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney of Howard County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 2-327(b) and CP, § 15-414(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1004 Howard County Senators**

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MANDATORY  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HO. CO. 11–26

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to close public schools in the county to students beginning in the 2027–2028 school year in observance of Yom Kippur and Juneteenth and to observe the first day of Diwali, Eid al–Adha, Eid al–Fitr, Lunar New Year, and Rosh Hashanah.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-103(c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1005 Prince George’s County Senators**

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING  
COMMISSION GENERAL COUNSEL AND POWERS OF LOCAL  
PLANNING BOARDS – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the requirement that the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission appoint a general counsel; requiring the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Prince George’s County Planning Board to appoint legal counsel for Commission operations within each respective county subject to certain requirements; requiring the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Prince George’s County Planning Board to exercise direct authority over certain functions within each county; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, §§ 15-109, 15-110, 15-506, 16-102, 16-103(c), and 16-201(a)(2) - amended and § 15-110.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules