

# THESAURUS and SCOPE NOTES

of terms for searching the

## SUBJECT INDEX

of bills introduced in the

# 2026 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.

**Scope Notes (SN)** have been added to define and / or describe the intended use of 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 use in existing legislation.

**Synonymous or alternate words** that might be searched for are also provided – each leading to an **established term(s)** to search for instead.

- These alternate terms are shown in *Italics* followed by ‘**–see–** ...’ indicating which established term to use.

**Inverted terms:** 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.

**Compound terms:** 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’ or ‘BOATS AND SHIPS’) with the latter portion of the term having an alternate entry pointing back to the compound term.

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504 Plans

-see- INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION AND 504 PLANS

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

missing persons

**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 providing physical, technological, or digital access to information, facilities, or services – that are generally available to any person without disabilities – to any person with a disability.

rt: Americans with Disabilities Act

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

*Accommodations*

-see- INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION AND 504 PLANS

*Accountability*

-see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF

**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

ADA

-see- AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

**ADDRESSES**

SN: Use only in context of physical locations.

bt: data

rt: personal identifying information  
records  
residency

**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  
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Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund  
Military Department  
Motor Vehicle Administration  
Natural Resources, Department of  
Planning, Department of  
Program Evaluation and Government  
Accountability, Office 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 Defibrillator)*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

**AELR COMMITTEE**

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

**AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY**

bt: technology

**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 drinking, and tobacco purchase, use AGE OF MAJORITY.**

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**

**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 (18+). Also use for drinking / smoking age (21+).**

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

*Agricultural Technology*

-see- AGRICULTURE  
TECHNOLOGY

**AGRICULTURE**

nt: cannabis production  
compost and composting  
rt: agritourism  
biotechnology  
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

*AI-Generated Media*

-see- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
NEWS MEDIA  
SOCIAL MEDIA

**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- COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE  
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

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

rt: accessibility  
blind and low vision  
building codes  
civil rights and social equity  
cognitive disabilities  
deaf and hard of hearing  
developmental disabilities  
disabilities  
discrimination  
individualized education and 504 plans  
physical disabilities  
restrooms

**AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS***Amusement Tax*

-see- ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX

*Analyses*

-see- STUDIES

*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 body of 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

**APPLICANTS AND APPLICATIONS**

rt: licenses  
 permits  
 registration  
 students

*Appointed Officials*

-see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

*Appointments*

-see- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

*Apportionment*

-see- REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

**APPRAISALS**

rt: assessments  
real estate

**APPRENTICESHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS**

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

**AQUIFERS AND RESERVOIRS**

**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 AND ARCHITECTURE**

nt: landscape architects  
rt: building codes  
construction  
plans and proposals

*Architectural Barriers*

-see- ACCESSIBILITY  
BUILDING CODES  
PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

**ARCHIVES**

rt: historical matters  
libraries

**ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES**

SN: [[Armed Forces](#): Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Reserves, and Space Force. / [Uniformed Services](#): includes all armed forces + Maryland Defense Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Officers Corps, and Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.]

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  
deepfakes  
information technology  
machine learning  
technology

*Arts Council, Maryland*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**ASBESTOS**

bt: hazardous and toxic substances

ASL

-see- DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING LANGUAGE

**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

*Assistive Technology*

-see- DISABILITIES  
EQUIPMENT  
TECHNOLOGY

**ASSOCIATIONS**

nt: cooperative associations  
rt: corporations  
subscriptions and memberships  
partnerships

*Astronomy*

-see- AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY

**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  
evaluations and reviews

*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

*Bags*-see- PLASTICS  
RECYCLING  
REFUSE DISPOSAL**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 AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

*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  
 personal identifying information

**BIOTECHNOLOGY**

SN: Use for [technologies](#) in the area of [bioscience](#) – dealing with biological materials, genetics, drugs, molecules, cells, viruses, etc.

bt: technology  
 rt: agriculture  
 genetics  
 medical 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  
 Americans with Disabilities Act  
 vision health

*Blood Donation*

-see- ORGAN DONORSHIP

*Blood Tests*

-see- CHEMICAL TESTS  
 FORENSICS  
 GENETICS  
 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 AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

*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  
Americans with Disabilities Act  
architects and architecture  
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

*Business Addresses*

-see- ADDRESSES

*Business Proposals*

-see- COMMERCE AND BUSINESS  
PLANS AND PROPOSALS

*Bullying*

-see- HARASSMENT

*Burglar Alarms*

-see- SECURITY ALARMS

**BURGLARY**

SN: [[Burglary: unlawful entry into a structure with the intent to commit a crime \(theft or violence\).](#)]

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: robbery  
theft

**BUSES**

bt: mass transit  
motor vehicles  
nt: school buses  
rt: commercial vehicles  
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

*CAM*

-see- COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

**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

**CAMERAS**

bt: equipment

rt: digital images

digital products and services

photography

surveillance

traffic monitoring

video

**CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

rt: disclosure

elections

ethics

political candidates

political committees

political parties

**CAMPS**

rt: counselors and therapists

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  
drugsnt: 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*CDLs*

-see- COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES

**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  
surveys and polls*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. Validation of authenticity, competency in [specific skills](#), or [compliance with certain standards](#). Often required to obtain licenses or permits. May also be used in context of [product or property standards](#).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****SN:** Use for breathalyzer tests, blood tests, specimen tests to [screen for drugs / alcohol](#). Typically in context of DUIs, law enforcement, and workplace screening.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  
 criminal charges  
 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  
fines

**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  
Americans with Disabilities Act  
Civil Rights, Commission on  
discrimination  
**(CONTINUED)**

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**

SN: [Classifications: in context of civil or criminal law, controlled substances, employment, discrimination/protection, etc. / Designations: in context of professional titles, education degrees, estate planning, etc.]

*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  
recording

*Climate Change*

- see- ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

**CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

**SN:** [[Climate resilience: the ability of people, communities, and ecosystems to prepare for, withstand, adapt to, and recover from climate impacts.](#)]

- bt: environmental matters
- rt: environmental health  
environmental justice  
Natural Resources, Department of

**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 the
- rt: coal  
mining

**COASTAL BAYS**

- rt: conservation  
environmental matters  
pollution  
riparian rights  
water  
wetlands

**CODE COUNTIES**

**SN:** [[Code counties: a legal classification referring to counties that have adopted home rule, granting them additional legislative power.](#)]

- 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 codes
- rt: 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: Americans with Disabilities Act  
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 business

rt: 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 DRIVERS' LICENSES**

bt: drivers' licenses  
identification  
state documents

rt: commercial vehicles

**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

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

bt: motor vehicles

rt: buses  
commercial drivers' licenses  
trucks

*Commissions*

-see- COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

**COMMITTEE CHANGES**

bt: 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  
committee changes  
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

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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

rt: administrative agencies  
 intergovernmental cooperation  
 plans and proposals  
 review boards  
 studies

**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES**

SN: [COCs: are self-governing neighborhoods with binding rules, where residents own homes and pay fees for shared spaces. They are regulated by state law and supported by county offices.]

nt: condominiums  
 cooperative associations  
 homeowner associations

**COMMUNICATIONS**

nt: electronic communication  
 rt: intergovernmental cooperation  
 language  
 telecommunications

*Community Associations*

-see- HOMEOWNER 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- REIMBURSEMENTS RATES  
 REPARATIONS  
 SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

**COMPLAINTS**

SN: Use in context of consumer complaints, protests, statements alleging violations.

rt: claims  
 consumer protection  
 nuisances

**COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

bt: health  
 medical treatments  
 nt: acupuncturists  
 chiropractors  
 massage  
 rt: health care facilities  
 health care occupations  
 Health, Department of

**COMPOST AND COMPOSTING**

bt: agriculture  
 environmental matters  
 recycling  
 rt: refuse disposal

*Comprehensive Health Planning*

-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

**COMPROLLER**

bt: public officials

*Computers*

-see- 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: common ownership communities
  - housing
  - residential property
- rt: apartments
  - homeowner 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: architects and architecture
  - 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

*Containers*

- see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
  - PLASTICS
  - RECYCLING
  - REFUSE DISPOSAL

*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: 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  
common ownership 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 AND 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: 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  
 criminal charges  
 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 CHARGES**

SN: [Criminal charges: a formal accusation that a law has been broken. It is the first step in the legal process for any crime from a misdemeanor to a felony.]  
 \*For charges issued by a grand jury, use INDICTMENTS.  
 nt: indictments  
 rt: citations  
 crimes and punishments  
 law enforcement

**CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION**

SN: [Criminal injuries compensation: a government-funded program providing financial aid to innocent victims of violent crimes for expenses such as medical bills, counseling, lost wages, and funeral costs.]  
 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**

SN: [Cryptocurrency: digital or virtual money secured by complex encryption. It functions as a medium of exchange, store of value, or unit of account. All transactions are public, and the network is decentralized – not owned by any single entity.]

rt: commerce and business  
 data centers  
 investments  
 technology

*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

Individualized Education and 504 Plans

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

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.

nt: addresses  
 personal identifying information  
 rt: census  
 demographics  
 information technology  
 machine learning  
 Maryland Longitudinal Data System  
 records  
 studies  
 surveys and polls

*Data Banks*-see- DATA CENTERS  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**DATA CENTERS**

**SN:** [Data centers: a dedicated physical facility housing critical IT infrastructure – servers, storage, and networking equipment – used to process, store, and distribute vast amounts of data. Energy consumption and environmental impacts are major considerations. They are of significant importance for AI, big data, cloud computing, and digital economy.]

bt: data  
 rt: cryptocurrency  
 cybersecurity  
 information technology  
 storage

*Data Processing*-see- DATA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY*Day Care*

-see- CHILD CARE

*Daylight Savings Time*

-see- TIME

**DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

bt: physical disabilities  
 rt: accessibility  
 Americans with Disabilities Act  
 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  
 installment plans  
 liens

**DEBT MANAGEMENT**

**SN:** Use in context of credit counseling, debt consolidation, negotiation with creditors, and formal plans created to [reduce or eliminate debt](#).

nt: installment plans  
 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**DEEPPAKES**bt: fraud  
rt: artificial intelligence  
digital images  
personal identifying information  
synthetic media  
video*Deer*-see- ANIMALS  
HUNTING**DEFAMATION**SN: [Defamation: a knowingly false statement that is communicated in writing (libel) or verbally (slander) to at least one third party and is harmful to the victim's reputation.]

bt: torts

**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
  - Americans with Disabilities Act
  - 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 and services
- rt: cameras
  - deepfakes
  - electronic documents
  - photography

**DIGITAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

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

- nt: digital images
  - electronic funds transfer
- rt: cameras
  - electronic commerce
  - goods and services
  - 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
  - Americans with Disabilities Act
  - Disabilities, Department of
  - Individualized Education and 504 Plans

**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**

SN: Use in context of transparency, accountability, and the release of data for the purpose of ensuring public trust, preventing corruption, and informing the electorate.

- rt: campaign financing
  - ethics
  - financial institutions
  - notices
  - privacy
  - public information
  - 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: Americans with Disabilities Act  
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

*Disposable Products*

-see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS  
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS  
PLASTICS  
RECYCLING  
REFUSE DISPOSAL

*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 and peace 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**

SN: [Dredging: the process of excavating material from the bottom of a body of water to deepen channels, create new waterways, reclaim land, or extract valuable deposits, using specialized machinery. It is crucial for maintaining shipping access, building ports, supporting construction, and environmental remediation.]

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  
identification  
state documents  
nt: commercial drivers' licenses  
rt: driver education  
identification motor vehicle operation  
permits  
personal identifying information

*Driving*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

*Driving Under the Influence*

-see- DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING

*Driving While Intoxicated*

-see- DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING

**DRONES**

SN: Use only in context of an uncrewed aircraft or vessel guided by remote control or onboard computers which might be equipped with a camera and/or audio equipment. They may be consumer/hobby drones, industrial/commercial drones, or military 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  
 Individualized Education and 504 Plans  
 job training

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literacy  
 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  
 surveys and polls  
 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**

SN: Use for [online transactions](#) involving digital payment methods for the buying and selling of goods and services, or for the transmitting of funds or data, over an electronic network (internet).

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

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

SN: Use for [wired or wireless transmission of information](#), including text, images, audio, and data.

bt: communications  
 rt: electronic documents  
 electronic government  
 internet  
 internet access  
 news media  
 social media  
 telecommunications

*Electronic Devices*

-see- EQUIPMENT  
 MOBILE DEVICES

**ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS**

rt: digital images  
 electronic commerce  
 electronic communication  
 electronic government

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

bt: digital products and services  
 electronic commerce  
 rt: financial institutions  
 installment plans

**ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT**

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

rt: electronic communication  
 electronic documents  
 information technology  
 open government

*Electronic Surveillance*

-see- SURVEILLANCE

*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.

