



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 28, 2026
Schedule 9

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 28, 2026

SB 390 Wicomico County Senators

WICOMICO COUNTY – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – ALTERATIONS

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County from issuing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for use at certain restaurants, subject to certain grandfather provisions; prohibiting the Board from issuing more than one Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for use in each county councilmanic district; repealing the authority of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license holder to purchase liquor for retail sale from an alcoholic beverages wholesaler; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 32-901 and 32-1502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 391 Dorchester County Senators**DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY PROPERTY LEASES – NOTICE EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a lease of county property for a term of 5 years or less and with an annual rent of not greater than \$750 made by Dorchester County from certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 10-312(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 392 Senator King**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – LONG COVID INNOVATION GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to establish a grant and loan program to provide grants and loans for Long COVID innovation; requiring the Corporation to contract with an independent review committee composed of scientific experts in the field of Long COVID; establishing the Maryland Long COVID Research Fund to promote State–funded life sciences research, development, commercialization, and manufacturing related to Long COVID; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, §§ 10-4E-01 through 10-4E-07 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 393 Senator King**COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “eligible project”; requiring an appropriation of a certain amount to the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program if the Governor appropriates less than \$80,000,000 to the Community College Construction Grant Program in each fiscal year; increasing the number of grants, from 8 to 16, the Maryland Higher Education Commission may make in each fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, § 16-320 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 394 Senator Gile**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS**

Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care providers may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 18-214.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 395 Senator Gile**PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS – INSURANCE AND LIABILITY**

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a peer-to-peer car sharing program's motor vehicle liability insurance policy on a replacement vehicle to be secondary coverage for a shared vehicle driver; altering and establishing certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; providing that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is not required to provide coverage to a shared vehicle driver for the use of a shared vehicle that is not a replacement vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 10-6A-05 - repealed and IN, § 19-520 and TR, §§ 18.5-102, 18.5-108, and 21-202.1(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 396 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the minimum and maximum salary amounts for the chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-204(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 397 Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – APPOINTMENT OF MAJORS

Requiring the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to appoint three majors at a salary determined by the County Council of Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 2-315(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 398 Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering eligibility requirements for Board membership; and requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-202(a) and (b) - amended and § 11-210 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 399 Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE FEES

Altering the license fee structure for Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, and beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-1311 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 400 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS**

Altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide; and adding a 100-foot zoning distance requirement from any residential property applicable to certain entertainment permit holders in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-1102(a), (b), (c), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 401 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the annual salaries and providing for cost-of-living salary increases for the chair, certain part-time inspectors, and other members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 11-204(a) and 11-206(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 402 Senator Brooks, et al**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND TRAINING OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Requiring operators of certain residential child care programs to provide to the children for whom they have legal custody or care and control regularly scheduled time to study to support the child's academic work, assistance with homework assignments, projects, and test preparation, support for participation in extracurricular activities, behavioral support, and computer access as required; and requiring that applicants to be child and youth care practitioners undergo certain training.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-309 and HO, § 20-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 403 Senator McCray

**SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL
BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent-teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at a book fair, subject to certain limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 11-204(b)(7) and (8) - amended and § 11-204(b)(9) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation