

# **THESAURUS and SCOPE NOTES**

of terms for searching the

## **SUBJECT INDEX**

of bills introduced in the

# **2025 SESSION**

Maryland General Assembly Website – Bill Subject Index Thesaurus

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The **Thesaurus of Subject Terms for Searching the Subject Index** provides a standardized set of terms to facilitate searching of a particular topic regardless of the wording used in a particular bill.

**Established subject terms** are based on current and anticipated topics relevant to Maryland.

- Established terms are shown in **BOLD UPPER CASE**.
- Broader (bt), narrower (nt), or related terms (rt) –all of which are also *established terms*– are listed in lower case below an established term wherever applicable.

**Additional** terms have been added for synonymous or alternate words that might have been used in the legislation or that might be used in a search; these entries will indicate which *established term(s)* to search for instead.

- These terms are shown in *Italics*. They are followed by ‘–see– TERMS’ (in all caps) indicating which established term to use.

**Notes** (SN) have been added to either define or describe a term if it has multiple meanings or could be used in varying context. Primary consideration is always given to the term in context of the state of Maryland, legal definition, and existing legislation.

**NOTE:**

In the case of entity names that begin with ‘Department of,’ ‘Office of,’ etc. the established term will be inverted (e.g., ‘HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF’). Occasionally, terms beginning with ‘Maryland’ have been inverted as well.

Several compound terms combining closely related topics have been created for the sake of efficiency in indexing and searching (e.g., ‘ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES’) with the latter portion of the term having an entry pointing back to the compound term.

## #

911

-see- EMERGENCY SERVICES

**A****ABANDONED PROPERTY**

rt: personal property

**ABANDONED VEHICLES**

bt: motor vehicles

**ABDUCTION**

bt: crimes and punishments

rt: child custody

family law

**ABORTION**

bt: reproductive matters

rt: birth control

pregnancy

*Absentee Ballots*-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS  
BALLOTS*Absentee Voting*-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING  
VOTING**ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS**

bt: ballots

rt: absentee and mail-in voting

elections

voting

**ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING**

bt: voting

rt: absentee and mail-in ballots

ballots

elections

**ABUSE**

nt: child abuse and neglect

domestic violence

elder abuse and neglect

rt: family law

victims

**ACCESSIBILITY****SN:** Use in context of [physical, technological, or digital access to information, facilities, or services available to any person without disabilities by any person with disabilities.](#)rt: blind and low vision  
building codes  
civil rights and social equity  
cognitive disabilities  
deaf and hard of hearing  
developmental disabilities  
disabilities  
physical disabilities  
restrooms*Accident Insurance*-see- HEALTH INSURANCE  
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE**ACCIDENTS**rt: drunk and drugged driving  
highways  
liability  
motor vehicle operation  
negligence  
occupational safety  
property damage  
safety  
traffic regulation**ACCOUNTANTS**

rt: auditors and audits

tax returns

*Acquisitions*

-see- MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

**ACCREDITATION**rt: child care  
early childhood education  
education  
higher education  
primary schools  
private schools  
public schools  
secondary schools  
state universities and colleges**ACUPUNCTURISTS****SN:** Use for [occupation, practice, education, or oversight.](#)**\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.**

bt: health occupations

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES**

SN: Use for any [administration, agency, authority \(except PUBLIC CORP&INSTRUMENTALITIES\), department, division, office](#) that does not have its own established heading; or for state agencies as a general group.

\*[Combine with appropriate contextual term\(s\)](#).

\*\*[ONLY index unit name if the unit is required to do something, required to staff a committee, or explicitly affected by the bill.](#)

- nt: Administrative Hearings, Office of Aging, Department of Agriculture, Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Coal Mining Division Commerce, Department of Correction, Division of Crime Prevention and Policy, Governor’s Office of Disabilities, Department of Education, State Department of Emergency Management, Department of Energy Administration Environment, Department of the Environmental Service, Maryland Financial Regulation, Division of General Services, Department of Geological Survey, Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Health Benefit Exchange Health, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Human Services, Department of Information Technology, Department of Insurance Administration Juvenile Services, Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Labor, Department of Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, State Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund Military Department Motor Vehicle Administration Natural Resources, Department of Planning, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of Stadium Authority State Highway Administration State Police, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans and Military Families, Department of
- rt: committees and commissions public corporations and instrumentalities

*Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, Joint Committee on*

-see- AELR COMMITTEE

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, OFFICE OF**

- bt: administrative agencies
- rt: Administrative Procedure Act hearings

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

- rt: courts

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

- rt: Administrative Hearings, Office of judicial review

*Administrative Segregation*

-see- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING

**ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX**

- bt: revenue and taxes

**ADOPTION**

SN: Use only in context of [adopting a child or an animal](#).

- rt: family law foster care parents and guardians

*Adult Abuse*

-see- ABUSE ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**ADULTERY**

- rt: divorce family law

**ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES**

- rt: death

**ADVERTISING**

- rt: consumer protection labeling signs and billboards

*AEDs (Automated Electronic Difibrillators)*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

**AELR COMMITTEE**

- bt: committees and commissions General Assembly
- rt: rules and regulations

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

rt: Health Benefit Exchange  
 health insurance  
 health maintenance organizations  
 medical assistance

*African American History and Culture*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
 HISTORICAL MATTERS

**AGE**

SN: Use if another age related term is not appropriate.  
 \*For legal age for driving, drinking, and tobacco purchase, use with another established term to provide appropriate context.

nt: age of majority  
 rt: children (4–12)  
 elderly persons  
 infants and toddlers (0–3)  
 minors  
 teenagers (13–19)  
 youth (10-21)

**AGE OF MAJORITY (18+)**

SN: Use in context of a person recognized by the state based on age as having legal capacity, rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities, and responsibilities of an adult.

bt: age  
 rt: minors

*Agencies*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

**AGENTS AND BROKERS**

SN: Use only in context of real estate, business, securities, or insurance.  
 Do not use for MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND SALESPeOPLE or PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

rt: health insurance  
 insurance  
 motor vehicle insurance  
 real estate

*Aggressive Driving*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

**AGING, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
 rt: elderly persons

**AGRICULTURE**

nt: cannabis production  
 rt: agritourism  
 farmers and farming  
 farmland  
 fertilizers  
 hemp  
 invasive species  
 pest control  
 plants

**AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

**AGRITOURISM**

rt: agriculture  
 tourism

*AI*

-see- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**AIDS**

bt: medical conditions

*Air Conditioning*

-see- HEATING AND COOLING

**AIR POLLUTION**

bt: pollution  
 rt: environmental health

*Air Quality Control*

-see- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**AIRCRAFT**

bt: transportation  
 nt: drones  
 rt: airports  
 noise

**AIRPORTS**

rt: aircraft  
 transportation

*Alcohol Abuse*

-see- SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

- nt: alcoholic beverages – by subdivision
- alcoholic beverages distribution
- alcoholic beverages licenses
- alcoholic beverages manufacturing
- rt: beverage containers
- breweries
- distilleries
- drunk and drugged driving
- license commissioners, boards of
- substance abuse
- substance abuse treatment
- wineries

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BY SUBDIVISION**

- bt: alcoholic beverages
- rt: alcoholic beverages distribution
- alcoholic beverages licenses
- alcoholic beverages manufacturing
- license commissioners, boards of

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRIBUTION**

- bt: alcoholic beverages
- rt: alcoholic beverages – by subdivision
- alcoholic beverages licenses
- alcoholic beverages manufacturing
- license commissioners, boards of

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

- bt: alcoholic beverages
- licenses
- rt: alcoholic beverages – by subdivision
- alcoholic beverages distribution
- alcoholic beverages manufacturing
- license commissioners, boards of

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MANUFACTURING**

- bt: alcoholic beverages
- nt: breweries
- distilleries
- wineries
- rt: alcoholic beverages – by subdivision
- alcoholic beverages distribution
- alcoholic beverages licenses
- license commissioners, boards of

*Alcoholism*

- see- SUBSTANCE ABUSE

*Aliens*

- see- IMMIGRANTS AND CITIZENSHIP

**ALIMONY**

- bt: support of dependents
- rt: divorce
- family law

**ALLEGANY COUNTY**

- bt: code counties
- counties
- Western Maryland
- rt: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland

*Allergies*

- see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- nt: arbitration
- mediation
- rt: courts

*Alternative Energy Sources*

- see- RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

*Alternative Medicine*

- see- HEALTH
- MEDICAL TREATMENTS

**AMBULANCES**

**SN:** Use only in context of [vehicle](#).

**\*For service, use an appropriate broader or related term.**

- bt: emergency medical services
- emergency services
- motor vehicles
- rt: emergencies
- rescue squads

*Ambulatory Health Care Facilities*

- see- CLINICS

*American Sign Language*

- see- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
- LANGUAGE

**AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS**

*Amusement Tax*

- see- ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX

*Anatomical Gifts*

- see- ORGAN DONORSHIP

**ANIMALS**

- nt: birds
- dogs
- domestic animals
- horses
- livestock
- service animals
- rt: animal housing
- animal shelters and rescues
- hunting
- invasive species
- trapping
- veterinarians

**ANIMAL HOUSING**

SN: Use in context of [provisions for and regulation of any system of care and housing of animals that ensures good health.](#)

- rt: animal shelters and rescues
- animals
- domestic animals
- livestock

**ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES**

SN: [[Shelter](#): a facility providing care for animals who have been badly treated or abandoned. / [Rescue](#): a group dedicated to rehoming or adoption of abandoned, abused, or stray pets.]

- rt: animal housing
- animals
- dogs
- domestic animals

**ANNAPOLIS**

- bt: municipal corporations
- rt: Anne Arundel County

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

- bt: chartered counties
- counties
- rt: Annapolis
- Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**ANNEXATION**

SN: Use for legal process of [incorporating an area into a city or town's corporate limits.](#)

- rt: boundaries

**ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

SN: Use only if Annotated Code is specifically addressed in the bill.

- bt: codes
- rt: laws and ordinances
- corrective legislation

*Annual Leave*

- see- LEAVE

*Annual Reports*

- see- REPORTS

**ANNULMENT**

- rt: divorce
- family law
- marriage
- spouses

**ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT**

SN: Use in context of enforcement of the [Maryland Antitrust Act.](#)

- rt: corporations
- mergers and acquisitions

**APARTMENTS**

- bt: housing
- residential property
- rt: condominiums
- property managers

**APPEALS**

- rt: Appellate Court of Maryland
- assessment appeals boards
- judicial review
- review boards
- Supreme Court of Maryland

**APPELATE COURT OF MARYLAND**

- bt: courts
- rt: appeals
- civil actions
- court costs
- judges
- Supreme Court of Maryland
- trials
- witnesses

*Appliances*

- see- EQUIPMENT

*Appointed Officials*

- see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

*Appointments*

- see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

*Apportionment*

- see- REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

**APPRAISALS**

- rt: assessments
- real estate

**APPRENTICES**

rt: job training  
mentors  
work, labor, and employment

**APPROPRIATIONS**

SN: Use if [‘Mandated Appropriations’](#) is indicated on bill synopsis sheet.

Use for specific budgetary funding for designated programs or purposes.

rt: budgets

**AQUACULTURE**

rt: clams  
crabs  
fish and fishing  
oysters  
water

**ARBITRATION**

SN: [[Arbitration](#): a dispute between parties is submitted to an arbitrator who makes a binding decision on the dispute.]

bt: alternative dispute resolution  
rt: collective bargaining  
mediation  
strikes

**ARCHITECTS**

*Architectural Barriers*

-see- ACCESSIBILITY  
BUILDING CODES  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

**ARCHIVES**

rt: historical matters  
libraries

**ARMED FORCES**

SN: Use for [Air Force](#), [Air National Guard](#), [Army](#), [Army National Guard](#), [Coast Guard](#), [Marine Corps](#), [Maryland Defense Force](#), [military reserves](#), [Navy](#), [Space Force](#).

rt: Military Department  
military families  
service animals  
veterans

**ARRESTS**

rt: citations  
law enforcement  
warrants

**ARSON**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: fire protection

**ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

nt: ethnic affairs  
historical matters  
motion pictures  
museums  
photography  
subscriptions and memberships  
theaters

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

rt: biometrics  
industry and technology  
machine learning  
telecommunications and information technology

*Arts Council, Maryland*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**ASBESTOS**

bt: hazardous and toxic substances

**ASSAULT**

bt: crimes and punishments

**ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS**

SN: Use for [local property tax assessment appeals boards](#).

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: appeals  
assessments  
property tax

**ASSESSMENTS**

SN: Use only in context of [property](#) or [taxation](#).

rt: appraisals  
assessment appeals boards  
Assessments and Taxation, Department of  
development fees and taxes  
property tax  
revenue and taxes

**ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: assessments  
revenue and taxes

**ASSISTED LIVING**

SN: Use for licensed residential facilities for people who need help with daily care but have low to moderate medical needs.

bt: long-term care  
rt: continuing care  
elderly persons  
group homes  
nursing homes

*Assisted Suicide*

-see- DEATH



**ASSOCIATIONS**

nt: cooperative associations  
rt: corporations  
subscriptions and memberships  
partnerships

**ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

**ATHLETIC COMMISSION, STATE**

bt: committees and commissions  
Labor, Department of  
rt: sports and recreation

*Athletics*

-see- SPORTS AND RECREATION

*Atlantic Coastal Bays*

-see- COASTAL BAYS

*ATMs*

-see- EQUIPMENT

**ATTACHMENTS AND GARNISHMENTS**

**SN:** Use for legal processes used by creditors to collect debts. [Attachment: seizure of property to satisfy debt / Garnishment: court ordered withholding of funds]

rt: debt collection

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

bt: public officials  
rt: Maryland Register

**ATTORNEYS**

rt: legal aid  
power of attorney  
privileged communications  
state prosecutor  
state's attorneys

**ATTORNEYS' FEES**

bt: fees

**AUCTIONS**

**AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS**

**SN:** Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

**\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.**

bt: health occupations

**AUDITORS AND AUDITS**

rt: accountants

*Authorities*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

**AUTISM SPECTRUM**

bt: mental and behavioral health  
rt: cognitive disabilities  
developmental disabilities  
special education

*Auto Wreckers*

-see- WRECKERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS

*Automated Teller Machines*

-see- EQUIPMENT

*Automobiles*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLES

*Automotive Dismantler or Recycler*

-see- WRECKERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS

*Automotive Repair*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR

**AUTOPSIES**

rt: death  
medical examiners

*Aviation*

-see- AIRCRAFT

**AWARDS, MEDALS, AND PRIZES**

**SN:** Do not use in context of 'awarding' funds, grants, judgements.

rt: contests  
gaming and gambling  
lottery

**AWARENESS AND OUTREACH**

**SN:** Use in context of strategies used to increase awareness of a cause or issue and/or providing information about services and resources, with the intention of improving safety and increasing access to services.

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**B**

*Background Checks*

-see-CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

*Bad Checks*

-see- CHECKS

**BAIL**

rt: bonds  
pretrial detention or release

**BAILIFFS**

bt: law enforcement  
rt: courts

**BALLOTS**

nt: absentee and mail-in ballots  
rt: absentee and mail-in voting  
elections  
Elections, State Board of  
voting

**BALTIMORE CITY**

bt: municipal corporations  
rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
counties

**BALTIMORE COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore County  
Carroll County  
Harford County  
Howard County  
Queen Anne's County

*Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

*Baltimore Regional Council of Governments*

-see- BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

*Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall  
Airport*

-see- AIRPORTS

**BANKRUPTCY**

**BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES**

SN: [Bank: for-profit institution that accepts deposits  
into reserves and makes loans against those reserves /  
Trust company: holds and manages assets and does  
not make loans against them]

bt: financial institutions  
rt: credit unions  
loans  
savings and loan associations

**BARBERS**

rt: cosmetologists

*Base Realignment and Closure*

-see- ARMED FORCES

*Battered Spouses*

-see- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Beauty Culture and Beauticians*

-see- COSMETOLOGISTS

*Bed and Breakfast Establishments*

-see- HOTELS AND MOTELS

*Beer and Malt Beverages*

-see- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
BREWERIES

**BEES**

bt: insects  
rt: pest control

*Behavioral Health*

-see- MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**BENEFICIARIES**

rt: estates and trusts

*Best Practices*

-see- STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES

**BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**

rt: alcoholic beverages  
recycling

**BICYCLES**

bt: transportation  
rt: right-of-way  
sports and recreation

*Billboards*

-see- SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS

*Bills*

-see- LEGISLATION

**BINGO**

bt: gaming and gambling

**BIOMETRICS**

SN: Use in context of [characteristics or traits](#), as well as the [equipment or technology](#) used for measurement that recognize or identify an individual.

nt: fingerprinting  
rt: artificial intelligence identification

*Biotechnology*

-see- INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

**BIRDS**

bt: animals  
domestic animals  
livestock

*Birth Certificates*

-see- VITAL RECORDS

**BIRTH CONTROL**

bt: reproductive matters  
rt: abortion  
pregnancy

*Blackmail*

-see- EXTORTION  
HARASSMENT

**BLIND AND LOW VISION**

bt: physical disabilities  
rt: accessibility  
vision health

*Blood Donation*

-see- ORGAN DONORSHIP

*Blood Tests*

-see- CHEMICAL TESTS  
MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

**BLUE LAWS**

SN: Use for laws pertaining to prohibition of certain secular activities on Sunday.

rt: commerce and business

*Boards*

-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS  
REVIEW BOARDS

**BOATS AND SHIPS**

rt: marinas  
piers and docks  
pilots and docking masters  
ports  
transportation  
Waterway Improvement Fund

*Body Piercing*

-see- TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCING

*Bombs*

-see- EXPLOSIVES

**BONDS**

SN: Use in context of [state and local government funding, financing, surety, or investment](#).

Do not use for BAIL BONDS.

bt: securities  
nt: county and Baltimore City bonds  
state bonds  
rt: bail  
public debt

**BOUNDARIES**

SN: Appropriate for use in context of [political subdivisions, redistricting, designation or restriction of a specified area](#).

rt: annexation

*Bounty Hunters*

-see- LAW ENFORCEMENT

*BRAC*

-see- ARMED FORCES

*Breaking and Entering*

-see- BURGLARY  
CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS  
TRESPASS

*Breath Tests*

-see- CHEMICAL TESTS

**BREWERIES**

bt: alcoholic beverages manufacturing  
rt: alcoholic beverages

**BRIBERY**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: threats

**BRIDGES AND TUNNELS**

bt: public works  
rt: transportation

*Broadband*

-see- INTERNET  
INTERNET ACCESS

*Brokers*

-see- AGENTS AND BROKERS

**BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: budgets

**BUDGETS**

nt: capital budgets  
rt: appropriations  
Budget and Management, Department of  
legislation

**BUILDING CODES**

bt: codes  
rt: accessibility  
construction  
electricians  
energy matters  
fire protection  
heating and cooling  
inspections  
plumbing  
safety

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

rt: construction  
public buildings and facilities

**BUILDING PERMITS**

bt: permits  
rt: construction

*Buildings*

-see- PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

*Bullying*

-see- HARASSMENT

*Burglar Alarms*

-see- SECURITY ALARMS

**BURGLARY**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: robbery  
theft

**BUSES**

bt: mass transit  
motor vehicles  
nt: school buses  
rt: Public Service Commission  
transportation

*Business*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS  
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

**BUSINESS TRUSTS**

SN: [[Business trust](#): an unincorporated trust or  
association that acts as trustee for a business.]  
rt: commerce and business  
real estate investment trusts

*BWI*

-see- AIRPORTS

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**C**

*Cabs*

-see- TAXICABS

**CABLE TELEVISION**

**SN:** Use for [cable tv](#), [satellite tv](#), [internet tv](#), or [streaming tv providers or services](#).

bt: television

**CALVERT COUNTY**

bt: counties

rt: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

**CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

rt: disclosure

elections

ethics

political candidates

political committees

political parties

**CAMPS**

rt: counselors

sports and recreation

youth (10-21)

*Cancellation of Services*

-see- TERMINATION OF SERVICES

*Cancer*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

*Candidates*

-see- POLITICAL CANDIDATES

**CANNABIS**

**SN:** For [medical marijuana](#), use 'CANNABIS' + 'MEDICAL TREATMENTS.'

bt: controlled dangerous substances  
drugs

nt: cannabis distribution

cannabis production

rt: hemp

smoking and vaping

**CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION, MARYLAND**

bt: administrative agencies

rt: cannabis

**CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION**

bt: cannabis

rt: cannabis production

pharmacists and pharmacies

**CANNABIS PRODUCTION**

bt: agriculture

cannabis

rt: cannabis distribution

**CAPITAL BUDGETS**

bt: budgets

rt: legislation

state bonds

*Capital Punishment*

-see- DEATH PENALTY

**CAREGIVERS**

**SN:** Use for a [person providing care](#) to people who need help taking care of themselves, including elderly, children, or patients.

**Do not use in context of CHILD CARE.**

rt: vulnerable adults

**CARES ACT**

bt: federal aid

rt: federal government

*Carjacking*

-see- HIJACKING

*Carnivals*

-see-AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS

**CAROLINE COUNTY**

bt: code counties

counties

rt: Eastern Shore

**CARROLL COUNTY**

bt: counties

Western Maryland

rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council

*Cars*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLES

*Carsharing*

-see- RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING

**CASINOS**

rt: gaming and gambling

*CATV*

-see- CABLE TELEVISION

*Causes*

-see- AWARENESS AND OUTREACH  
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**CECIL COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
rt: Eastern Shore

*Cellular Phones*

-see- MOBILE DEVICES  
TELEPHONES

**CEMETERIES**

rt: funerals  
morticians

**CENSORSHIP**

rt: human rights  
obscenity  
pornography

**CENSUS**

rt: data  
demographics

*Central Committees*

-see- POLITICAL COMMITTEES

*Certificates of Need*

-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**SN: Use in context of [professional or educational certificates or diplomas](#).**

rt: licenses  
permits  
registration

*Certified Public Accountants*

-see- ACCOUNTANTS

*Charge Accounts*

-see- CREDIT

**CHARGING STATIONS**

**SN: Use with either [ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES](#) or [MOBILE DEVICES](#) as applicable.**

bt: equipment  
rt: electric motor vehicles  
mobile devices

*Charitable Organizations*

-see- AWARENESS AND OUTREACH  
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**CHARLES COUNTY**

bt: code counties  
counties  
rt: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

*Charter Schools*

-see- PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**CHARTERED COUNTIES**

bt: counties  
nt: Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore County  
Cecil County  
Dorchester County  
Frederick County  
Harford County  
Howard County  
Montgomery County  
Prince George's County  
Talbot County  
Wicomico County  
rt: code counties

**CHARTERS**

rt: corporations

*Charts*

-see- MAPS AND CHARTS

**CHECKS**

**CHEMICAL TESTS**

rt: drugs  
drunk and drugged driving  
scientific research

**CHESAPEAKE BAY**

nt: Chesapeake Bay restoration  
rt: conservation  
dredging  
environmental matters  
pollution  
riparian rights  
water  
Waterway Improvement Fund  
wetlands

**CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION**

**SN: Use in general for [efforts, programs, or projects](#) focused on improving the health of the Bay.**

bt: Chesapeake Bay  
rt: environmental matters  
Waterway Improvement Fund

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

bt: abuse  
domestic violence  
rt: discipline  
family law  
minors  
sexual offenses  
victims

**CHILD CARE**

rt: accreditation  
 children (4–12)  
 community facilities and services  
 infants and toddlers (0–3)  
 minors

**CHILD CUSTODY**

rt: abduction  
 divorce  
 family law  
 kinship  
 parents and guardians  
 paternity  
 support of dependents  
 visitation rights

*Child Support*

-see- SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

**CHILDREN (4–12yo)**

bt: minors  
 rt: age  
 child care  
 early childhood education  
 infants and toddlers (0–3)  
 parents and guardians  
 students  
 teenagers (13–19)  
 youth (10-21)

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH, DIVISION OF**

bt: Crime Prevention and Policy, Governor’s Office of

*Children, Governor’s Office for*

-see- CHILDREN AND YOUTH, DIVISION OF

*Children in Need of Assistance*

-see- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
 FOSTER CARE  
 SOCIAL SERVICES

*Children in Need of Supervision*

-see- JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY

**CHIROPRACTORS**

SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term ‘HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,’ ‘HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,’ or ‘MEDICAL SCHOOLS’ as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
 rt: osteopaths

*Churches*

-see- PLACES OF WORSHIP  
 RELIGION

**CIGARETTES**

rt: smoking and vaping  
 tobacco and nicotine  
 vending machines

**CIRCUIT COURTS**

bt: courts  
 rt: civil actions  
 civil offenses  
 clerks of court  
 court costs  
 judges  
 juries  
 jurisdiction  
 land records  
 trials  
 witnesses

**CITATIONS**

SN: Use only in context of a notice to appear in court issued by law enforcement for minor violations.

rt: arrests  
 civil offenses  
 law enforcement  
 penalties and sentences

*Cities*

SN: For individual cities, use the name of the county in which the city is located, unless the city has its own established term.

-see- MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS  
 URBAN AREAS

*Citizenship*

-see- IMMIGRANTS AND CITIZENSHIP

**CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

SN: [Civic organization: a nonprofit, voluntary group of citizens established to improve their community.]

rt: awareness and outreach  
 community facilities and services  
 nonprofit organizations  
 volunteers

**CIVIL ACTIONS**

SN: Use for [non-criminal lawsuits](#).

- nt: small claims
- rt: Appellate Court of Maryland
- circuit courts
- civil offenses
- claims
- courts
- damages
- defendants
- district courts
- judgments
- liability
- medical malpractice
- statutes of limitations
- torts
- trials

*Civil Defense*

-see- EMERGENCIES

**CIVIL OFFENSES**

SN: Use for [non-criminal illegal acts](#).

- rt: circuit courts
- citations
- civil actions
- crimes and punishments
- district courts
- finances

**CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY**

SN: Use in context of the [‘concept’ of fairness and justice in society, including efforts to ensure equality](#).

\*For the actual state of inequality, use **DISCRIMINATION** or **DISPARITY**.

- rt: accessibility
- Civil Rights, Commission on
- discrimination
- disparity
- diversity, equity, and inclusion
- ethnic affairs
- harassment
- hate crimes
- human rights
- LGBTQIA+
- minorities
- racial matters
- threats
- violence

**CIVIL RIGHTS, COMMISSION ON**

- bt: committees and commissions
- rt: civil rights and social equity
- discrimination

*Civil Unions*

-see- DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS AND CIVIL UNIONS

*Civil Unrest*

-see- PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

**CLAIMS**

SN: Use in context of [civil action, tort, small claims court, or insurance claims](#).

[Do not](#) use in context of consumer complaints, protests, statements alleging violations. For these, use **COMPLAINTS**.

- rt: civil actions
- complaints
- health insurance
- insurance
- motor vehicle insurance
- small claims
- torts

**CLAMS**

- bt: food
- meat, poultry, and seafood
- rt: aquaculture
- fish and fishing

*Class Actions*

-see- CIVIL ACTIONS

**CLASSIFICATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS**

*Classified Employees*

-see- STATE EMPLOYEES

**CLEAN ENERGY CREDITS**

- bt: tax credits
- rt: environmental incentives
- renewable energy sources

*Clergy*

-see- PLACES OF WORSHIP  
RELIGION

**CLERKS OF COURT**

- rt: circuit courts
- courts
- district courts
- recordation

*Climate Change*

-see- ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

**CLINICS**

- bt: health care facilities
- rt: community facilities and services
- hospitals
- state hospitals

*Cloning*

-see- GENETICS  
MEDICAL RESEARCH



*Closing Costs*

-see- SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

**COAL**

bt: natural resources

rt: fuel  
mining**COAL MINING DIVISION**bt: administrative agencies  
Environment, Department of thert: coal  
mining**COASTAL BAYS**rt: conservation  
environmental matters  
pollution  
riparian rights  
water  
wetlands**CODE COUNTIES**

bt: counties

nt: Allegany County  
Caroline County  
Charles County  
Kent County  
Queen Anne's County  
Worcester County

rt: chartered counties

*Code of Maryland Regulations*

-see- CODES

**CODES****SN:** *Use with another established term to provide appropriate context.*nt: Annotated Code of Maryland  
building codesrt: electricians  
energy matters  
fire protection  
heating and cooling  
Maryland Register  
plumbing**COGNITIVE DISABILITIES****SN:** *Use for conditions impacting thought processes, such as memory, language, and judgement.*

bt: disabilities

rt: autism spectrum  
developmental disabilities  
mental and behavioral health  
vulnerable adults*Coins*

-see- STAMPS AND COINS

*Collection Agencies*

-see- DEBT COLLECTION

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

bt: work, labor, and employment

rt: arbitration  
strikes  
unions*Colleges*-see- COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
MEDICAL SCHOOLS  
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES*Commemorative Dates*-see- HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES  
SPECIAL EVENTS**COMMERCE AND BUSINESS****SN:** *[Commerce: focuses on the transactional side of exchanging goods / Business: encompasses all activities involved in producing, marketing, and delivering goods and services, including organizational structure and finance.]*nt: electronic commerce  
foreign trade  
minority business enterprises  
retail sales  
small businessrt: blue laws  
business trusts  
commercial property  
commercial rehabilitation  
community development  
corporations  
cryptocurrency  
dealers  
enterprise zones  
franchises  
industry and technology  
limited liability companies  
partnerships  
pawnshops  
public corporations and instrumentalities  
shopping centers  
solicitation  
subscriptions and memberships  
trade secrets  
traders  
transfer of goods  
transient merchants  
unfair trade practices  
wholesale distribution**COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

Commercial Code  
-see- UNIFORM LAWS

Commercial Paper  
-see- BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES  
CHECKS  
CORPORATIONS  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

rt: commerce and business  
real property

**COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION**

SN: Use for restoration or structural improvements to a commercial property.

rt: commerce and business  
enterprise zones  
urban renewal

Commissions  
-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

SN: Use for any board (except REVIEW BOARD, committee, commission, foundation, panel, program, taskforce, workgroup that does not have its own established heading; or any as a general group.

\*Combine with appropriate contextual term(s).

\*\*ONLY index unit name if the unit is required to do something, required to staff a committee, or explicitly affected by the bill.

nt: AELR Committee  
assessment appeals boards  
Athletic Commission, State  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Civil Rights, Commission on  
education, boards of  
Education, State Board of  
Elections, State Board of  
Health Care Commission  
Health Services Cost Review Commission  
Higher Education Commission  
Horse Industry Board  
Legislative Policy Committee  
license commissioners, boards of  
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
Police Training and Standards Commission  
political committees  
Public Broadcasting Commission  
Public Service Commission  
Public Works, Board of  
review boards  
State Roads Commission  
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland  
Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland  
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland  
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rt: administrative agencies  
intergovernmental cooperation  
review boards  
studies

**COMMUNICATIONS**

nt: electronic communication  
rt: intergovernmental cooperation  
language  
telecommunications and information technology

Community Associations  
-see- HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

rt: higher education  
state universities and colleges  
students  
tuition

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

SN: Use for programs and initiatives focused on improving quality of life within a community by addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

rt: commerce and business  
urban renewal

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

SN: Use for basic, social, and community infrastructure and essential services within a community or town (e.g., public safety services, water and sewer services, sanitation, schools, libraries, recreation centers, parks, places of worship).

rt: child care  
civic organizations  
clinics  
libraries  
public buildings and facilities  
social services  
swimming pools

Community Service  
-see- PENALTIES AND SENTENCES  
VOLUNTEERS

**COMMUTERS**

rt: mass transit  
transportation

Compacts  
-see- CONTRACTS

Compensation  
-see- REIMBURSEMENT RATES  
REPARATIONS  
SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**COMPLAINTS**

SN: Use in context of [consumer complaints, protests, statements alleging violations.](#)

rt: claims  
consumer protection  
nuisances

*Comprehensive Health Planning*

-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

**COMPROLLER**

bt: public officials

*Computers*

-see- TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**CONDEMNATION**

SN: [\[Condemnation: use of eminent domain powers by a government to seize private property for public use.\]](#)

rt: public works

**CONDOMINIUMS**

bt: housing  
residential property  
rt: apartments  
homeowners associations  
property managers  
timesharing

*Confidentiality*

-see- PRIVACY

*Conflicts of Interest*

-see- ETHICS

**CONGRESS, U.S.**

rt: federal government  
reapportionment and redistricting

**CONSERVATION**

SN: Use in context of preservation of natural resources and cultural property, as well as the protection of open space.

*\*If applicable, use with PROGRAM OPEN SPACE.*

nt: soil conservation  
rt: Chesapeake Bay  
coastal bays  
easements  
environmental matters  
farmland  
land preservation trusts  
natural resources  
Program Open Space  
reclamation  
recycling  
trees

**CONSTITUTION, U.S.**

rt: constitutional amendments  
federal government

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

rt: Constitution, U.S.  
Declaration of Rights  
referendum

**CONSTRUCTION**

rt: building codes  
building maintenance and repair  
building permits  
contractors  
property developers

*Consumer Credit*

-see- CREDIT

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

rt: prices

**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

SN: [Appropriate for use in context of consumer related contractual matters, scams, phishing, etc.](#)

rt: advertising  
complaints  
contracts  
credit  
debt collection  
labeling  
ombudsmen  
solicitation  
unfair trade practices  
warranties

*Contested Case Hearings*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

**CONTESTS**

SN: Use only in context of [competitions or games.](#)

Do not use in context of law or dispute.

rt: awards, medals, and prizes  
gaming and gambling

**CONTINUING CARE**

SN: Use for licensed home care or residential programs providing a transitional range of care options from minimal assistance to hospice care within the same facility or campus.

bt: long-term care  
rt: assisted living  
elderly persons  
home care services  
nursing homes

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

bt: education  
rt: job training

**CONTRACTORS**

rt: construction  
electricians  
heating and cooling  
home improvement  
plumbing

**CONTRACTS**

rt: consumer protection  
leases and rent  
procurement  
termination of services

*Contributions*

-see- GIFTS

**CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**

**SN: Use for any illegal drug or for any drug listed on the published CDS schedules.**

**\*For medical marijuana, use 'CANNABIS' + 'MEDICAL TREATMENTS.'**

nt: cannabis  
opioids  
rt: drugs  
drunk and drugged driving  
substance abuse  
substance abuse treatment

**CONVENTIONS**

rt: Ocean City  
tourism

**COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS**

**SN: [Cooperative association: a business or nonprofit that is owned and operated democratically by its members. Operation is for benefit of members rather than earning profit for investors. Resources are often pooled or shared for lower cost or expense. (Examples may include credit unions, child care, insurance, farming, etc.)**

bt: associations

**COPYRIGHT**

*Coroners*

-see- MEDICAL EXAMINERS

*Corporal Punishment*

-see- DISCIPLINE

**CORPORATIONS**

nt: municipal corporations  
rt: antitrust enforcement  
associations  
charters  
commerce and business  
limited liability companies  
mergers and acquisitions  
partnerships  
public corporations and instrumentalities

*Corpses*

-see- DEATH

**CORRECTION, DIVISION OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of  
rt: correctional officers

**CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

nt: Patuxent Institution  
rt: correctional officers  
incarcerated individuals  
juvenile facilities  
parole and probation  
pretrial detention or release  
prisoners  
restrictive housing

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

rt: Correction, Division of  
correctional institutions

**CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION**

**SN: Use ONLY for Annual Corrective Bill.**

bt: legislation  
rt: Annotated Code of Maryland  
curative legislation

**COSMETOLOGISTS**

rt: barbers

*Costs*

-see- PRICES

*Councils*

-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**COUNSELORS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
 nt: social workers  
 rt: camps  
 mental and behavioral health  
 privileged communications  
 psychiatrists  
 psychologists  
 school administration  
 social workers

*Counterfeiting*

-see- FORGERY

**COUNTIES**

SN: Use "[COUNTIES](#)" + "[BALTIMORE CITY](#)" in context of [all counties](#) unless Baltimore City is explicitly excluded. Otherwise, list each applicable county, municipality, or pre-defined area (Delmarva Peninsula, Eastern Shore, chartered counties, code counties, or one of the tri-county councils).

nt: chartered counties  
 code counties  
 rt: local government mandates  
 Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland  
 Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland  
 Tri-County Council for Western Maryland  
 -see also- (names of individual counties and Baltimore City)

**COUNTRY CLUBS**

rt: sports and recreation

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS**

bt: public officials  
 rt: county executives

**COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY BONDS**

bt: bonds  
 rt: public debt

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

bt: public officials  
 rt: county councils

**COUNTY COUNCILS**

rt: county commissioners

**COUNTY EXECUTIVES**

bt: public officials  
 rt: county administrators

**COURT COSTS**

rt: Appellate Court of Maryland  
 circuit courts  
 courts  
 district courts  
 fees  
 fines  
 Supreme Court of Maryland

*Court of Appeals*

-see- SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

*Court of Special Appeals*

-see- APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND

**COURT ORDERS**

rt: courts  
 judgments

**COURTS**

nt: Appellate Court of Maryland  
 circuit courts  
 district courts  
 orphans' court  
 Supreme Court of Maryland  
 Tax Court, Maryland  
 rt: Administrative Office of the Courts  
 alternative dispute resolution  
 bailiffs  
 civil actions  
 clerks of court  
 court costs  
 court orders  
 evidence  
 grand juries  
 judges  
 judicial review  
 juries  
 jurisdiction  
 juvenile justice and delinquency  
 mediation  
 testimony  
 trials  
 witnesses

**COVID-19**

bt: medical conditions  
 pandemics  
 rt: health

**CRABS**

bt: food  
 meat, poultry, and seafood  
 rt: aquaculture  
 fish and fishing

*Creationism*

-see- RELIGION

**CREDIT**

rt: consumer protection  
debt collection  
debt management  
finance companies  
loans

*Credit Cards*

-see- CREDIT

**CREDIT UNIONS**

SN: [Credit union: not-for-profit organization owned by members and offering similar products and services as a bank, but typically at a lower rate.]

bt: financial institutions  
rt: banks and trust companies  
loans  
savings and loan associations

**CREMATION**

rt: death

**CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
nt: Children and Youth, Division of

**CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS**

SN: Use in broad context of illegal acts and their consequences.

\*For more specific legal context, use PENALTIES AND SENTENCES.

nt: abduction  
arson  
assault  
bribery  
burglary  
extortion  
forgery  
fraud  
harassment  
hate crimes  
hijacking  
homicide  
human trafficking  
manslaughter  
murder  
perjury  
prostitution  
robbery  
sexual offenses  
shoplifting  
theft  
trespass  
vandalism  
rt: civil offenses  
criminal background investigations  
(CONTINUED)

expungement and shielded records  
fines  
gangs  
indictments  
juvenile justice and delinquency  
juvenile facilities  
organized crime  
penalties and sentences  
pleas  
self defense  
statutes of limitation  
victims

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**

SN: Use only in context of pre-employment screening.

bt: investigations and inquiries  
rt: crimes and punishments  
fingerprinting  
records  
work, labor, and employment

**CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION**

rt: restitution  
victims

*Critical Areas*

-see- CHESAPEAKE BAY  
COASTAL BAYS

*Cross Burning*

-see- DISCRIMINATION  
HATE CRIMES

*Cruelty to Animals*

-see- ABUSE  
ANIMALS  
DOGS  
DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**CRYPTOCURRENCY**

rt: commerce and business  
industry and technology  
investments

*Cults*

-see- RELIGION

*Cultural Affairs*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**CURATIVE LEGISLATION**

SN: Use ONLY for Annual Curative Bill.

bt: legislation  
rt: corrective legislation

**CURFEW**

rt: juvenile justice and delinquency  
minors  
youth (10-21)

**CURRICULUM**

rt: education  
textbooks

*Cyberbullying*

-see- HARASSMENT  
HATE CRIMES

**CYBERSECURITY**

SN: Use in context of protecting systems, networks,  
and programs from digital attack or unauthorized  
access.

rt: fraud  
telecommunications and information technology

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**D**

*Dairy Products*

-see- MILK PRODUCTS

**DAMAGES**

SN: Use only in [legal context](#).

For other types of damage, consider ACCIDENTS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, or VANDALISM.

rt: civil actions  
 judgments  
 liability  
 negligence  
 small claims  
 torts

**DATA**

SN: Use in context of [raw facts and figures](#) that can be collected and compiled to create meaningful information that can then be used to create RECORDS. Use also for the [comprehensive set of collected data](#) (e.g., database, table).

\*For the usable, organized output of collected data, use RECORDS.

rt: census  
 demographics  
 machine learning  
 Maryland Longitudinal Data System  
 studies  
 telecommunications and information technology

*Data Banks*

-see- DATA  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Data Processing*

-see- DATA  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Day Care*

-see- CHILD CARE

*Daylight Savings Time*

-see- TIME

**DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

bt: physical disabilities  
 rt: accessibility  
 hearing aids

**DEALERS**

SN: Use in context of individuals or businesses that purchase inventory from manufacturers or wholesalers to sell to retail customers.

nt: motor vehicle dealers and salespeople  
 rt: commerce and business

**DEATH**

nt: homicide  
 murder  
 wrongful death  
 rt: advance medical directives  
 autopsies  
 cremation  
 medical examiners  
 morticians  
 vital records

**DEATH PENALTY**

bt: penalties and sentences  
 rt: death

**DEBT COLLECTION**

rt: attachments and garnishments  
 consumer protection  
 credit  
 debt management  
 liens

**DEBT MANAGEMENT**

rt: credit  
 debt collection

*Decedents' Estates*

-see- ESTATES AND TRUSTS

**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

SN: Use only for the [established rights stated in the Maryland Constitution](#).

rt: constitutional amendments  
 referendum

*Deductions*

-see- EXEMPTIONS

**DEEDS**

bt: land records  
 rt: land patents  
 real property  
 titles

*Deer*

-see- ANIMALS  
 HUNTING

**DEFENDANTS**

rt: civil actions  
 trials  
 witnesses

*Deferred Compensation*

-see- SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

*Delinquency*

-see- JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY



*Delinquent Youth*

-see- JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY

**DELIVERY SERVICES**SN: Use for couriers or carriers or for the process of delivering goods to their destination.

rt: shipping

**DELMARVA PENINSULA**rt: Eastern Shore  
interstate affairs**DEMOGRAPHICS**SN: Use in context of collecting and/or examining the characteristics of a defined population for the purpose of identifying needs and making informed decisions.rt: census  
data*Demonstrations*

-see- PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

**DENTAL HEALTH**bt: health  
rt: dental hygienists  
dentists**DENTAL HYGIENISTS**SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: dental health  
dentists*Dental Plan Organizations*-see- DENTAL HEALTH  
HEALTH INSURANCE  
HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**DENTISTS**SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: dental health  
dental hygienists  
physicians*Departments*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

**DEPENDENTS**SN: Use for any person who can be claimed on a tax return by another person for tax deduction. Maryland follows the federal definition of a dependent.rt: minors  
parents and guardians  
support of dependents  
vulnerable adults*Desertion*

-see- FAMILY LAW

*Detention Centers*-see- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
JUVENILE FACILITIES  
PATUXENT INSTITUTION*Developers*

-see- PROPERTY DEVELOPERS

**DEVELOPMENT FEES AND TAXES**SN: Use for impact fees and excise taxes used to fund public facilities and improvements associated with new development.bt: fees  
revenue and taxes  
rt: assessments  
special tax districts  
zoning and planning**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**SN: Use for persistent conditions impacting physical, neurological, and/or sensory functions that generally manifest early in life.bt: disabilities  
rt: accessibility  
autism spectrum  
cognitive disabilities  
mental and behavioral health  
physical disabilities  
special education  
vulnerable adults**DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS**SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: food  
health supplements**DIGITAL IMAGES**SN: Use for the digital representation of the visual characteristics of an object.bt: digital products  
rt: electronic documents  
photography

**DIGITAL PRODUCTS**

SN: Use for any product or service delivered electronically with no physical form.

- nt: digital images
- rt: electronic commerce recordings

*Diminution Credits*

-see- INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

*Diplomas*

-see- CERTIFICATIONS

**DISABILITIES**

- nt: blind and low vision
- cognitive disabilities
- deaf and hard of hearing
- developmental disabilities
- physical disabilities
- rt: accessibility
- Disabilities, Department of

**DISABILITIES, DEPARTMENT OF**

- bt: administrative agencies
- nt: disabilities

*Disability Insurance*

-see- HEALTH INSURANCE

*Disability Retirement*

-see- RETIREMENT

*Disabled Persons*

- see- BLIND AND LOW VISION
- COGNITIVE DISABILITIES
- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- DISABILITIES
- PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
- VULNERABLE ADULTS

*Disasters*

-see- EMERGENCIES

**DISCIPLINE**

SN: Use only in context of enforcing obedience in areas such as parenting, workplace, justice system, classroom, etc.

Do not use in context of branches of knowledge or higher education.

- rt: child abuse and neglect
- students

**DISCLOSURE**

- rt: campaign financing
- ethics
- financial institutions
- notices
- privacy
- records

**DISCRIMINATION**

SN: Use in context of subjecting an individual or group to unfair treatment.

\*For the general concept of fairness and justice, use **CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY.**

- rt: civil rights and social equity
- Civil Rights; Commission on
- disparity
- diversity, equity, and inclusion
- harassment
- hate crimes
- housing
- human rights
- LGBTQIA+
- minorities
- racial matters
- women
- work, labor, and employment

*Diseases*

-see- HEALTH  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS

*Disorders*

-see- HEALTH  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**DISPARITY**

SN: Use in context of a noticeable condition of inequality between two or more groups.

\*For the general concept of fairness and justice, use **CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY.**

- rt: civil rights and social equity
- discrimination
- diversity, equity, and inclusion

*Dispensaries*

-see- CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION

*Distance Learning*

-see- REMOTE AND HYBRID EDUCATION

**DISTILLERIES**

- bt: alcoholic beverages manufacturing
- rt: alcoholic beverages

*Distracted Driving*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

**DISTRICT COURTS**

bt: courts  
 rt: civil actions  
 civil offenses  
 clerks of court  
 court costs  
 judges  
 juries  
 jurisdiction  
 Maryland Register  
 small claims  
 trials  
 witnesses

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

rt: interstate affairs  
 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
 Washington Suburban Sanitary District

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

SN: Use in context of [workplace initiatives](#).

rt: civil rights and social equity  
 discrimination  
 disparity  
 LGBTQIA+  
 minorities  
 racial matters  
 work, labor, and employment

*Divisions*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

**DIVORCE**

rt: adultery  
 alimony  
 annulment  
 child custody  
 family law  
 marriage  
 spouses  
 support of dependents  
 vital records

*DNA*

-see- FORENSICS  
 GENETICS

*Docking Masters*

-see- PILOTS AND DOCKING MASTERS

*Docks*

-see- PIERS AND DOCKS

*Doctors*

-see- HEALTH OCCUPATIONS  
 PEDIATRICIANS  
 PHYSICIANS

*Documents*

-see- MAPS AND CHARTS  
 STATE DOCUMENTS

**DOGS**

bt: animals  
 domestic animals  
 rt: animal shelters and rescues  
 service animals

**DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

bt: animals  
 nt: birds  
 dogs  
 rt: animal housing  
 animal shelters and rescues  
 livestock

**DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS AND CIVIL UNIONS**

rt: family law  
 marriage  
 spouses

*Domestic Relations*

-see- FAMILY LAW  
 KINSHIP

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

bt: abuse  
 violence  
 nt: child abuse and neglect  
 rt: elder abuse and neglect  
 family law  
 protection orders  
 spouses  
 victims  
 women

*Domiciliary Care*

-see- ASSISTED LIVING  
 HOME CARE SERVICES

*Donations*

-see- GIFTS

**DORCHESTER COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
 counties  
 rt: Eastern Shore

*Drainage Associations*

-see- FLOOD CONTROL

**DREDGING**

rt: Chesapeake Bay  
environmental matters  
ports  
rivers, streams, and lakes  
Waterway Improvement Fund  
wetlands

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

bt: education  
rt: drivers' licenses

**DRIVERS' LICENSES**

bt: licenses  
state documents  
rt: driver education  
identification  
permits

*Driving*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

*Driving Under the Influence*

-see- DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING

*Driving While Intoxicated*

-see- DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING

**DRONES**

bt: aircraft

*Drug Abuse*

-see- SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**DRUGS**

**SN:** Use only for [non-controlled prescription medications](#) or [over-the-counter medications](#). **Do not use** for any drug listed on the published CDS schedules.

nt: cannabis  
opioids  
rt: chemical tests  
controlled dangerous substances  
drunk and drugged driving  
medication technicians  
pharmacists and pharmacies  
pharmacy benefits managers  
substance abuse  
substance abuse treatment

**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING**

rt: accidents  
alcoholic beverages  
chemical tests  
controlled dangerous substances  
drugs  
motor vehicle operation  
substance abuse  
substance abuse treatment  
traffic regulation

**DRY CLEANERS AND LAUNDRIES**

*Dump Trucks*

-see- TRUCKS

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**E****EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

SN: Use for [pre-school](#) or for educational programs generally from [birth through grade 3](#). Many programs and facilities end after pre-K or kindergarten.

bt: education  
 rt: accreditations  
 children  
 primary schools  
 students

**EASEMENTS**

SN: [[Easement](#): a right held by one person or entity to use land owned by another.]

rt: conservation  
 environmental matters  
 historical matters  
 land records  
 real property

**EASTERN SHORE**

nt: Caroline County  
 Cecil County  
 Dorchester County  
 Kent County  
 Ocean City  
 Queen Anne's County  
 Somerset County  
 Talbot County  
 Wicomico County  
 Worcester County  
 rt: counties  
 Delmarva Peninsula  
 Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland

*eCigarettes*

-see- SMOKING AND VAPING  
 TOBACCO AND NICOTINE

*Economic Development*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS

**EDUCATION**

nt: continuing education  
 driver education  
 early childhood education  
 higher education  
 home schooling  
 remote and hybrid education  
 special education  
 rt: accreditation  
 curriculum  
 education, boards of  
 Education, State Board of  
 Education, State Department of  
 job training  
 literacy  
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Maryland Longitudinal Data System  
 medical schools  
 mentors  
 primary schools  
 private schools  
 public schools  
 school resource officers  
 school testing  
 secondary schools  
 sexual matters  
 state aid  
 students  
 teachers  
 textbooks

**EDUCATION, BOARDS OF**

bt: committees and commissions  
 rt: education  
 school administration

*Education Financing*

-see- PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF**

bt: committees and commissions  
 Education, State Department of  
 rt: education

**EDUCATION, STATE DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
 nt: Education, State Board of  
 rt: education

**ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

bt: abuse  
 elderly persons  
 rt: domestic violence  
 family law  
 victims

**ELDERLY PERSONS**

SN: Use for [age 65+](#).  
 nt: elder abuse and neglect  
 rt: age  
 Aging, Department of  
 assisted living  
 continuing care  
 long-term care  
 nursing homes  
 vulnerable adults

*Elected Officials*

-see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

**ELECTIONS**

- rt: absentee and mail-in ballots
- absentee and mail-in voting
- ballots
- campaign financing
- Elections, State Board of
- elections supervisors
- petitions
- political candidates
- political parties
- reapportionment and redistricting
- referendum
- voting

*Elections, Boards of*

-see- ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS

**ELECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF**

- bt: committees and commissions
- rt: ballots
- elections
- elections supervisors
- voting

**ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS**

- rt: elections
- Elections, State Board of
- voting

*Electric Companies*

-see- UTILITIES

**ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES**

- bt: motor vehicles

*Electric Wheelchairs*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

*Electrical Devices*

-see- EQUIPMENT

**ELECTRICIANS**

- rt: building codes
- codes
- contractors

**ELECTROLOGISTS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

- bt: health occupations

**ELECTRONIC COMMERCE**

- bt: commerce and business
- nt: electronic funds transfer
- rt: digital products
- electronic documents

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

- bt: communications
- rt: electronic documents
- electronic government
- telecommunications and information technology

*Electronic Devices*

-see- EQUIPMENT  
MOBILE DEVICES

**ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS**

- rt: digital images
- electronic commerce
- electronic communication
- electronic government

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

- bt: electronic commerce
- rt: financial institutions

**ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT**

SN: Use for [online services](#), [websites](#), [information](#), etc. [provided by any governmental](#).

- rt: electronic communication
- electronic documents
- open government

**ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE**

- nt: wiretapping
- rt: video

*Electronic Transmission*

-see- ELECTRONIC COMMERCE  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION  
ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

**ELEVATORS**

**EMERGENCIES**

- rt: ambulances
- Emergency Management, Department of
- emergency medical services
- emergency services
- fire protection
- pandemics
- rescue squads
- safety

**EMERGENCY BILLS**

- bt: legislation

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

- bt: administrative agencies
- rt: emergencies
- Homeland Security

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

SN: Use for emergency response providing pre-hospital medical care for injuries or illness.

bt: emergency services  
rt: ambulances  
emergencies  
rescue squads

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

SN: Use in broad context of emergency response units and/or first responders who act to ensure public safety, security, and health. Prefer narrower terms if named in bill.

nt: ambulances  
emergency medical services  
fire protection  
law enforcement  
rescue squads  
rt: emergencies

*Eminent Domain*

-see- CONDEMNATION

*Emissions*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION  
POLLUTION

*Emotional Support Animals*

-see- SERVICE ANIMALS

*Employee Benefits*

-see- WORK, LABOR, AND EMPLOYMENT

*Employee Organizations*

-see- UNIONS

*Employment*

-see- WORK, LABOR, AND EMPLOYMENT

**EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES**

rt: unemployment

**ENERGY ADMINISTRATION**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: energy matters

*Energy Assistance*

-see- SOCIAL SERVICES

*Energy Conservation*

-see- CONSERVATION

**ENERGY MATTERS**

SN: Use in broad context of energy sources, clean energy goals, energy efficiency, renewable energy projects, energy regulation, etc.

rt: building codes  
codes  
Energy Administration  
fuel  
geothermal energy  
natural resources  
nuclear matters  
power plants  
renewable energy sources  
solar energy  
utilities  
wind energy

**ENGINEERS***English Language*

-see- LANGUAGE

**ENTERPRISE ZONES**

SN: [Enterprise zone: a specially zoned commercial area where businesses are eligible for income tax credits and real property tax credits in return for job creation and investments made within the zone.]

rt: commerce and business  
commercial rehabilitation  
industry and technology  
tax credits  
urban renewal

*Entertainment*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**ENVIRONMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

bt: administrative agencies  
nt: Coal Mining Division  
rt: Environmental Service, Maryland  
Environmental Trust

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

SN: Use in context of the monitoring and reduction of any environmental factors that impact human health.

rt: air pollution  
environmental justice  
environmental matters  
hazardous and toxic substances  
pollution  
water pollution

**ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVES**

SN: Use in context of financial or other rewards or penalties that encourage environmentally friendly behavior.

rt: environmental matters  
tax credits

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

SN: Use in context of [fair or non-discriminatory treatment of people](#) regarding any aspect of [environmental laws, regulations, and policies](#).

rt: environmental health  
environmental matters

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

SN: Use in context of any [issues relating to the health and safety of the environment or workplace](#).

rt: Chesapeake Bay  
Chesapeake Bay restoration  
coastal bays  
conservation  
dredging  
easements  
environmental health  
environmental incentives  
environmental justice  
Environmental Service, Maryland  
Environmental Trust  
erosion  
farmland  
flood control  
hazardous and toxic substances  
invasive species  
litter  
natural resources  
pest control  
plants  
pollution  
Program Open Space  
reclamation  
recycling  
refuse disposal  
rivers, streams, and lakes  
sediment control  
sewage  
shore erosion  
soil conservation  
trees  
water  
Waterway Improvement Fund  
weeds  
wetlands  
zoning and planning

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, MARYLAND**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: Environment, Department of the  
environmental matters

**ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST**

bt: Natural Resources, Department of  
rt: Environment, Department of the  
environmental matters

**EQUIPMENT**

SN: Use with another [established term](#) to provide appropriate context.

nt: charging stations  
medical equipment and devices  
motor vehicle equipment  
personal protective equipment

*Equity*

-see- DISPARITY  
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

**EROSION**

nt: shore erosion  
rt: environmental matters  
sediment control  
soil conservation

**ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

SN: [[Escrow account](#): a financial arrangement where a third party holds money or assets to protect all parties involved.] May be used in context of [mortgages](#), [real estate transactions](#), or [merchandise transactions](#).

rt: landlords and tenants  
mortgages

**ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

SN: [[Essential worker](#): according to the US Department of Homeland Security, essential workers are those who conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to continue critical infrastructure operations. Categories and sectors are determined at the state level.]

**ESTATE TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes  
rt: estates and trusts  
inheritance tax

**ESTATES AND TRUSTS**

SN: Use in context of the [management of a person's or entity's assets](#). [[Estate](#): the total asset value of a person at the time of their death. / [Trust](#): the legal arrangement for a FIDUCIARY to hold and manage assets according to established instructions.]

rt: beneficiaries  
estate tax  
fiduciaries  
inheritance tax  
orphans' court  
personal representatives  
power of attorney  
registers of wills



**ETHICS**

SN: Use in context of [government](#), [political](#), [legal](#), [business](#), or [individual activities or actions](#).

rt: campaign financing  
disclosure  
Maryland Register  
police conduct  
political candidates  
political committees  
public officials

**ETHNIC AFFAIRS**

SN: Use in context of [programs or policies promoting or addressing the development of language, culture, religion, and heritage](#) of any ethnic community.

rt: art, music, and cultural affairs  
civil rights and social equity  
diversity, equity, and inclusion  
minorities  
racial matters

*Euthanasia*

-see- DEATH

*Events*

-see- HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES  
SPECIAL EVENTS

**EVICTION**

rt: landlords and tenants  
leases and rent

**EVIDENCE**

rt: courts  
forensics  
witnesses

*Examinations*

-see- INSPECTIONS  
INTERROGATIONS  
INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRIES  
MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS  
SCHOOL TESTING  
STUDIES  
TESTIMONY

**EXCISE TAX**

SN: [[Excise tax](#): an indirect tax on specific goods, services, and activities.]

bt: revenue and taxes

*Ex-Convicts*

-see- EX-OFFENDERS

*Executive Agencies*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES  
ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

*Executive Department*

-see- GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

SN: [[Executive order](#): directive issued by the governor that regulates government operations and certain aspects of citizen life. Take effect without action from the state legislature.]

rt: local government mandates  
Maryland Register

*Executive Review*

-see- AELR COMMITTEE

**EXEMPTIONS**

SN: Use only in context of [taxes](#).

[Do not use](#) in other contexts, such as being exempt from a requirement.

rt: income tax  
property tax  
revenue and taxes  
tax credits  
waivers

**EX-OFFENDERS**

SN: Use for an individual [released from a correctional institution](#) or [sentenced to probation](#).

Use also in context of [challenges](#) or [services](#) for ex-offenders.

rt: incarcerated individuals  
parole and probation  
prerelease and reentry  
repeat offenders

*Expenses*

-see- REIMBURSEMENT RATES  
SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**EXPLOSIVES**

nt: fireworks

**EXPUNGEMENT AND SHIELDED RECORDS**

SN: [[Expungement](#): elimination of court and police records. / [Shielding](#): removal of some or all court and police records from public view.]

rt: crimes and punishments  
penalties and sentences  
privacy  
records

**EXTORTION**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: bribery  
harassment  
threats

**EXTRADITION**

rt: interstate affairs

*Extremism*

-see- HATE CRIMES  
VIOLENCE

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**F***Facemasks**-see-* PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT*Factories**-see-* INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY*Fairs**-see-* AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS*Families**-see-* KINSHIP*Family Investment Program**-see-* PUBLIC BENEFITS**FAMILY LAW**

rt: abduction  
 abuse  
 adoption  
 alimony  
 annulment  
 child abuse and neglect  
 child custody  
 divorce  
 domestic partnerships and civil unions  
 domestic violence  
 elder abuse and neglect  
 foster care  
 kinship  
 marriage  
 paternity  
 reproductive matters  
 support of dependents  
 visitation rights

*Family Planning**-see-* BIRTH CONTROL  
 REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS*Family Therapists**-see-* COUNSELORS**FARMERS AND FARMING**rt: agriculture  
 farmland*Farmers' Markets**-see-* TRANSIENT MERCHANTS*Farming**-see-* AGRICULTURE  
 FARMERS AND FARMING  
 FARMLAND**FARMLAND**rt: agriculture  
 conservation  
 environmental matters  
 farmers and farming**FEDERAL AID**nt: CARES Act  
 rt: federal government**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**rt: CARES Act  
 Congress, U.S.  
 Constitution, U.S.  
 federal aid**FEES****SN: Use in context of cost of [services](#).****\*For cost of [goods](#), use PRICES.**nt: attorneys' fees  
 development fees and taxes  
 rt: court costs  
 reimbursement rates  
 subscriptions and memberships*Ferries**-see-* BOATS AND SHIPS  
 TRANSPORTATION**FERTILIZERS**

rt: agriculture

**FIDUCIARIES****SN: Use for a [person or entity assigned legal obligation to manage a trust](#).**rt: estates and trusts  
 personal representatives*Films**-see-* ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
 MOTION PICTURES  
 THEATERS**FINANCE COMPANIES****SN: Use for organizations that [only make loans](#).**rt: credit  
 financial institutions  
 loans  
 mortgages*Financial Aid**-see-* SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

SN: Use for any company or organization that deals with [any type of financial transaction](#) (e.g., banks, brokerage firms, credit unions, investment companies, trusts). They can be [private or public, national or international, banking or non-banking](#).

- nt: banks and trust companies
- credit unions
- savings and loan associations
- rt: disclosure
- electronic funds transfer
- finance companies

**FINANCIAL PLANNERS**

- rt: investments

**FINANCIAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF**

- bt: administrative agencies

*Financing Agreements*

- see- LOANS

**FINES**

- rt: civil offenses
- court costs
- crimes and punishments
- penalties and sentences

**FINGERPRINTING**

- bt: biometrics
- rt: criminal background investigations
- identification

*Fire Departments*

- see- FIRE PROTECTION

*Fire Marshal, State*

- see- FIRE PROTECTION

**FIRE PROTECTION**

SN: Use for any aspect of [fire safety, including responders, alarms, suppression, material, equipment, etc.](#)

- rt: arson
- building codes
- codes
- emergency services
- rescue squads

*Firearms*

- see- GUNS

**FIREWORKS**

- bt: explosives

*First Responders*

- see- EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Fiscal Matters*

- see- BUDGETS
- REVENUE AND TAXES

*Fiscal Notes*

- see- STATE DOCUMENTS

**FISH AND FISHING**

- nt: fishing nets and devices
- rt: aquaculture
- clams
- crabs
- meat, poultry, and seafood
- oysters

**FISHING NETS AND DEVICES**

- bt: fish and fishing

**FLAGS**

- rt: state symbols

*Flammable Products*

- see- FIRE PROTECTION
- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

**FLOOD CONTROL**

- rt: environmental matters
- sediment control

*Flu*

- see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**FOOD**

- nt: clams
- crabs
- food insecurity
- meat, poultry, and seafood
- milk products
- oysters
- rt: health supplements
- restaurants
- vending machines

**FOOD INSECURITY**

SN: Use for [household or community level economic condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food](#).

- bt: food
- rt: food stamps
- low-income
- poverty

**FOOD STAMPS**

- bt: public benefits
- rt: food insecurity

**FORECLOSURE**

- rt: mortgages

**FOREIGN OWNERSHIP**

SN: Use in context of [laws or policies regarding ownership](#) of property, business, or services by non-US entities.

rt: international affairs

**FOREIGN TRADE**

bt: commerce and business

rt: international affairs

*Foreign Vessels*

-see- BOATS AND SHIPS

*Foreigners*

-see- IMMIGRANTS AND CITIZENSHIP

**FORENSICS**

SN: [[Forensics](#): the application of scientific knowledge to legal problems.] Use in context of [physical evidence](#), or the [collection and/or analysis of physical evidence](#), for legal or regulatory purposes.

rt: evidence  
investigations and inquiries  
medical examiners  
scientific research

**FORESTERS**

rt: forests and parks  
trees

**FORESTS AND PARKS**

rt: foresters  
invasive species  
Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
natural resources  
plants  
Program Open Space  
trees

**FORFEITURE****FORGERY**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: fraud

**FOR-HIRE DRIVING**

rt: ridesharing and carsharing  
taxicabs  
transportation

**FORMS**

SN: Use for any documents that are to be completed, such as [questionnaires](#) or [applications](#).

rt: state documents

**FOSTER CARE**

rt: adoption  
family law  
group homes

*Foundations*

-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

*Fracking*

-see- HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

**FRANCHISE TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes

**FRANCHISES**

rt: commerce and business  
small business

**FRAUD**

SN: [[Fraud](#): criminal act involving deceit, concealment, or violation of trust to obtain money, property, or services.]

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: cybersecurity  
forgery

**FREDERICK COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
Western Maryland

*Freedom of Assembly, Religion, Speech, or the Press*

-see- CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
NEWS MEDIA  
PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS  
RELIGION

*Freedom of Information*

-see- PUBLIC INFORMATION

*Front Line Workers*

-see- ESSENTIAL WORKERS

**FUEL**

SN: Use for any [natural or artificial substance](#) that can be [burned to produce heat or power](#).

rt: coal  
energy matters  
nuclear matters  
service stations  
storage

**FUEL TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes

*Funeral Directors*

-see- MORTICIANS

**FUNERALS**

rt: cemeteries  
morticians

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**G***Gambling*

-see- GAMING AND GAMBLING

**GAMING AND GAMBLING**SN: [Gaming: any skill-based activity. / Gambling: any chance-based activity.]

nt: bingo  
casinos  
contests  
lottery  
racing  
raffles  
racing

rt: awards, medals, and prizes  
casinos  
virtual environments

**GANGS**

rt: crimes and punishments  
juvenile justice and delinquency  
organized crime  
youth (10-21)

*Garbage*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

*Garnishments*

-see- ATTACHMENTS AND GARNISHMENTS

**GARRETT COUNTY**

bt: counties  
Western Maryland

rt: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland

*Gas*

-see- FUEL

*Gas Companies*

-see- UTILITIES

*Gas Stations*

-see- SERVICE STATIONS

*Gasoline*

-see- FUEL

*Gasoline Tax*

-see- FUEL TAX

*Gemstones*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

**GENDER**SN: Use for any issues that affect individuals or groups based on gender or gender differences.Also use for any issues that arise due to gender or gender differences.

nt: women

rt: gender identity and expression  
restrooms

*Gender Expression*

-see- GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION

**GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION**SN: Use in context of internal sense and/or outward appearance, especially in relation to public policy to provide protection from discrimination.

rt: gender  
LGBTQIA+  
sexual orientation

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

nt: AELR Committee  
Legislative Policy Committee  
Legislative Services, Department of

rt: legislation  
legislators  
Maryland Register  
public officials  
reapportionment and redistricting

*General Construction Loan*

-see- CAPITAL BUDGETS

**GENERAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

**GENETICS**

rt: health  
medical conditions  
medical research

**GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, MARYLAND**

bt: administrative agencies  
Natural Resources, Department of

**GEOHERMAL ENERGY**SN: [Geothermal energy: heat extracted from within the earth.]

bt: renewable energy sources

rt: energy matters

**GIFTS**SN: Use for monetary, service, or other contribution or donation to any individual or entity with no reciprocation.Use in context of charitable purposes, tax deductions, politics, or public employees.

rt: nonprofit organizations

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-see- FISHING NETS AND DEVICES

### *Gold*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

### *Golf Carts*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLES

## **GOOD SAMARITAN**

**SN:** Use in context of [laws to encourage witnesses to assist injured parties or victims by providing immunity from liability](#).

rt: liability

## **GOODS AND SERVICES**

rt: home improvement  
motor vehicle repair  
restaurants  
retail sales  
service stations  
shopping centers  
subscriptions and memberships  
termination of services  
transfer of goods  
wholesale distribution

### *Government*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES  
ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

## **GOVERNOR**

bt: public officials  
rt: lieutenant governor  
veto

### *GPS (Global Positioning Systems)*

-see- ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE  
MOBILE DEVICES

### *Grades*

-see- RECORDS

### *Grading*

-see- EROSION

### *Graffiti*

-see- VANDALISM

## **GRAND JURIES**

bt: juries  
rt: courts  
indictments

## **GRANTS**

rt: state aid

## **GRATUITIES**

### *Ground Rents*

-see- LEASES AND RENT

## **GROUP HOMES**

**SN:** [[Group home](#): a small, residential facility located within a residential neighborhood providing small group care, support, or supervision.]

nt: foster care  
juvenile facilities  
substance abuse treatment  
rt: assisted living

### *Guardians*

-see- PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

### *Guidance Counselors*

-see- COUNSELORS

## **GUNS**

bt: weapons  
rt: hunting  
safety

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**H****HAGERSTOWN**

bt: municipal corporations  
rt: Washington County

*Halfway Houses*

-see- GROUP HOMES  
PRERELEASE AND REENTRY

*Hall of Records*

-see- ARCHIVES

*Handguns*

-see- GUNS

*Handicapped Persons*

-see- BLIND AND LOW VISION  
COGNITIVE DISABILITIES  
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
DISABILITIES  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  
VULNERABLE ADULTS

**HARASSMENT**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
hate crimes  
threats  
violence

*Hard of Hearing*

-see- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

**HARFORD COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**HATE CRIMES**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
harassment  
threats  
violence

*Hawkers*

-see- TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

**HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES**

nt: asbestos  
rt: environmental health  
environmental matters  
occupational safety  
pest control  
radiation

**HEALTH**

nt: dental health  
mental and behavioral health  
vision health  
rt: clinics  
COVID-19  
genetics  
health care facilities  
health insurance  
health maintenance organizations  
health planning and cost review  
health supplements  
home care services  
hospices  
hospitals  
immunization  
managed care organizations  
medical assistance  
medical conditions  
medical research  
medical testing and diagnosis  
medical treatments  
pandemics  
rehabilitation  
reproductive matters  
smoking and vaping  
substance abuse  
substance abuse treatment  
uncompensated care

**HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

bt: administrative agencies

**HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE**

bt: administrative agencies  
public corporations and instrumentalities  
rt: Affordable Care Act  
health insurance

*Health Care*

-see- HEALTH

**HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions

**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

nt: clinics  
hospices  
hospitals  
nursing homes  
state hospitals

rt: health  
patients

*Health Claims Arbitration*

-see- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

**HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

rt: medical assistance  
medical research  
mental and behavioral health  
state hospitals

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

bt: insurance

nt: health maintenance organizations  
managed care organizations

rt: Affordable Care Act  
agents and brokers  
claims  
Health Benefit Exchange  
Insurance Administration  
long-term care  
medical assistance  
pharmacy benefits managers  
uncompensated care

**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**

bt: health insurance

rt: Affordable Care Act  
health  
managed care organizations

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS**

*SN: Use in addition to any established term for a specific health occupation or health field. Use on its own only if no other established term applies.*

nt: acupuncturists  
audiologists and speech pathologists  
chiropractors  
counselors  
dental hygienists  
dentists  
dietitians and nutritionists  
electrologists  
medical examiners  
medication technicians  
midwives  
morticians  
nurse practitioners  
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nurses  
nursing assistants  
occupational therapists  
optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians  
osteopaths  
pediatricians  
pharmacists and pharmacies  
physical therapists  
physician assistants  
physicians  
podiatrists  
psychiatrists  
psychologists  
veterinarians

rt: medical malpractice  
social workers  
uncompensated care

**HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW**

*SN: Use in context of any analysis and evaluation of healthcare practices for the purpose of optimizing efficiency, cost, and care.*

rt: health  
medical assistance  
reimbursement rates  
uncompensated care

*Health Savings Accounts*

-see- HEALTH INSURANCE

**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions

**HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS**

rt: dietitians and nutritionists  
health

**HEARING AIDS**

rt: deaf and hard of hearing  
medical equipment and devices

*Hearing Loss*

-see- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

**HEARINGS**

*SN: Use for any formal proceeding before a court or any formal meeting of a government entity for a specific purpose.*

rt: Administrative Hearings, Office of  
meetings

**HEATING AND COOLING**

rt: building codes  
codes  
contractors  
plumbing

*Helicopters*

-see- AIRCRAFT

**HEMP**rt: agriculture  
cannabis**HIGH VOLTAGE LINES**rt: radiation  
utilities**HIGHER EDUCATION****SN: Use for study or institution providing study beyond secondary education.**bt: education  
rt: accreditation  
community colleges  
Higher Education Commission  
medical schools  
scholarships and student financial aid  
state universities and colleges  
students**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**bt: committees and commissions  
rt: higher education**HIGHWAYS****SN: Use for any publicly accessible road used for vehicular travel.**rt: accidents  
State Highway Administration  
pedestrians  
public works  
sidewalks  
State Roads Commission  
street lights  
traffic monitoring  
traffic regulation  
transportation**HIJACKING****SN: Use in context of taking control of any vehicle by force.**bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: theft*Hiring*

-see- RECRUITMENT AND HIRING

*Historic Preservation*

-see- HISTORICAL MATTERS

**HISTORICAL MATTERS**rt: archives  
art, music, and cultural affairs  
easements  
monuments and memorials  
museums*HIV*

-see- AIDS

**HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES**rt: special events  
work, labor, and employment*Holistic Medicine*-see- HEALTH  
MEDICAL TREATMENTS*Home Appliances*

-see- EQUIPMENT

*Home Builders*

-see- CONTRACTORS

**HOME CARE SERVICES****SN: Use for any of a variety of services (e.g., health care, personal care, therapy, companionship) provided to people with needs within their home.**rt: health  
long-term care  
respite care**HOME DETENTION**rt: incarcerated individuals  
penalties and sentences*Home Finance*

-see- MORTGAGES

*Home Health Care*

-see- HOME CARE SERVICES

**HOME IMPROVEMENT**rt: contractors  
goods and services**HOME SCHOOLING**bt: education  
rt: remote and hybrid education*Home Solicitation or Sales*

-see- SOLICITATION

*Home Warranties*

-see- WARRANTIES

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

rt: Emergency Management, Department of safety

*Homeless Persons*

-see- INDIGENT PERSONS

**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS**

rt: condominiums  
real property  
residential property

*Homeowners Insurance*

-see- INSURANCE  
REAL PROPERTY

**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

bt: tax credits  
rt: property tax

**HOMICIDE**

SN: [**Homicide: the criminal or non-criminal act of one person causing the death of another.**]

bt: crimes and punishments  
death  
nt: manslaughter  
murder

*Homosexuality*

-see- LGBTQIA+  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION

*Honeybees*

-see- BEES

*Horizontal Property Act*

-see- CONDOMINIUMS

**HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: horses

**HORSES**

bt: animals  
livestock  
rt: Horse Industry Board  
racing  
service animals

**HOSPICES**

SN: [**Hospice care: end-of-life care for the terminally ill, focused on quality of life and comfort, provided in home or in a healthcare facility.**]

bt: health care facilities  
rt: health  
hospitals

**HOSPITALS**

bt: health care facilities  
nt: state hospitals  
rt: clinics  
health  
hospices  
patients  
uncompensated care

**HOTELS AND MOTELS**

rt: tourism

*House of Delegates*

-see- GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**HOUSING**

nt: apartments  
condominiums  
mobile and manufactured homes  
rt: discrimination  
mortgages  
property managers  
public benefits  
residential property  
settlement procedures  
timesharing  
urban renewal

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

**HOWARD COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE**

SN: **Use in context of any services, efforts, facilities, or technologies that affect and involve the people (e.g., healthcare, education, housing, labor).**

rt: work, labor, and employment

*Human Relations Commission*

-see- CIVIL RIGHTS, COMMISSION ON

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

SN: [**Human rights: basic rights and freedoms that every person has and are protected by law.**]

rt: censorship  
civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
human trafficking  
privacy

**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: social services  
support of dependents  
public benefits

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

bt: crimes and punishments  
nt: prostitution  
rt: human rights

*Hunger*

-see- FOOD INSECURITY

**HUNTING**

rt: animals  
guns  
trapping

*Husband and Wife*

-see- ANNULMENT  
DIVORCE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
FAMILY LAW  
MARRIAGE  
SPOUSES

*Hybrid Education*

-see- REMOTE AND HYBRID EDUCATION

**HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**

rt: mining  
wells

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**I**

**IDENTIFICATION**

SN: Use in context of determining or verifying the [identity of an individual, including any documentation used for this purpose](#) (e.g., photo id, passport).

rt: biometrics  
drivers' license  
fingerprinting

*Identity Cards*

-see- IDENTIFICATION

*Identity Theft*

-see- FRAUD

*Ignition Interlock Devices*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

*Illegal Drugs*

-see- CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

*Illness*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**IMMIGRANTS AND CITIZENSHIP**

rt: international affairs  
residency

*Immunity*

-see- LIABILITY  
SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

**IMMUNIZATION**

rt: health  
rabies

*Impact Fees*

-see- DEVELOPMENT FEES AND TAXES

*In Vitro Fertilization*

-see- REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS

**INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS**

SN: Use for 'prisoner' or any person [detained or confined in a correctional facility](#).

rt: correctional institutions  
ex-offenders  
home detention  
prerelease and reentry  
rehabilitation  
repeat offenders  
restrictive housing

*Incentives*

-see- CLEAN ENERGY CREDITS  
ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVES  
TAX CREDITS

*Incinerators*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

*Inclusion*

-see- DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

*Income*

-see- SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**INCOME TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes  
rt: exemptions  
tax credits  
tax preparers  
tax returns

*Indecent Exposure*

-see- NUDITY AND SEXUAL DISPLAYS

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

bt: work, labor, and employment

*Indian Affairs, Commission on*

-see- ETHNIC AFFAIRS

**INDICTMENTS**

rt: crimes and punishments  
grand juries  
pleas

**INDIGENT PERSONS**

SN: [[Indigent person](#): someone who is impoverished or unable to afford basic necessities.]  
Use for [homeless persons](#).

**INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY**

SN: [[Industry](#): economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods. / [Technology](#): an industry sector specializing in products or services related to electronics, software, computers, AI, etc.]

rt: artificial intelligence  
commerce and business  
cryptocurrency  
enterprise zones  
machine learning  
public corporations and instrumentalities

**INFANTS AND TODDLERS (0-3yo)**

rt: age  
child care  
children (4-12)  
parents and guardians

*Infectious Waste*

-see- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
REFUSE DISPOSAL

**INFLATION***Influenza*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

*Information Technology*

-see- TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

*Infrastructure*-see- HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
PUBLIC WORKS**INHERITANCE TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes

rt: estate tax  
estates and trusts*Injured Workers' Insurance Fund*

-see- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**INJURY**rt: safety  
victims*Inmate Grievance Commission*

-see- INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

*Inmates*

-see- INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

**INSECTS**nt: bees  
rt: invasive species  
pest control**INSPECTIONS****SN: Use in context of inspecting or examining a [physical location or property](#).**nt: motor vehicle inspection  
rt: building codes  
real estate*Installment Sales*

-see- CREDIT

*Institutional Education*

-see- EDUCATION

**INSURANCE****SN: Use only for insurance other than HEALTH INSURANCE or MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.**nt: health insurance  
Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund  
motor vehicle insurance  
rt: agents and brokers  
claims  
Insurance Administration  
liability  
property damage  
workers' compensation**INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION**bt: administrative agencies  
rt: insurance  
health insurance  
motor vehicle insurance*Insurance Premiums*

-see- FEES

*Intellectual Disabilities*-see- COGNITIVE DISABILITIES  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**INTEREST****SN: Use only in [financial](#) context.**

rt: loans

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION****SN: Use for requirement of [collaboration, communication, or coordination between units of government](#).**rt: administrative agencies  
committees and commissions  
communications**INTERIOR DESIGNERS****INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**bt: immigrants and citizenship  
foreign ownership  
foreign trade**INTERNET**nt: internet access  
rt: mobile devices  
social media  
telecommunications and information technology  
virtual environments**INTERNET ACCESS**bt: internet  
rt: telecommunications and information technology

*Interns*

-see- APPRENTICES  
JOB TRAINING

**INTERROGATIONS**

**SN:** Use in legal context of [witness examination](#).

rt: investigations and inquiries  
law enforcement  
testimony

*Interpreters*

-see- LANGUAGE

**INTERSTATE AFFAIRS**

rt: Delmarva Peninsula  
District of Columbia  
extradition

*Intestate Succession*

-see- ESTATES AND TRUSTS

**INVASIVE SPECIES**

**SN:** Use for any [living organism, not native to Maryland](#) that is [harmful](#) to the environment, economy, or human health.

rt: agriculture  
animals  
environmental matters  
forests and parks  
insects  
pest control  
plants  
weeds

**INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRIES**

**SN:** Use for [criminal investigation](#), [fact-finding](#), [information requests](#), especially in matters of law, safety, or public interest.

nt: criminal background investigations  
rt: forensics  
interrogations

**INVESTMENTS**

nt: securities  
rt: cryptocurrency  
financial planners  
real estate investment trusts

*IVF*

-see- REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS

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**J**

*Jails*

-see- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
 JUVENILE FACILITIES  
 PATUXENT INSTITUTION

**JOB TRAINING**

SN: Use in context of [on-the-job training and workforce development programs](#).

\*For apprenticeships, use APPRENTICES.

bt: work, labor, and employment  
 rt: apprentices  
 continuing education  
 education  
 vocational rehabilitation

*Jousting*

-see- STATE SYMBOLS

**JUDGES**

rt: Appellate Court of Maryland  
 circuit courts  
 courts  
 district courts  
 orphans' court  
 Supreme Court of Maryland

**JUDGMENTS**

rt: civil actions  
 court orders  
 damages

**JUDICIAL REVIEW**

rt: Administrative Procedure Act  
 appeals  
 courts

*Judiciary*

-see- COURTS

*Junkyards*

-see- WRECKERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS

**JURIES**

nt: grand juries  
 rt: circuit courts  
 courts  
 district courts  
 trials

**JURISDICTION**

SN: Use in [legal](#) or [political](#) context.

[Add appropriate term](#) to provide intended context.

rt: circuit courts  
 courts  
 district courts

*Justices*

-see- JUDGES

*Juvenile Causes*

-see- JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY

**JUVENILE FACILITIES**

rt: crimes and punishments  
 group homes  
 juvenile justice and delinquency  
 youth (10-21)

**JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY**

SN: In the Maryland juvenile system, [youth aged 10-13](#) can be charged with certain violent, sexual, or firearm offenses; [youth aged 14+](#) can be charged with offenses that would be punishable by life imprisonment or death in adult court; [jurisdiction covers youths charged under the age of 18, but continues to age 21](#) even if youth turns 18 before the case is adjudicated.

rt: courts  
 crimes and punishments  
 curfew  
 gangs  
 juvenile facilities  
 minors  
 youth (10-21)

**JUVENILE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

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**K**

**KENT COUNTY**

bt: code counties  
counties  
rt: Eastern Shore

*Kidnapping*

-see- ABDUCTION

*Kidney Disease*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**KINSHIP**

SN: [[Kinship care](#): a relative or non–relative adult providing care and custody for a child without need to establish legal guardianship.]

Use for instances involving [requirements or eligibility](#) for [status or services](#) based on [familial relationship](#).

rt: child custody  
family law  
parents and guardians  
visitation rights

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**L****LABELING**

**SN:** Use in context of certain information required to be provided on a product or packaging, especially for food, prescription medication, and plastics, but may include other products.

rt: advertising  
consumer protection  
prices

*Labor*

-see- WORK, LABOR, AND EMPLOYMENT

**LABOR AND INDUSTRY, DIVISION OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
Labor, Department of

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
nt: Athletic Commission, State  
Financial Regulation, Division of  
Labor and Industry, Division of

*Labor Unions*

-see- UNIONS

**LABORATORIES***Lakes*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

**LAND PATENTS**

**SN:** Use only in context of the original document of conveyance of an area of land. For subsequent transfers of a property, use **DEEDS**.

rt: deeds  
real property

**LAND PRESERVATION TRUSTS**

**SN:** Use for any of several Maryland nonprofit organizations established to protect land and water for state benefit.

rt: conservation

*Land Reclamation*

-see- RECLAMATION

**LAND RECORDS**

**SN:** [Land record: document pertaining to real property that includes information about the ownership, buying, and selling of land.]

bt: records  
nt: deeds  
rt: circuit courts  
easements  
recordation

*Land Surveyors*

-see- SURVEYORS

*Land Use*

-see- ZONING AND PLANNING

*Landfills*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**LANDLORDS AND TENANTS**

rt: escrow accounts  
eviction  
leases and rent  
real property

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS****LANGUAGE**

rt: communications  
literacy

*Laundries*

-see- DRY CLEANERS AND LAUNDRIES

*Law Department*

-see- ATTORNEY GENERAL

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**SN:** Use for any individuals or units at state, county, or municipal level authorized to enforce laws and make arrests.

**\*For National Guard, use ARMED FORCES.**

bt: emergency services  
nt: bailiffs  
school resource officers  
sheriffs  
rt: arrests  
citations  
interrogations  
police conduct  
Police Training and Standards Commission  
service animals  
State Police, Department of

*Law Libraries*

-see- LIBRARIES

**LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

**SN:** Use *in addition to term* for appropriate local government IF the bill says '**LAWS AND ORDINANCES**' or 'ordinance' or 'Mayor shall create...'

nt: public local laws  
uniform laws  
rt: Annotated Code of Maryland  
legislation  
local government mandates

*Lawyers*

-see- ATTORNEYS

*Lead Poisoning*

-see- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

**LEASES AND RENT**

rt: contracts  
eviction  
landlords and tenants  
security deposits  
transfer of goods

**LEAVE**

SN: Use only in context of employee leave from their place of employment.

bt: work, labor, and employment

*Legal Age*

-see- AGE  
AGE OF MAJORITY

**LEGAL AID**

SN: Use in context of legal services provided to financially eligible individuals.

rt: attorneys

*Legal Fees*

-see- ATTORNEYS' FEES  
COURT COSTS

**LEGISLATION**

nt: corrective legislation  
curative legislation  
emergency bills  
rt: budgets  
capital budgets  
General Assembly  
laws and ordinances  
legislators  
local government mandates  
sunset

*Legislative Agents*

-see- LOBBYING

*Legislative Audits, Office of*

-see- LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

bt: committees and commissions  
General Assembly

*Legislative Review*

-see- AELR COMMITTEE

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
General Assembly

**LEGISLATORS**

bt: public officials  
rt: General Assembly  
legislation

*Legislature*

-see- GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**LGBTQIA+**

SN: [According to Maryland Code, LGBTQIA+ is defined as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, agender, or aromantic, and additional identities.] Use for any laws, policies, or issues related to protection of rights for all people withing the community.

rt: civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
diversity, equity, and inclusion  
gender identity and expression  
sexual orientation

**LIABILITY**

SN: Use in context of law or insurance.

rt: accidents  
civil actions  
damages  
good Samaritan  
insurance  
medical malpractice  
motor vehicle insurance  
negligence  
sovereign immunity  
torts

**LIBEL AND SLANDER**

SN: [Libel: written defamatory statement, including signs or pictures. / Slander: oral defamatory statement.]

bt: torts

**LIBRARIES**

rt: archives  
community facilities and services

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, BOARDS OF**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: alcoholic beverages  
alcoholic beverages – by subdivision  
alcoholic beverages licenses  
alcoholic beverages manufacturing

**LICENSE PLATES**

rt: motor vehicle registration

**LICENSES**

- nt: alcoholic beverages licenses  
drivers' licenses
- rt: certifications  
registration  
permits

**LIE DETECTION**

**LIENS**

- bt: security interests
- rt: debt collection  
real property

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

- bt: public officials
- rt: governor

*Life Insurance*

- see- INSURANCE

*Light Rail*

- see- MASS TRANSIT

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

- rt: corporations  
partnerships

*Liquor*

- see- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

*Liquor Control Boards*

- see- LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, BOARDS OF

*Liquor Licenses*

- see- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES

**LITERACY**

SN: Use in context of programs, policies, or issues related to [reading and writing literacy](#), [financial literacy](#), or [computer literacy](#).

- rt: education  
language

**LITTER**

- rt: environmental matters  
pollution  
refuse disposal

**LIVESTOCK**

- bt: animals
- nt: birds  
horses
- rt: animal housing  
domestic animals

*Living Wills*

- see- ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

**LOANS**

- nt: credit  
mortgages
- rt: banks and trust companies  
credit unions  
finance companies  
interest  
savings and loan associations  
scholarships and student financial aid

**LOBBYING**

- rt: political committees

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATES**

SN: Use if indicated on bill synopsis sheet.  
\*Check for LGM on each reading of the bill as this may be added as the bill progresses.

- rt: executive orders  
laws and ordinances  
rules and regulations

*Local Governments*

- see- COUNTIES  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

**LOITERING**

**LONG-TERM CARE**

SN: Use to cover two or more of the narrower terms listed.

- nt: assisted living  
continuing care  
nursing homes
- rt: elderly persons  
health insurance  
home care services

**LOTTERY**

- bt: gaming and gambling

**LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY, STATE**

- bt: administrative agencies

**LOW-INCOME**

SN: Use in context of policies and programs that use income as a [metric to determine individual, household, or community eligibility](#).

- rt: food insecurity  
poverty  
public benefits

*Low Vision*

- see- BLIND AND LOW VISION

*Lyft*

- see- RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING

**M**

**MACHINE LEARNING**

SN: [Machine learning: development, study, and application of algorithms that are able to make inferences and adapt over time without explicit programming.]

rt: artificial intelligence  
data  
industry and technology

*Mail*

-see- POSTAL SERVICE

*Mail-In Ballots*

-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS

*Mail-In Voting*

-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING

*Malls*

-see- SHOPPING CENTERS

*Malpractice*

-see- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

*Malt Beverages*

-see- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
BREWERIES

**MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS**

bt: health insurance  
rt: health  
health maintenance organizations

**MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS**

bt: work, labor, and employment

*Mandates*

-see- LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATES

**MANDATORY RETIREMENT**

bt: retirement

**MANSLAUGHTER**

SN: [Manslaughter: a type of homicide that was committed without malice or premeditation.]

bt: crimes and punishments  
homicide  
rt: death  
murder

*Manufactured Homes*

-see- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

*Manufacturing*

-see- INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

**MAPS AND CHARTS**

rt: state documents

*MARBIDCO*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

*Marijuana*

-see- CANNABIS  
CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

**MARINAS**

rt: boats and ships  
piers and docks  
pilots and docking masters  
ports  
Waterway Improvement Fund

**MARRIAGE**

rt: annulment  
divorce  
domestic partnerships and civil unions  
family law  
spouses  
vital records

*Marriage Therapists*

-see- COUNSELORS

*Maryland African American Museum Corporation*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

*Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**

bt: administrative agencies  
insurance  
motor vehicle insurance

*Maryland Correctional Enterprises*

-see- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

*Maryland Economic Development Corporation*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

*Maryland Food Center Authority*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

*Maryland Health Insurance Plan*

-see- HEALTH INSURANCE

*Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM**

SN: [MLDS: system that collects and organizes data on student and workforce performance across Maryland.]

bt: data  
education

**MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: District of Columbia  
forests and parks  
Montgomery County  
Prince George's County  
zoning and planning

*Maryland Port Administration*

-see- PORTS  
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

**MARYLAND REGISTER**

SN: [Maryland Register: bi-weekly temporary supplement to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). It includes: General Assembly synopses, executive orders, Attorney General's opinions, Open Meetings Compliance Board opinions, State Ethics Commission opinions, district court administrative memos, agency hearing and meeting notices, other public interest documents.]

bt: publications  
state documents  
rt: Attorney General  
codes  
district courts  
ethics  
executive orders  
General Assembly  
notices  
open government  
public information  
rules and regulations

*Maryland Technology Development Corporation*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

*Masks*

-see- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**MASS TRANSIT**

bt: transportation  
rt: buses  
commuters  
railroads

**MESSAGE**

rt: physical therapists

*Measurements*

-see- WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD**

nt: clams  
crabs  
oysters  
bt: food  
rt: fish and fishing

*Medals*

-see- AWARDS, MEDALS, AND PRIZES

*Medevac*

-see- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

*Media*

-see- NEWS MEDIA  
SOCIAL MEDIA

**MEDIATION**

SN: [Mediation: an agreement is reached between two conflicting parties, with the assistance of a mediator.]

bt: alternative dispute resolution  
rt: arbitration  
courts

*Medicaid*

-see- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

SN: Use in context of partial or full payment of medical care for financially eligible individuals.

bt: public benefits  
rt: Affordable Care Act  
health  
Health, Department of  
health insurance  
health planning and cost review  
social services

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

nt: AIDS  
COVID-19  
rabies  
rt: genetics  
health  
medical research  
medical treatments  
pandemics

*Medical Diagnosis*

-see- MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES**

SN: Use for any medically necessary or prescribed items or items used for a medical-related purpose. (e.g., mobility or accessibility assistance, health monitoring, medication delivery, corrective, diagnostic, therapeutic)

bt: equipment  
 nt: hearing aids  
     personal protective equipment  
 rt: medical testing and diagnosis  
     medical treatments

**MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
     physicians  
 rt: autopsies  
     death  
     forensics

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE**

bt: negligence  
     torts  
 rt: civil actions  
     health occupations  
     liability

-see also- (names of individual health occupations)

*Medical Marijuana*

-see- CANNABIS  
     CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

*Medical Records*

-see- RECORDS

**MEDICAL RESEARCH**

rt: genetics  
     health  
     Health, Department of  
     medical conditions  
     medical testing and diagnosis  
     medical treatments  
     scientific research

**MEDICAL SCHOOLS**

rt: education  
     higher education  
     state universities and colleges  
     students

**MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS**

rt: health  
     medical research  
     medical treatments

**MEDICAL TREATMENTS**

rt: health  
     medical conditions  
     medical research  
     medical testing and diagnosis  
     rehabilitation

*Medical Waste*

-see- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
     REFUSE DISPOSAL

*Medicare*

-see- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

**MEDICATION TECHNICIANS**

SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
 rt: drugs  
     pharmacists and pharmacies

**MEETINGS**

rt: hearings  
     open government  
     virtual environment

*Memberships*

-see- SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

*Memorandum of Understanding*

-see- CONTRACTS

*Memorials*

-see- MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

**MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

bt: health  
 rt: autism spectrum  
     cognitive disabilities  
     counselors  
     developmental disabilities  
     Health, Department of  
     psychiatrists  
     psychologists  
     state hospitals  
     substance abuse  
     substance abuse treatment  
     trauma informed approach

*Mental Retardation*

-see- COGNITIVE DISABILITIES  
     DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
     DISABILITIES  
     MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



**MENTORS**

rt: apprentices  
education

*Mercy Killing*

-see- DEATH

**MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**

rt: antitrust enforcement  
corporations

*Metals*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

*Methamphetamine*

-see- CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

*Metro*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

**MIDWIVES**

SN: Use for [occupation, practice, or education](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: nurses  
pregnancy

*Military*

-see- ARMED FORCES

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: armed forces

**MILITARY FAMILIES**

rt: armed forces

*Military Service Animals*

-see- SERVICE ANIMALS

**MILK PRODUCTS**

SN: Use for [milk](#) or [milk-free](#) products.

bt: food

*Mines, Bureau of*

-see- COAL MINING DIVISION

*Minimum Wage*

-see- SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**MINING**

rt: coal  
Coal Mining Division  
hydraulic fracturing  
natural resources

*Ministers*

-see- PLACES OF WORSHIP  
RELIGION

**MINORITIES**

rt: civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
diversity, equity, and inclusion  
ethnic affairs  
minority business enterprises  
racial matters  
women

**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

bt: commerce and business  
rt: minorities  
procurement  
women

**MINORS**

SN: [[Minor: any individual under the specified "age of majority" \(18+\)](#) for the purpose of employment, medical consent, criminal responsibility, and emancipation.

nt: children (4–12)  
rt: age  
age of majority (18+)  
child abuse and neglect  
child care  
curfew  
dependents  
juvenile justice and delinquency  
parents and guardians  
pediatricians  
teenagers (13–19)  
youth (10-21)

**MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES**

bt: housing  
rt: motor vehicles

*Mobile Communications*

-see- MOBILE DEVICES  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**MOBILE DEVICES**

bt: telecommunications and information technology  
rt: charging stations  
internet  
telephones

*Mobile Vendors*

-see- TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

*Mobility Aids*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties

rt: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
Washington Suburban Sanitary District

**MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS**

rt: historical matters

*Mopeds*

-see-MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, AND MOTOR SCOOTERS

**MORTGAGES**

bt: loans  
rt: escrow accounts  
finance companies  
foreclosure  
housing  
settlement procedures

**MORTICIANS**

SN: Use for [occupation, practice, education, or oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: cemeteries  
death  
funerals

*Motels*

-see- HOTELS AND MOTELS

**MOTION PICTURES**

rt: art, music, and cultural affairs  
theaters

*Motor Carrier Tax*

-see- FUEL TAX

*Motor Carriers*

-see- BUSES  
TRUCKS

*Motor Fuel Tax*

-see- FUEL TAX

*Motor Scooters*

-see-MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, AND MOTOR SCOOTERS

**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION**

bt: administrative agencies  
Transportation, Department of

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND SALESPEOPLE**

bt: dealers  
rt: motor vehicles

*Motor Vehicle Emissions*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION  
POLLUTION

**MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT**

bt: equipment  
rt: motor vehicles

*Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax*

-see- FUEL TAX

**MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION**

SN: Use for [safety inspection or emissions inspection](#).

bt: inspections  
rt: motor vehicles  
safety

**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE**

bt: insurance  
nt: Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund  
rt: agents and brokers  
claims  
Insurance Administration  
liability  
motor vehicles

**MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION**

rt: accidents  
drunk and drugged driving  
motor vehicles  
right-of-way  
traffic monitoring  
traffic regulation

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

bt: registration  
rt: license plates  
motor vehicles  
titles

**MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS**

rt: leases and rent  
motor vehicles  
transportation

**MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR**

rt: goods and services  
motor vehicles  
service stations

*Motor Vehicle Security Interests*

-see- LIENS

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

- nt: abandoned vehicles
- ambulances
- buses
- electric motor vehicles
- motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters
- off-road vehicles
- school buses
- taxicabs
- trucks
- rt: mobile and manufactured homes
- motor vehicle dealers and salespeople
- motor vehicle equipment
- motor vehicle inspection
- motor vehicle insurance
- motor vehicle operation
- motor vehicle registration
- motor vehicle rentals
- motor vehicle repair
- ridesharing and carsharing
- towing
- traffic regulation
- transportation

**MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, AND MOTOR SCOOTERS**

SN: \*For assistive mobility scooters, use **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES**.

- bt: motor vehicles
- rt: off-road vehicles

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

SN: Use for any municipal corporation that does not have an established term.

- nt: Annapolis
- Baltimore City
- Hagerstown
- Ocean City
- bt: corporations

**MURDER**

SN: [**Murder**: the unlawful killing of a person with malice and intent.]

- bt: crimes and punishments
- homicide
- rt: death
- manslaughter
- self defense

**MUSEUMS**

- rt: art, music, and cultural affairs
- historical matters

*Music*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**N**

**NAMES**

**SN:** Use for any bill with the purpose of changing the name of an entity or location.

*Narcotics*

-see- CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

*National Guard*

-see- ARMED FORCES

*Native Americans*

-see- ETHNIC AFFAIRS

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

nt: coal

rt: conservation

energy matters

environmental matters

forests and parks

plants

mining

reclamation

rivers, streams, and lakes

trees

water

wildlands

**NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

nt: Environmental Trust

Geological Survey, Maryland

*Neglect*

-see- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**NEGLIGENCE**

nt: medical malpractice

rt: accidents

damages

liability

torts

**NEWS MEDIA**

*Nicotine*

-see- SMOKING AND VAPING  
TOBACCO AND NICOTINE

*No-Fault Divorce*

-see- DIVORCE

*No-Fault Insurance*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

**NOISE**

bt: nuisances

rt: aircraft

traffic monitoring

*Non-Binary*

-see- GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION

*Nonprofit Health Service Plans*

-see- HEALTH INSURANCE

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

rt: gifts

solicitation

*Nonpublic Schools*

-see- PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*Nonresidents*

-see- RESIDENCY

*Nonreturnable Bottles*

-see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

**NOTARIES PUBLIC**

**NOTICES**

**SN:** Use in context of [communicating pertinent information to an individual or group](#).

rt: disclosure

Maryland Register

public information

**NUCLEAR MATTERS**

rt: energy matters

fuel

power plants

radiation

**NUDITY AND SEXUAL DISPLAYS**

rt: obscenity

pornography

**NUISANCES**

**SN:** Use in [public](#) or [private](#) context. Public includes any act that interferes generally with use of a public area. Private includes any act that interferes with the use of private property.

nt: noise

weeds

rt: complaints

traffic monitoring

**NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

rt: nurses

physicians

**NURSES**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

rt: midwives

nurse practitioners

nursing assistants

**NURSING ASSISTANTS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

rt: nurses

**NURSING HOMES**

SN: Use for [licensed residential facilities](#) for people who require [medical attention](#), [24 hour supervision](#), and/or [rehabilitation services](#).

bt: health care facilities

long-term care

rt: assisted living

continuing care

elderly persons

*Nutritionists*

-see- DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS

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**O**

**OATHS**

rt: perjury

**OBSCENITY**

rt: censorship  
nudity and sexual displays  
pornography

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY**

bt: safety  
work, labor, and employment  
rt: accidents  
hazardous and toxic substances  
workers' compensation

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.  
\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.  
bt: health occupations  
rt: physical therapists  
rehabilitation  
vocational rehabilitation

**OCEAN CITY**

bt: municipal corporations  
rt: conventions  
Eastern Shore  
tourism  
Worcester County

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLES**

bt: motor vehicles  
rt: motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters

*Off-Shore Oil*

-see- FUEL

*Off-Track Betting*

-see- GAMING AND GAMBLING

*Oil*

-see- FUEL

**OMBUDSMEN**

SN: [Ombudsman: a government employee tasked with investigation and resolution of complaints.]  
rt: consumer protection

**OPEN GOVERNMENT**

SN: Use in context of transparency, accountability, and public participation.  
rt: electronic government  
Maryland Register  
meetings  
public information

*Open Meetings*

-see- OPEN GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC INFORMATION

*Open Space*

-see- PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

*Ophthalmologists*

-see- OPTOMETRISTS, OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, AND OPTICIANS

**OPIOIDS**

SN: Use in both legal and illegal context.  
bt: controlled dangerous substances  
drugs

*Opportunity Zones*

-see- ENTERPRISE ZONES

*Opticians*

-see- OPTOMETRISTS, OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, AND OPTICIANS

**OPTOMETRISTS, OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, AND OPTICIANS**

SN: Use for occupation, practice, education, or oversight.  
\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.  
bt: health occupations  
rt: physicians  
vision health

*Ordinances*

-see- LAWS AND ORDINANCES

**ORGAN DONORSHIP**

*Organics*

-see- AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS AND FARMING  
FOOD

*Organizations*

-see- ASSOCIATIONS  
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS  
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

**ORGANIZED CRIME**

rt: crimes and punishments  
gangs

**ORPHANS' COURT**

bt: courts  
rt: estates and trusts  
judges  
registers of wills

**OSTEOPATHS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: chiropractors  
physicians

*Outreach*

-see- AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

**OVERTIME**

bt: work, labor, and employment  
rt: salaries and compensation

**OYSTERS**

bt: food  
meat, poultry, and seafood  
rt: aquaculture  
fish and fishing

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**P**

**PANDEMICS**

nt: COVID-19  
 rt: emergencies  
     health  
     medical conditions

*Parent and Child*

-see- FAMILY LAW  
       PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

*Parental Rights and Responsibilities*

-see- FAMILY LAW  
       PARENTS AND GUARDIANS  
       PATERNITY  
       SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS

**PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

rt: adoption  
     child custody  
     children  
     dependents  
     infants and toddlers (0-3)  
     kinship  
     minors  
     paternity  
     visitation rights

*Park and Planning Commission*

-see- MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

**PARKING**

SN: Use for [parking tickets](#), [parking lots](#), [parking garages](#), [event parking](#), etc.

rt: traffic regulation

*Parks*

-see- FORESTS AND PARKS

*Parochial Schools*

-see- PRIVATE SCHOOLS

**PAROLE AND PROBATION**

rt: correctional institutions  
     ex-offenders  
     penalties and sentences

**PARTNERSHIPS**

rt: associations  
     commerce and business  
     corporations  
     limited liability companies

*Patapsco River*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

**PATERNITY**

rt: child custody  
     family law  
     parents and guardians  
     support of dependents

**PATIENTS**

rt: health care facilities  
     hospitals  
     privileged communications  
     records

**PATUXENT INSTITUTION**

bt: correctional institutions

*Patuxent River*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

**PAWNSHOPS**

rt: commerce and business

*Peace Orders*

-see- PROTECTION ORDERS

*Peddlers*

-see- TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

**PEDESTRIANS**

rt: highways  
     right-of-way  
     sidewalks

**PEDIATRICIANS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

rt: minors  
     physicians

**PENALTIES AND SENTENCES**

SN: Use when a [penalty](#) or [sentence](#) is directly [specified in a bill](#).

Use in narrower legal context than CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS. [[Penalty](#): potential punishment for a charged crime / [Sentence](#): punishment decided by a court after a conviction.]

nt: death penalty  
 rt: citations  
     crimes and punishments  
     expungement and shielded records  
     fines  
     home detention  
     parole and probation

*Pension Systems*

-see- RETIREMENT



*People's Counsel*

-see- OMBUDSMEN  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Performing Arts*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
THEATERS

**PERJURY**

SN: Use for [making false statements](#) under oath or knowingly [signing legal documents](#) that include false statements.

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: oaths  
witnesses

**PERMITS**

nt: building permits  
rt: certifications  
drivers' licenses  
licenses  
registration

*Personal Injury*

-see- INJURY

*Personal Mobility Devices*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

SN: Use in context of [tax](#) or [insurance](#) for any owned asset that is not classified as REAL PROPERTY.

rt: abandoned property

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

bt: equipment  
rt: safety

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

SN: Use in context of [estate management](#) of a decedent.

rt: estates and trusts  
fiduciaries

**PEST CONTROL**

rt: agriculture  
bees  
environmental matters  
hazardous and toxic substances  
insects  
invasive species

**PETITIONS**

SN: Use in context of [court petitions](#) or [collection of signatures](#).

rt: elections  
referendum

*Petroleum*

-see- FUEL

*Pets*

-see- ANIMALS  
BIRDS  
DOGS  
DOMESTIC ANIMALS  
HORSES  
LIVESTOCK

**PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: cannabis distribution  
drugs  
medication technicians  
pharmacy benefits managers

**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS**

rt: drugs  
health insurance  
pharmacists and pharmacies

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

rt: art, music, and cultural affairs  
digital images

*Physical Fitness*

-see- SPORTS AND RECREATION

*Physical Injury*

-see- INJURY

**PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

bt: disabilities  
nt: blind and low vision  
deaf and hard of hearing  
rt: accessibility  
vulnerable adults

**PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or [oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: massage  
occupational therapists  
rehabilitation

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

**PHYSICIANS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

nt: medical examiners

pediatricians

podiatrists

psychiatrists

rt: acupuncturists

chiropractors

dentists

nurse practitioners

optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians

osteopaths

podiatrists

privileged communications

**PIERS AND DOCKS**

rt: boats and ships

marinas

pilots and docking masters

ports

**PILOT PROGRAMS**

SN: [[Pilot program](#): small-scale, short-term study or trial to evaluate the feasibility of a new project, product, or service before a full-scale launch.]

**PILOTS AND DOCKING MASTERS**

rt: boats and ships

marinas

piers and docks

*Pinball Machines*

-see- GAMING AND GAMBLING

*Piracy*

-see- HIJACKING

*Pistols*

-see- GUNS

**PLACES OF WORSHIP**

rt: religion

*Planning*

-see- ZONING AND PLANNING

**PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

rt: zoning and planning

*Plant Closings*

-see- INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

**PLANTS**

SN: Use in context of [living organisms](#).

\*For plants as facilities, use INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY and/or POWER PLANTS.

nt: trees

weeds

rt: agriculture

environmental matters

forests and parks

invasive species

natural resources

**PLASTICS**

**PLEAS**

rt: crimes and punishments

indictments

self defense

**PLUMBING**

rt: building codes

codes

contractors

heating and cooling

restrooms

**PODIATRISTS**

SN: Use for [occupation](#), [practice](#), [education](#), or oversight.

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations

rt: physicians

*Poet Laureate*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

*Point System*

-see- DRIVERS' LICENSES

*Poisons*

-see- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

*Police*

-see- LAW ENFORCEMENT

STATE POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF

**POLICE CONDUCT**

rt: ethics

law enforcement

Police Training and Standards Commission

*Police Dogs*

-see- SERVICE ANIMALS

**POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions  
Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of  
rt: law enforcement  
police conduct

**POLITICAL CANDIDATES**

rt: campaign financing  
elections  
ethics

**POLITICAL COMMITTEES**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: campaign financing  
ethics  
lobbying

*Political Contributions*

-see- CAMPAIGN FINANCING

**POLITICAL PARTIES**

rt: campaign financing  
elections

**POLLUTION**

nt: air pollution  
litter  
water pollution  
rt: Chesapeake Bay  
coastal bays  
environmental health  
environmental matters  
sediment control  
water

**PORNOGRAPHY**

rt: censorship  
nudity and sexual displays  
obscenity

**PORTS**

rt: boats and ships  
dredging  
marinas  
piers and docks

**POSTAL SERVICE**

*Postmortem Examiners*

-see- MEDICAL EXAMINERS

*Potomac River*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

*Poultry*

-see- BIRDS  
LIVESTOCK  
MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD

**POVERTY**

**SN:** Use in context of [poor quality of life and/or lack of access to goods and services](#).

rt: food insecurity  
low-income  
public benefits

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

rt: attorneys  
estates and trusts

**POWER PLANTS**

rt: energy matters  
nuclear matters  
utilities

*Power Scooters*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES  
MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, AND SCOOTERS

**PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES**

**PREGNANCY**

rt: abortion  
birth control  
midwives  
reproductive matters  
women

*Prehearing Detention*

-see- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING

*Premiums*

-see- FEES

**PRERELEASE AND REENTRY**

**SN:** Use for programs and policies to [facilitate incarcerated individuals' transition back to society](#).

rt: ex-offenders  
incarcerated individuals

*Prerelease Programs*

-see- PRERELEASE AND REENTRY  
INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

*Preschools*

-see- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Prescription Medication*

-see- DRUGS

*Preservation*

-see- HISTORICAL MATTERS  
LAND PRESERVATION TRUSTS

*Press*

-see- NEWS MEDIA

**PRETRIAL DETENTION OR RELEASE**

SN: Use for the [court decision to detain or release individuals charged with a crime pending trial](#).

rt: bail  
correctional institutions

*Prevailing Wage*

-see- SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**PRICES**

SN: Use in context of cost of [goods](#).

\*For cost of [services](#), use FEES.

rt: consumer price index  
labeling  
Public Service Commission

*Primary Elections*

-see- ELECTIONS

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

SN: Use for [grades K–6](#).

rt: accreditation  
early childhood education  
education  
private schools  
public schools  
students  
teachers

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties

rt: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
Washington Suburban Sanitary District

*Principals*

-see- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
TEACHERS

**PRINTING**

rt: publications

*Prisoners*

-see- INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

*Prisons*

-see- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
JUVENILE FACILITIES  
PATUXENT INSTITUTION

**PRIVACY**

SN: Use in context of [protection or violation of privacy](#).

rt: disclosure  
expungement and shielded records  
human rights  
privileged communications  
trespass

*Private Review Agents*

-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

rt: accreditation  
education  
primary schools  
remote and hybrid education  
school administration  
secondary schools  
students  
teachers  
tuition

**PRIVATIZATION**

SN: [[Privatization](#): the process of property transfer from public to private ownership.]

Use for the [process](#) or for [public–private partnership arrangements](#).

rt: administrative agencies  
public corporations and instrumentalities

**PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS**

SN: Use in context of [legally protected or waived confidentiality](#) of communications between two or more parties.

rt: attorneys  
counselors  
patients  
physicians  
privacy

*Prizes*

-see- AWARDS, MEDALS, AND PRIZES

*Probation*

-see- PAROLE AND PROBATION

**PROCESS SERVING**

SN: [[Process serving](#): legal procedure of delivering court documents to individuals involved in a legal case.]

rt: subpoenas  
summonses

**PROCUREMENT**

SN: Use in context of [strategic, regulated governmental sourcing, acquiring, and paying for goods and services](#).

rt: contracts  
minority business enterprises

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE**

SN: Use for [funding, planning, acquisition, and development projects](#) related to this program.

rt: conservation  
environmental matters  
forests and parks  
zoning and planning

*Proper Names*

-see- NAMES

*Property*

-see- ABANDONED PROPERTY  
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY  
PERSONAL PROPERTY  
REAL PROPERTY  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

rt: accidents  
insurance  
vandalism

**PROPERTY DEVELOPERS**

rt: construction  
real property

**PROPERTY MANAGERS**

rt: apartments  
condominiums  
housing

**PROPERTY TAX**

bt: revenue and taxes  
rt: assessment appeals boards  
assessments  
Assessments and Taxation, Department of  
exemptions  
Homestead Property Tax Credit  
tax credits  
tax sales

*Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards*

-see- ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS

**PROSTITUTION**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: human trafficking  
sexual offenses

**PROTECTION ORDERS**

rt: domestic violence  
victims

*Protective Custody*

-see- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING

**PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS****PSYCHIATRISTS**

SN: Use for [occupation, practice, education, or oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
physicians  
rt: counselors  
mental and behavioral health  
psychologists

**PSYCHOLOGISTS**

SN: Use for [occupation, practice, education, or oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: counselors  
mental and behavioral health  
psychiatrists

*Public Assistance*

-see- PUBLIC BENEFITS

**PUBLIC BENEFITS**

SN: Use for any of a variety of [state programs](#) provided to [financially eligible individuals, including food, medical, and cash assistance](#).

nt: food stamps  
housing  
medical assistance  
rt: Human Services, Department of  
low income  
poverty  
social services  
state aid

**PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: television

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

SN: Use for federal-, state-, county-, and municipal-owned buildings and facilities open to the general public.

nt: state house  
rt: building maintenance and repair  
community facilities and services  
public works  
stadiums

*Public Contracts*

-see- CONTRACTS  
PROCUREMENT

**PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES**

SN: [Public corporation: a quasi-governmental agency created by legislature to achieve a certain purpose / Instrumentality: an entity, independent of state control that performs a public service but that is not a public agency.]

\*For a current list of Maryland independent agencies see:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/25ind/html/00list.html>

- nt: Health Benefit Exchange
- rt: commerce and business corporations industry and technology

**PUBLIC DEBT**

SN: Use in context of budget deficit or government debt.

- rt: bonds county and Baltimore City bonds state bonds

*Public Defender*

-see- LEGAL AID

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

SN: Use for anyone employed by any level of government or for government jobs.

Do not use for STATE EMPLOYEES.

- nt: state employees

*Public Housing*

-see- HOUSING

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

SN: Use for any information that is or should be made available to the public.

- rt: Maryland Register notices open government

**PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS**

SN: Use only in context of code counties.

- bt: laws and ordinances

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

SN: Use for any paid or unpaid government individual or position representing the state or performing a state function.

- nt: Attorney General Comptroller county administrators county commissioners county executives Governor legislators Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State (CONTINUED)

- State Prosecutor state's attorneys treasurers
- rt: ethics General Assembly

*Public-Private Partnerships*  
-see- PRIVATIZATION

*Public Safety*  
-see- CYBERSECURITY SAFETY

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

- bt: administrative agencies
- nt: Correction, Division of Police Training and Standards Commission

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- bt: public works
- rt: accreditation education primary schools remote and hybrid education school administration school resource officers secondary schools state aid students teachers

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

- bt: committees and commissions
- rt: buses prices taxicabs utilities

*Public Transportation*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

*Public Utilities*

-see- UTILITIES

**PUBLIC WORKS**

SN: [Public works: any structure or work that is built or public use or benefit, or that is partially or fully paid for by public funds.]

- rt: bridges and tunnels condemnation highways public buildings and facilities public schools Public Works, Board of sidewalks street lights

**PUBLIC WORKS, BOARD OF**

bt: committees and commissions

rt: public works

**PUBLICATIONS**

SN: Use for any [textual or graphic material](#) distributed through [electronic, print, or other media](#).

nt: Maryland Register

textbooks

rt: printing

*Punishments*

-see- CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS  
DISCIPLINE

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**Q**

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

bt: code counties  
counties

rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Eastern Shore

*Quasi-Public Corporations*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

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**R**

**RABIES**

bt: medical conditions  
rt: immunization

**RACIAL MATTERS**

rt: civil rights and social equity  
discrimination  
diversity, equity, and inclusion  
ethnic affairs  
minorities

**RACING**

rt: gaming and gambling  
horses  
sports and recreation

**RADAR**

rt: traffic regulation

**RADIATION**

rt: hazardous and toxic substances  
high voltage lines  
nuclear matters

**RADIO**

**RAFFLES**

bt: gaming and gambling

**RAILROADS**

rt: mass transit  
transportation

*Rape*

-see- SEXUAL OFFENSES

*Rape Kits*

-see- CHEMICAL TESTS  
FORENSICS  
SEXUAL OFFENSES

*Rates*

-see- PRICES  
REIMBURSEMENT RATES

**REAL ESTATE**

SN: Use only in context of selling real property.

rt: agents and brokers  
appraisals  
inspections  
real estate investment trusts  
real property  
settlement procedures

**REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS**

SN: [REIT: a legal entity that owns or finances income-producing real estate or related assets.]  
rt: business trusts  
investments  
real estate

**REAL PROPERTY**

SN: Use only in context not related to sale.  
For sale of real property, use REAL ESTATE.

rt: commercial property  
deeds  
easements  
homeowners associations  
land patents  
landlords and tenants  
liens  
property developers  
real estate  
recordation  
residential property  
titles  
zoning and planning

*Realtors*

-see- AGENTS AND BROKERS  
REAL ESTATE

**REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING**

SN: [Reapportionment: the reallocation of elected seats among established political subdivisions. / Redistricting: the division of existing districts into new districts with different boundaries.]

rt: Congress, U.S.  
elections  
General Assembly

*Rebates*

-see- CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Recidivism*

-see- REPEAT OFFENDERS

**RECLAMATION**

SN: Use only in context of reclaiming land affected by mining.

rt: conservation  
environmental matters  
natural resources  
soil conservation

**RECORDATION**

SN: Use for the [process of recording](#) land record instruments or for the [tax charged for recording](#) land record instruments.

- rt: land records
- real property
- revenue and taxes
- transfer tax

**RECORDINGS**

SN: Use in context of [audio](#) or [visual](#) recording. For recording of written material, use RECORDS.

- rt: digital products
- video

**RECORDS**

SN: Use in context of a [usable representation of collected DATA](#). [A [record](#) is a set of data fields compiled to describe a single entity. A set of [records](#) is a collection of related individual records.] [Do not use](#) in context of music.

- nt: land records
- vital records
- rt: criminal background investigations
- disclosure
- expungement and shielded records
- patients
- reports
- state documents

*Recreation*

- see- SPORTS AND RECREATION

**RECRUITMENT AND HIRING**

- bt: work, labor, and employment

**RECYCLING**

- bt: utilities
- rt: beverage containers
- conservation
- environmental matters
- refuse disposal

*Red Light Cameras*

- see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

*Red Light Monitoring Systems*

- see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

*Redistricting*

- see- REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

*Reentry Programs*

- see- INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS
- PRERELEASE AND REENTRY

**REFERENDUM**

SN: [[Referendum](#): a question or measure placed on a ballot by legislature to be voted on by the people during elections.]

- rt: constitutional amendments
- Declaration of Rights
- elections
- petitions

*Refugees*

- see- IMMIGRANTS AND CITIZENSHIP

**REFUSE DISPOSAL**

- bt: utilities
- rt: environmental matters
- litter
- recycling

*Regional Planning Council*

- see- BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

**REGISTERS OF WILLS**

- rt: estates and trusts
- orphans' court

**REGISTRATION**

SN: [Use with another established term](#) to provide appropriate context.

- nt: motor vehicle registration
- rt: certifications
- licenses
- permits
- voting

*Regulations*

- see- RULES AND REGULATIONS

**REHABILITATION**

SN: [Use with another established term](#) to provide appropriate context.

- nt: vocational rehabilitation
- rt: health
- incarcerated individuals
- medical treatments
- occupational therapists
- physical therapists
- prerelease and reentry
- substance abuse treatments

**REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

SN: Use only in context of [HEALTH INSURANCE](#), [Medicare](#), or [healthcare services and providers](#).

- rt: fees
- health planning and cost review

*Relatives*

- see- KINSHIP

**RELIGION**

rt: places of worship

**REMOTE ACCESS**SN: Use in context of the [technology used for remote work or healthcare](#).**Do not** use for REMOTE AND HYBRID EDUCATION.rt: remote and hybrid education  
telework  
virtual environment**REMOTE AND HYBRID EDUCATION**SN: Use for [any aspect](#) of remote or hybrid learning.bt: education  
rt: home schooling  
private schools  
public schools  
remote access  
virtual environments*Remote Work*

-see- TELEWORK

**RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**nt: geothermal energy  
solar energy  
wind energy  
rt: clean energy credits  
energy matters*Rent*

-see- LEASES AND RENT

**REPARATIONS**SN: Use only in context of [compensatory benefits paid to descendants of individuals enslaved in the state of Maryland](#).rt: restitution  
victims**REPEAT OFFENDERS**rt: ex-offenders  
incarcerated individuals*Report Cards*

-see- RECORDS

**REPORTS**SN: Use any time 'submission of [\[report, data, results, study, etc.\]](#)' is indicated or required.rt: records  
studies**REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS**nt: abortion  
birth control  
pregnancy  
rt: health  
sexual matters  
women**RESCUE SQUADS**SN: [\[Rescue squad: a specialized unit equipped for technical rescue operations such as vehicle extraction, collapsed building recovery, or water rescue.\]](#)bt: emergency services  
rt: ambulances  
emergencies  
emergency medical services  
fire protection*Rescues*

-see- ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES

*Research*-see- MEDICAL RESEARCH  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH*Research and Development*-see- INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY  
MEDICAL RESEARCH  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**RESIDENCY**SN: Use in context of [domicile](#).**Do not** use in context of health occupation residency.

rt: immigrants and citizenship

*Residential Child and Youth Care*

-see- CHILD CARE

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**nt: apartments  
condominiums  
rt: homeowners associations  
housing  
real property*Resources*

-see- AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

**RESPITE CARE**SN: [\[Respite care: temporary care service in home or facility to provide a break for caregivers from daily routines and responsibilities.\]](#)

rt: home care services

**RESTAURANTS**rt: food  
goods and services

**RESTITUTION**

SN: [Restitution: court ordered compensation paid by an offender to a victim.]

rt: criminal injuries compensation  
reparations  
vandalism  
victims

**RESTRICTIVE HOUSING**

SN: [Restrictive housing: physical separation of an inmate from general prison population by placing in a locked cell for a significant portion of the day. Typically for either safety or disciplinary reasons.]

rt: correctional institutions  
incarcerated individuals  
safety

**RESTROOMS**

rt: accessibility  
gender  
plumbing

*Retail Credit Accounts*

-see- CREDIT

*Retail Installment Sales*

-see- CREDIT

**RETAIL SALES**

bt: commerce and business  
rt: goods and services  
transfer of goods  
wholesale distribution

*Retail Sales Tax*

-see- SALES AND USE TAX

*Retaliation*

-see- WORKPLACE RETALIATION

*Retaliatory Eviction*

-see- EVICTION

**RETIREMENT**

nt: mandatory retirement

**REVENUE AND TAXES**

SN: Use for fund, revenue, tax (non-property), earnings, profit, etc. when another established term is not appropriate.

Prefer use of specific tax terms where applicable.

nt: admissions and amusement tax  
development fees and taxes  
estate tax  
excise tax  
franchise tax  
fuel tax  
income tax  
inheritance tax  
property tax  
sales and use tax  
transfer tax

rt: assessments  
Assessments and Taxation, Department of  
exemptions  
recordation  
special tax districts  
tax credits  
tax preparers  
tax returns

**REVIEW BOARDS**

bt: committees and commissions  
rt: appeals

**RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING**

SN: [Ridesharing: a service connecting people who need a ride with drivers willing to provide it (e.g., Uber, Lyft). / Carsharing: a membership-based service providing short-term use of an insured vehicle for personal use.]

rt: for-hire driving  
motor vehicles  
taxicabs  
transportation

*Rifles*

-see- GUNS

**RIGHT-OF-WAY**

SN: Use only in context of vehicles or pedestrians on a highway.

Do not use for EASEMENTS.

bt: traffic regulation  
rt: bicycles  
motor vehicle operation  
pedestrians

*Right to Die*

-see- DEATH

*Riots*

-see- PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS  
VIOLENCE

**RIPARIAN RIGHTS**

SN: [[Riparian rights](#): legal right of a real property owner of waterfront property to access and use the water along the shoreline.]

bt: Chesapeake Bay  
coastal bays  
water  
wetlands

**RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES**

rt: dredging  
environmental matters  
natural resources  
water  
Waterway Improvement Fund

*Roads*

-see- HIGHWAYS

**ROBBERY**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: burglary  
theft

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

SN: Use if "[rule](#)" and/or "[regulation](#)" are specifically mentioned.

\*Also add a term for [who will implement the rule\(s\)/regulation\(s\)](#).

rt: AELR Committee  
local government mandates  
Maryland Register

**RURAL AREAS**

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**S**

**SAFETY**

- nt: occupational safety
- rt: accidents
  - building codes
  - emergencies
  - guns
  - Homeland Security
  - injury
  - motor vehicle inspection
  - personal protective equipment
  - restrictive housing
  - school resource officers
  - traffic monitoring
  - traffic regulation
  - workplace retaliation

*Saint Mary's County*

-see- ST. MARY'S COUNTY

**SALARIES AND COMPENSATION**

- bt: work, labor, and employment
- rt: overtime

*Sales*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS  
RETAIL SALES

**SALES AND USE TAX**

- bt: revenue and taxes

*Sanitarians*

-see- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**SANITARY DISTRICTS**

- nt: Washington Suburban Sanitary District

*Sanitary Landfills*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS**

SN: [Savings and loan: specializes in mortgages and home loans, sometimes providing similar checking and savings accounts as a bank.]

- bt: financial institutions
- rt: banks and trust companies
  - credit unions
  - loans

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

- rt: higher education
  - loans
  - state universities and colleges
  - students
  - tuition

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

- rt: counselors
  - Education, Boards of
  - public schools
  - private schools
  - school resource officers
  - teachers

*School Boards*

-see- EDUCATION, BOARDS OF

*School Bus Cameras*

-see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

**SCHOOL BUSES**

- bt: buses
  - motor vehicles
- rt: transportation

*School Construction*

-see- PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*School Principals*

-see- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

SN: [SRO: a sworn law enforcement officer assigned to a school for the purpose of mentoring, emergency management, law enforcement, and education.]

- rt: education
  - law enforcement
  - public schools
  - safety
  - school administration

*School Superintendent*

-see- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

**SCHOOL TESTING**

SN: Use in context of academic examinations or evaluations, or testing performed at an educational institution.

- rt: education

*Schools*

-see- COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
MEDICAL SCHOOLS  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

- rt: chemical tests
  - forensics
  - medical research
  - studies

*Scooters*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES  
MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, AND MOTOR SCOOTERS

*Scrap Processors*

-see- WRECKERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS

*Seafood*

-see- CLAMS  
CRABS  
FISH AND FISHING  
MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD  
OYSTERS

*Sealed Records*

-see- EXPUNGEMENT AND SHIELDED RECORDS

*Seamen*

-see- BOATS AND SHIPS

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

rt: warrants

*Seat Belts*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

SN: Use for intermediate schooling between PRIMARY SCHOOL and HIGHER EDUCATION.

rt: accreditation  
education  
private schools  
public schools  
students  
teachers

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

bt: public officials

**SECURITIES**

SN: [Security: a financial instrument that can be bought and sold.]

bt: investments  
nt: bonds

*Security*

-see- CYBERSECURITY  
SAFETY  
SECURITY ALARMS

**SECURITY ALARMS**

**SECURITY DEPOSITS**

rt: leases and rent

*Security Guards*

-see- LAW ENFORCEMENT

**SECURITY INTERESTS**

SN: Use for personal property serving as collateral for payment or services.

nt: liens

**SEDIMENT CONTROL**

SN: Use in context of construction sites.

rt: environmental matters  
erosion  
flood control  
pollution  
soil conservation

*Seizure*

-see- SEARCH AND SEIZURE

**SELF DEFENSE**

rt: crimes and punishments  
murder  
pleas

*Senate*

-see- GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Senior Citizens*

-see- ELDERLY PERSONS

*Sentences*

-see- PENALTIES AND SENTENCES

*Septic Systems*

-see- SEWAGE

**SERVICE ANIMALS**

bt: animals  
rt: armed forces  
disabilities  
dogs  
horses  
law enforcement  
mental and behavioral health

*Service Contracts*

-see- CONTRACTS

**SERVICE STATIONS**

rt: fuel  
goods and services  
motor vehicle repair

*Services*

-see- GOODS AND SERVICES

**SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

rt: mortgages  
real estate

*Severance Tax*

-see- REVENUE AND TAXES

**SEWAGE**

bt: utilities

rt: environmental matters

Washington Suburban Sanitary District  
wastewater

*Sex*

-see- REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS  
SEXUAL MATTERS

*Sex Discrimination*

-see- DISCRIMINATION

*Sex Therapy*

-see- COUNSELORS

**SEXUAL MATTERS**

rt: education

reproductive matters

sexual offenses

**SEXUAL OFFENSES**

bt: crimes and punishments

rt: child abuse and neglect

prostitution

sexual matters

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

SN: Use in context of sexual [attraction to others](#).

rt: gender

gender identity and expression

LGBTQIA+

*Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

*Shellfish*

-see- CLAMS

CRABS

MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD

OYSTERS

*Sheltered Housing*

-see- ASSISTED LIVING

GROUP HOMES

*Shelters*

-see- ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES

**SHERIFFS**

bt: law enforcement

*Shielded Records*

-see- EXPUNGEMENTS AND SHIELDED RECORDS

**SHIPPING**

SN: Use in context of the [preparation of goods to be shipped](#) and the [transfer of goods to a carrier or delivery service](#).

rt: delivery services

*Ships*

-see- BOATS AND SHIPS

**SHOPLIFTING**

bt: crimes and punishments

rt: theft

**SHOPPING CENTERS**

rt: commerce and business

goods and services

**SHORE EROSION**

SN: Use for any aspect of the [loss or protection of waterfront property or shoreline](#).

bt: erosion

rt: environmental matters

Waterway Improvement Fund

*Shotguns*

-see- GUNS

*Sick Leave*

-see- LEAVE

**SIDEWALKS**

rt: highways

pedestrians

public works

*Sigh Language*

-see- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

LANGUAGE

**SIGNATURES**

SN: Use if the [purpose of the bill](#) explicitly involves the [requirement of signatures](#), [authentication of signatures](#), [acceptable format of signatures](#), etc.

**SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS**

rt: advertising

*Silver*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

*Slander*

-see- LIBEL AND SLANDER

*Slavery*

-see- HUMAN RIGHTS

*Slot Machines*

-see- GAMING AND GAMBLING



*Sludge*

-see- SEWAGE

**SMALL BUSINESS**

bt: commerce and business

rt: franchises

**SMALL CLAIMS**

bt: civil actions

rt: claims

damages

district courts

**SMART GROWTH**

SN: Use for any aspect of programs or policies that promote development of environmentally and economically sustainable communities.

rt: zoning and planning

*Smoke Detectors*

-see- FIRE PROTECTION

**SMOKING AND VAPING**

nt: cannabis

cigarettes

tobacco and nicotine

rt: health

*Snow Emergencies*

-see- EMERGENCIES

*Snow Tires*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

*Snowmobiles*

-see- OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

*Social Equity*

-see- CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY

DISPARITY

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

*Social Justice*

-see- CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

rt: internet

telecommunications and information technology

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

SN: Use for any programs providing resources to vulnerable groups in the community (e.g., foster care, family services, food supplement, etc.).

rt: community facilities and services

Human Services, Department of

medical assistance

public benefits

**SOCIAL WORKERS**

rt: counselors

health occupations

**SOIL CONSERVATION**

SN: Use for practices or measures that limit degradation of soil quality and replenish the soil with organic matter.

bt: conservation

rt: environmental matters

erosion

reclamation

sediment control

**SOLAR ENERGY**

bt: renewable energy sources

rt: energy matters

**SOLICITATION**

SN: Use in context of 1) procurement and bidding on proposals, 2) the act of offering or requesting sexual activity in exchange for money, 3) the act of attempting to cause someone to commit a crime, 4) charitable donation requests, 5) door-to-door sales or campaigning.

rt: commerce and business

consumer protection

crimes and punishments

nonprofit organizations

prostitution

*Solid Waste*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

*Solitary Confinement*

-see- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

bt: counties

Eastern Shore

rt: Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Md

*Sound Monitoring*

-see- NOISE

TRAFFIC MONITORING

*Sound Recordings*

-see- RECORDINGS

**SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

SN: [[Sovereign immunity](#): protection of the state and its agencies from being sued without prior legislative consent.]

rt: liability  
torts

*Space Technology*

-see- ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY

*SPCA*

-see- ANIMAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

bt: education  
rt: autism spectrum  
cognitive disabilities  
developmental disabilities

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

rt: holidays and special dates

*Special Observance Days*

-see- HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES  
SPECIAL EVENTS

*Special Police*

-see- LAW ENFORCEMENT

**SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS**

SN: [[Special tax district](#): a defined geographic region within a county, created for tax purposes to fund public improvements for the benefit of property within the district.]

rt: development fees and taxes  
revenue and taxes

*Speech Pathologists*

-see- AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

*Speed Cameras*

-see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

*Speed Limits*

-see- TRAFFIC REGULATION

*Speed Monitoring Systems*

-see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

**SPORTS AND RECREATION**

rt: Athletic Commission, State  
bicycles  
camps  
country clubs  
racing  
stadiums  
swimming pools

*Sports Injury*

-see- INJURY

*Spousal Abuse*

-see- ABUSE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
SPOUSES

**SPOUSES**

rt: annulment  
divorce  
domestic partnerships and civil unions  
domestic violence  
marriage

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

bt: counties  
rt: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

**STADIUM AUTHORITY**

bt: administrative agencies

**STADIUMS**

rt: public buildings and facilities  
sports and recreation

*Stalking*

-see- HARASSMENT

**STAMPS AND COINS**

**STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES**

SN: [[Standards](#): baseline for quality or performance. / [Best practices](#): most efficient or effective way(s) to achieve a goal.]  
Use with another established term to provide appropriate context.

*State Agencies*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES  
ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

**STATE AID**

SN: Use in context of the request for or distribution of grants, contributions, or subsidies from the state to local governments, school systems, or students.

rt: education  
grants  
public benefits  
public schools

**STATE BONDS**

bt: bonds  
rt: capital budgets  
public debt

*State Colors*

-see- STATE SYMBOLS

*State Contracts*

-see- PROCUREMENT

**STATE DOCUMENTS**

nt: drivers' licenses  
Maryland Register  
rt: forms  
maps and charts  
records

**STATE EMPLOYEES**

**SN:** Use for anyone [employed by the state or for state jobs](#).

bt: public employees

*State Fair*

-see- AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS

*State Government*

-see- ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES  
ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
GOVERNOR  
OPEN GOVERNMENT

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

bt: administrative agencies  
Transportation, Department of  
nt: State Roads Commission  
rt: highways

**STATE HOSPITALS**

bt: health care facilities  
hospitals  
rt: clinics  
Health, Department of  
mental and behavioral health

**STATE HOUSE**

bt: public buildings and facilities

*State Law Library*

-see- LIBRARIES

*State Motto*

-see- STATE SYMBOLS

*State of Emergency*

-see- EMERGENCIES  
EXECUTIVE ORDERS

**STATE POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: law enforcement

**STATE PROSECUTOR**

bt: public officials  
rt: attorneys

*State Roads*

-see- HIGHWAYS

**STATE ROADS COMMISSION**

bt: committees and commissions  
State Highway Administration  
rt: highways

*State Seal*

-see- STATE SYMBOLS

**STATE SYMBOLS**

rt: flags

**STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

rt: accreditation  
community colleges  
higher education  
medical schools  
scholarships and student financial aid  
students  
tuition

**STATE'S ATTORNEYS**

bt: public officials  
rt: attorneys

*Statues*

-see- MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

**STATUTES OF LIMITATION**

rt: civil actions  
crimes and punishments

*Stem Cell Research*

-see- MEDICAL RESEARCH

**STEM / STEAM**

-see- ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY  
CURRICULUM  
EDUCATION

*Stocks*

-see- INVESTMENTS  
SECURITIES

*Stones*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

*Stop Sign Cameras*

-see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

**STORAGE**

rt: fuel

*Stormwater*

-see- FLOOD CONTROL

*Streams*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

**STREET LIGHTS**rt: highways  
public works*Streets*

-see- HIGHWAYS

**STRIKES**rt: arbitration  
collective bargaining  
unions  
work, labor, and employment*Strip Mining*

-see- MINING

*Student Financial Aid*

-see- SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

**STUDENTS**rt: children  
community colleges  
discipline  
early childhood education  
education  
higher education  
medical schools  
primary schools  
private schools  
public schools  
scholarships and student financial aid  
secondary schools  
state universities and colleges  
truancy**STUDIES****SN: Use in context of [workgroups](#), [task forces](#), [PILOT PROGRAMS](#), and [data collection and analysis](#).  
[Do not use in context of EDUCATION or CURRICULUM.](#)**rt: committees and commissions  
data  
reports*Stun Guns*

-see- WEAPONS

*Subdivisions*

-see- ZONING AND PLANNING

**SUBPOENAS**rt: process serving  
summonses

witnesses

**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**rt: art, music, and cultural affairs  
associations  
commerce and business  
country clubs  
fees  
goods and services*Subsequent Injury Fund*

-see- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**rt: alcoholic beverages  
controlled dangerous substances  
drugs  
drunk and drugged driving  
health  
mental and behavioral health  
substance abuse treatment**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT**rt: alcoholic beverages  
controlled dangerous substances  
drugs  
drunk and drugged driving  
group homes  
health  
mental and behavioral health  
rehabilitation  
substance abuse*Subways*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

*Suicide*

-see- DEATH

*Suits*

-see- CIVIL ACTIONS

**SUMMONSES**rt: process serving  
subpoenas  
witnesses*Sunday Sales*

-see- BLUE LAWS

**SUNSET****SN: Use for [abrogation](#), [expiration](#), or [termination of legislation](#).****Also, use for 'altering' the abrogation, expiration, or termination of legislation.**

rt: legislation

*Sunshine Laws*

-see- PUBLIC INFORMATION

*Supervisors*

-see- ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS  
MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

**SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS**

nt: alimony  
rt: child custody  
dependents  
divorce  
family law  
Human Services, Department of  
paternity

**SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND**

bt: courts  
rt: appeals  
Appellate Court of Maryland  
court costs  
judges  
trials  
witnesses

*Surface Mining*

-see- MINING

*Surrogate Parenting*

-see- REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS

*Surveillance*

-see- ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

**SURVEYORS**

**SWIMMING POOLS**

rt: community facilities and services  
sports and recreation  
water

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**T**

**TALBOT COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
counties  
rt: Eastern Shore

*Tasers*

-see- WEAPONS

*Task Forces*

-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCING**

**TAX COURT, MARYLAND**

bt: courts

**TAX CREDITS**

nt: clean energy credits  
Homestead Property Tax Credit  
rt: enterprise zones  
environmental incentives  
exemptions  
income tax  
property tax  
revenue and taxes

*Tax Districts*

-see- SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS

**TAX PREPARERS**

rt: income tax  
revenue and taxes  
tax returns

**TAX RETURNS**

rt: accountants  
income tax  
revenue and taxes  
tax preparers

**TAX SALES**

rt: property tax

*Taxes*

-see- REVENUE AND TAXES

**TAXICABS**

bt: motor vehicles  
transportation  
rt: for-hire driving  
Public Service Commission  
ridesharing and carsharing

**TEACHERS**

rt: education  
primary schools  
private schools  
public schools  
school administration  
secondary schools

*Technology*

-see- ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY  
INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*TEDCO*

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

**TEENAGERS (13-19yo)**

rt: age  
children (4-12)  
minors  
youth (10-21)

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

rt: artificial intelligence  
communications  
cybersecurity  
data  
electronic communication  
internet  
internet access  
mobile devices  
social media  
telephones  
utilities  
virtual environments

*Telehealth*

-see- HEALTH  
INTERNET  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Telephone Solicitation*

-see- SOLICITATION

**TELEPHONES**

bt: utilities  
rt: mobile devices  
telecommunications and information technology

**TELEVISION**

**SN: Use for [local television broadcasting](#) or for the [physical device](#).**

nt: cable television  
rt: Public Broadcasting Commission  
video

**TELEWORK**

bt: work, labor, and employment  
 rt: remote access  
 virtual environments

*Temporary Assistance for Needy Families*

-see- PUBLIC BENEFITS

*Temporary Cash Assistance*

-see- PUBLIC BENEFITS

*Tenants*

-see- LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

*Term Limits*

-see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

bt: work, labor, and employment

**TERMINATION OF SERVICES**

bt: goods and services

rt: contracts

*Termites*

-see- INSECTS  
 PEST CONTROL

*Territorial Limit*

-see- BOUNDARIES

*Terrorism*

-see- VIOLENCE

**TESTIMONY**

rt: courts  
 interrogations  
 witnesses

*Tests*

-see- CHEMICAL TESTS  
 MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS  
 SCHOOL TESTING

**TEXTBOOKS**

bt: publications  
 rt: curriculum  
 education

**THEATERS**

rt: art, music, and cultural affairs  
 motion pictures

**THEFT**

bt: crimes and punishments  
 rt: burglary  
 hijacking  
 robbery  
 shoplifting

*Therapists*

-see- COUNSELORS  
 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS  
 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

**THREATS**

rt: bribery  
 civil rights and social equity  
 harassment  
 hate crimes  
 violence  
 workplace retaliation

*Thurgood Marshall Airport*

-see- AIRPORTS

*Timber*

-see- TREES

**TIME**

**SN: Use for hours of operation, event occurring within certain timeframe, daylight savings. Also, use if the purpose of the bill, or portion of the bill is to alter previously established term limits, reporting periods, or deadlines.**

**TIMESHARING**

rt: condominiums  
 housing

*Tips*

-see- GRATUITIES

*Tires*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

**TITLES**

**SN: Use in context of property or vehicles. Do not use for personal, professional, or publication titles.**

rt: deeds  
 motor vehicle registration  
 real property

**TOBACCO AND NICOTINE**

rt: cigarettes  
 smoking and vaping

*Toddlers*

-see- INFANTS AND TODDLERS (0-3)

*Tolls*

-see- FEES

**TORTS**SN: [\[Tort: a civil liability\]](#)

nt: libel and slander  
 medical malpractice  
 wrongful death

rt: civil actions  
 claims  
 damages  
 liability  
 negligence  
 sovereign immunity

**TOURISM**

rt: agritourism  
 conventions  
 hotels and motels  
 Ocean City

**TOWING**

rt: motor vehicles  
 trucks

*Toxic Substances*

-see- HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

*Trade*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS  
 ELECTRONIC COMMERCE  
 FOREIGN TRADE  
 UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES

**TRADE SECRETS**

rt: commerce and business

*Trademarks*

-see- COPYRIGHT

**TRADERS**

rt: commerce and business

**TRAFFIC MONITORING**SN: Use for the [act of monitoring](#) or for the [equipment used for monitoring](#).

bt: traffic regulation

rt: highways  
 motor vehicle operation  
 noise  
 nuisance  
 safety

**TRAFFIC REGULATION**SN: Use for the [act of regulating](#) or for the [equipment used for regulating](#).

nt: right-of-way  
 traffic monitoring

rt: accidents  
 drunk and drugged driving  
 highways  
 motor vehicle operation  
 motor vehicles  
 parking  
 radar  
 safety

*Trafficking in Persons*

-see- HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Trailers*

-see- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

*Training*

-see- JOB TRAINING

**TRANSFER OF GOODS**SN: Use in context of [ownership transfer](#).

nt: goods and services  
 leases and rent

rt: commerce and business  
 retail sales

**TRANSFER TAX**SN: Use in context of the [transfer of real property](#).

bt: revenue and taxes

rt: recordation

*Transgender*

-see- GENDER  
 GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION  
 LGBTQIA+

**TRANSIENT MERCHANTS**SN: Use for vendors licensed to [sell goods in a temporary location](#) for a limited period of time.

rt: commerce and business

*Transit*

-see- MASS TRANSIT



**TRANSPORTATION**

nt: aircraft  
 bicycles  
 boats and ships  
 buses  
 mass transit  
 motor vehicles  
 railroads  
 school buses  
 taxicabs  
 trucks  
 rt: airports  
 bridges and tunnels  
 commuters  
 for-hire driving  
 highways  
 motor vehicle rentals  
 railroads  
 ridesharing and carsharing

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
 nt: Motor Vehicle Administration  
 State Highway Administration

*Transportation Network Companies*

-see- RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING

**TRAPPING**

rt: animals  
 hunting

*Trash*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH**

**SN:** Use in context of [a certain method of interaction with anyone who has experienced trauma](#). Typically, but not limited to, healthcare, school, or law enforcement settings.

rt: mental and behavioral health

*Travel*

-see- TOURISM

*Traveler's Checks*

-see- CHECKS

**TREASURERS**

bt: public officials

**TREES**

bt: plants  
 rt: conservation  
 environmental matters  
 foresters  
 forests and parks  
 natural resources

**TRESPASS**

bt: crimes and punishments  
 rt: privacy

**TRIALS**

rt: Appellate Court of Maryland  
 circuit courts  
 civil actions  
 courts  
 defendants  
 district courts  
 juries  
 Supreme Court of Maryland

**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND**

nt: Calvert County  
 Charles County  
 St. Mary's County  
 bt: committees and commissions  
 counties

**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND**

nt: Somerset County  
 Wicomico County  
 Worcester County  
 bt: committees and commissions  
 counties

**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND**

nt: Allegany County  
 Garrett County  
 Washington County  
 bt: committees and commissions  
 counties

**TRUANCY**

**SN:** [Truancy: the act of a student being absent from school without a valid excuse or permission.]

rt: students

**TRUCKS**

bt: motor vehicles  
 rt: towing  
 transportation

*Trusts*

-see- BENEFICIARIES  
 BUSINESS TRUSTS  
 ESTATES AND TRUSTS  
 LAND PRESERVATION TRUSTS

**TUITION**

rt: community colleges  
 scholarships and student financial aid  
 private schools  
 state universities and colleges

*Tunnels*

-see- BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

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**U**

*Uber*  
-see- RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING

*Unclaimed Property*  
-see- ABANDONED PROPERTY

**UNCOMPENSATED CARE**

**SN:** [[Uncompensated care](#): the fiscal year amount of care provided by a hospital for which no payment was received, whether due to bad debt or charity care.]

rt: health  
health insurance  
health occupations  
health planning and cost review  
hospitals

*Underground Storage Tanks*  
-see- STORAGE

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

bt: work, labor, and employment  
rt: employment agencies

*Unemployment Insurance*  
-see- UNEMPLOYMENT

**UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES**

**SN:** [[Unfair trade practice](#): any practice or act that is deceptive, fraudulent, or causes injury to a consumer.]

rt: commerce and business  
consumer protection

*Uniform Commercial Code*  
-see- UNIFORM LAWS

**UNIFORM LAWS**

**SN:** [[Uniform law](#): a legislative proposal drafted by the Uniform Law Commission to address a legal issue in a consistent manner across all 50 states. Each state may adopt the law in its entirety, modify it, or reject it.]

bt: laws and ordinances

*Uniform Transfers to Minors Act*  
-see- UNIFORM LAWS

*Uninsured Employers' Fund*  
-see- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**UNIONS**

rt: collective bargaining  
strikes  
work, labor, and employment

*United States Congress*  
-see- CONGRESS, U.S.

*United States Constitution*  
-see- CONSTITUTION, U.S.

*Universities*  
-see- HIGHER EDUCATION  
MEDICAL SCHOOLS  
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

*University of Baltimore*  
-see- STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

*University System of Maryland*  
-see- STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**URBAN AREAS**

rt: urban renewal

**URBAN RENEWAL**

**SN:** Use for any projects, programs, or policies that are focused on [improvements in an urban community](#).

rt: commercial rehabilitation  
community development  
enterprise zones  
housing  
urban areas

*Use Tax*  
-see- SALES AND USE TAX

*Usury*  
-see- INTEREST

**UTILITIES**

**SN:** Use [only](#) if a bill actually affects, or is directly about, utilities.

nt: recycling  
refuse disposal  
sewage  
telephones  
water  
rt: energy matters  
high voltage lines  
power plants  
Public Service Commission  
telecommunications and information technology

*Utilization Review*  
-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

**V**

*Vacations*

-see- LEAVE

*Vaccines*

-see- IMMUNIZATION

*Vagrancy*

-see- INDIGENT PERSONS  
LOITERING

**VANDALISM**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: property damage  
restitution

*Vaping*

-see- SMOKING AND VAPING

*Vehicle Charging Stations*

-see- CHARGING STATIONS  
ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES

*Vehicles*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLES

**VENDING MACHINES**

rt: cigarettes  
food

*Vendors*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS  
TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

*Venereal Disease*

-see- MEDICAL CONDITIONS

**VETERANS**

rt: armed forces

**VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies

**VETERINARIANS**

SN: Use for [occupation, practice, education, or oversight](#).

\*Add term 'HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,' 'HEALTH CARE FACILITIES,' or 'MEDICAL SCHOOLS' as applicable.

bt: health occupations  
rt: animals

**VETO**

rt: governor

**VICTIMS**

rt: abuse  
child abuse and neglect  
crimes and punishments  
criminal injuries compensation  
domestic violence  
elder abuse and neglect  
injury  
protection orders  
reparations  
restitution

**VIDEO**

rt: electronic surveillance  
recordings  
television

*Video Lottery Terminals and Facilities*

-see- GAMING AND GAMBLING

**VIOLENCE**

nt: domestic violence  
rt: civil rights and social equity  
harassment  
hate crimes  
threats  
workplace retaliation

**VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS**

rt: gaming and gambling  
internet  
meetings  
remote access  
remote and hybrid education  
telecommunications and information technology  
telework

**VISION HEALTH**

bt: health  
rt: optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians

*Vision Loss*

-see- BLIND AND LOW VISION  
VISION HEALTH

**VISITATION RIGHTS**

rt: child custody  
family law  
kinship  
parents and guardians

**VITAL RECORDS**

bt: records  
rt: death  
divorce  
marriage

*Vocational Training*

-see- CONTINUING EDUCATION  
EDUCATION  
JOB TRAINING

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

SN: [\[Vocational rehabilitation: comprehensive assistance, including job training, education, accommodations, resume development, and coaching, provided to a worker who is unable to return to work as a result of a work-related injury.\]](#)

bt: rehabilitation

rt: job training  
occupational therapists

**VOLUNTEERS**

rt: civic organizations  
nonprofit organizations

*Voter Registration*

-see- VOTING

**VOTING**

nt: absentee and mail-in voting

rt: absentee and mail-in ballots  
ballots  
elections  
Elections, State Board of  
elections supervisors  
registration

*Voting by Mail*

-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS  
ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING

*Voting Rights*

-see- VOTING

**VULNERABLE ADULTS**

SN: [Use in context of anyone 18+ who lacks the mental or physical capacity to care for themselves.](#)

rt: caregivers  
cognitive disabilities  
dependents  
developmental disabilities  
elderly persons  
physical disabilities

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**W**

*Wages*

-see- SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**WAIVERS**

SN: Use for [liability](#), [Medicaid](#), [court filing fees](#), or [tuition waivers](#).

rt: exemptions

**WARRANTIES**

rt: consumer protection

**WARRANTS**

rt: arrests  
search and seizure

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

bt: counties  
Western Maryland  
rt: Hagerstown  
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland

*Washington, D.C.*

-see- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**

bt: sanitary districts  
rt: District of Columbia  
Montgomery County  
Prince George's County  
sewage  
water

*Washington Transit Districts*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

*Waste*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**WASTEWATER**

bt: water  
rt: sewage

**WATER**

bt: utilities  
nt: wastewater  
rt: aquaculture  
Chesapeake Bay  
coastal bays  
environmental matters  
natural resources  
pollution  
riparian rights  
rivers, streams, and lakes  
swimming pools  
(CONTINUED)

Washington Suburban Sanitary District  
water pollution  
Waterway Improvement Fund  
wells

**WATER POLLUTION**

bt: pollution  
rt: environmental health  
water

*Waterfowl*

-see- BIRDS

*Waterfront Property*

-see- RIPARIAN RIGHTS

**WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

SN: Use [only](#) if the Fund is explicitly affected by the bill.

rt: boats and ships  
Chesapeake Bay  
Chesapeake Bay restoration  
dredging  
environmental matters  
marinas  
rivers, streams, and lakes  
shore erosion  
water

**WEAPONS**

nt: guns

**WEATHER**

**WEEDS**

bt: nuisances  
plants  
rt: environmental matters  
invasive species

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

*Welfare*

-see- PUBLIC BENEFITS

**WELLS**

rt: hydraulic fracturing  
water

**WESTERN MARYLAND**

nt: Allegany County  
Carroll County  
Frederick County  
Garrett County  
Washington County  
rt: Tri-County Council for Western Md

**WETLANDS**

rt: Chesapeake Bay  
 coastal bays  
 dredging  
 environmental matters  
 riparian rights

*Wheelchairs*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

*Whistleblowers*

-see- ETHICS  
 WORK, LABOR, AND EMPLOYMENT  
 WORKPLACE RETALIATION

**WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION**

rt: commerce and business  
 goods and services  
 retail sales

**WICOMICO COUNTY**

bt: chartered counties  
 counties  
 Eastern Shore  
 rt: Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Md

**WILDLANDS**

SN: [\[Wildlands: areas of state-owned land or water protected from development and other activities.\]](#)  
 rt: natural resources

*Wildlife*

-see- ANIMALS

*Wills*

-see- ESTATES AND TRUSTS

**WIND ENERGY**

bt: renewable energy sources  
 rt: energy matters

*Wine*

-see- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
 WINERIES

**WINERIES**

bt: alcoholic beverages manufacturing  
 rt: alcoholic beverages

*Wireless Communications*

-see- MOBILE DEVICES  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**WIRETAPPING**

bt: electronic surveillance

**WITNESSES**

rt: Appellate Court of Maryland  
 circuit courts  
 courts  
 defendants  
 district courts  
 evidence  
 perjury  
 subpoenas  
 summonses  
 Supreme Court of Maryland  
 testimony

**WOMEN**

bt: minorities  
 rt: discrimination  
 domestic violence  
 gender  
 minority business enterprises  
 pregnancy  
 reproductive matters

**WORCESTER COUNTY**

bt: code counties  
 counties  
 Eastern Shore  
 rt: Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Md  
 Ocean City

**WORK, LABOR, AND EMPLOYMENT**

nt: collective bargaining  
 independent contractors  
 job training  
 leave  
 managers and supervisors  
 occupational safety  
 overtime  
 recruitment and hiring  
 telework  
 termination of employment  
 unemployment  
 workers' compensation  
 workplace retaliation  
 rt: apprentices  
 criminal background investigations  
 discrimination  
 diversity, equity, and inclusion  
 holidays and special dates  
 human infrastructure  
 salaries and compensation  
 strikes  
 unions

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

bt: work, labor, and employment  
 rt: insurance  
 occupational safety

**WORKPLACE RETALIATION**

bt: work, labor, and employment  
rt: safety  
    threats  
    violence

**WRECKERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS**

**WRONGFUL DEATH**

bt: death  
    torts

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**X**

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**Y**

**YOUTH (10-21yo)**

SN: Use only in context of juvenile system.

rt: age  
    camps  
    children (4–12)  
    curfew  
    gangs  
    juvenile facilities  
    juvenile justice and delinquency  
    minors  
    teenagers (13-19)

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**Z**

**ZONING AND PLANNING**

SN: Use only in context of land use and development.

rt: development fees and taxes  
    environmental matters  
    Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
    Planning, Department of  
    Program Open Space  
    real property  
    smart growth

Zoos

-see- ANIMAL HOUSING  
      ANIMALS