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

**ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SN:** Use for 1) the applied science/engineering for producing, moving, and using energy – including the tools, processes, research, efficiency, and sustainability; and 2) the physical networks, facilities, and equipment that generate, transport, and deliver energy to end-users – including power plants, transmission lines, pipelines, storage systems, etc.

bt: energy matters  
 technology  
 nt: high voltage lines  
 power plants  
 renewable energy sources  
 rt: environmental matters  
 utilities

**ENGINEERS AND ENGINEERING***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 manufacturing  
tax credits  
urban renewal

*Entertainment*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

*Entertainment Technology*

-see- ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
TECHNOLOGY

**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  
climate resilience  
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: climate resilience  
environmental health  
environmental matters

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

nt: climate resilience  
rt: Chesapeake Bay  
Chesapeake Bay restoration  
coastal bays  
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compost and composting  
conservation  
dredging  
easements  
energy technology and infrastructure  
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**

SN: [Use for legal and financial mechanisms set up to conserve, enhance, restore, and manage natural resources for public benefit. Maryland has many key funding sources and programs.](#)

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

**EQUIPMENT**

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

nt: cameras  
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

**EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS**

rt: auditors and auditing  
Program Evaluation and Government  
Accountability, Office of  
surveys and polls

*Events*

-see- HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES  
SPECIAL EVENTS

**EVICITION**

rt: landlords and tenants  
leases and rent

**EVIDENCE**

rt: courts  
forensics  
sexual assault forensic exams and evidence kits  
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- REIMBURSEMENTS 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**

SN: [[Extortion](#): obtaining money, property, or services through threats of *future* harm serious enough to induce fear.]

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 MANUFACTURING

*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  
 missing persons  
 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  
 reimbursements  
 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

*Financial Technology*

-see- CRYPTOCURRENCY  
CYBERSECURITY  
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER  
TECHNOLOGY

*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: low-income  
poverty  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

*Food Stamps*

-see- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**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  
sexual assault forensic exams and evidence kits

**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**

SN: [[Forfeiture](#): the loss of property, rights, or privileges usually as a penalty for breaking the law or violating a contract.]

**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  
nt: deepfakes  
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

*Funds*

-see- 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: biotechnology
  - 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

*Gill Nets*

-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: digital products and services  
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***Grocers*

-see- FOOD  
RETAIL SALES

*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***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  
medical technology  
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 Care Providers*

-see- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES  
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

*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 and therapists  
dental hygienists  
dentists  
dietitians and nutritionists  
electrologists  
laboratories  
medical examiners  
medication technicians  
midwives  
morticians  
nurse practitioners  
nurses  
nursing assistants  
occupational therapists  
optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians

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osteopaths  
pediatricians  
pharmacists and pharmacies  
physical therapists  
physician assistants  
physicians  
podiatrists  
psychiatrists  
psychologists  
veterinarians  
rt: medical malpractice  
medical technology  
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**

SN: Use for the cannabis [plant](#) grown for [industrial and commercial uses](#), such as rope, textiles, paper, and biofuel.

rt: agriculture  
cannabis

**HIGH VOLTAGE LINES**

bt: energy technology and infrastructure  
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

*HMOs*

-see- HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

*HOAs*

-see- HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS

**HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES**

rt: special events  
work, labor, and employment

*Holistic Medicine*

-see- HEALTH  
MEDICAL TREATMENTS

*Home Addresses*

-see- ADDRESSES

*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**

SN: Use for *house arrest*. [[Home detention](#): confinement to one's residence as an alternative to prison, usually enforced with electronic monitoring, often allowing for pre-approved absences for work, medical matters, or court-ordered programs.]

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

**HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS**

bt: common ownership communities  
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 Arrest*

-see- HOME DETENTION

*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: missing persons  
social services  
support of dependents  
public benefits

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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

*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****IDEA**

-see- INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION AND 504 PLANS

**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).

nt: commercial drivers' licenses  
drivers' licenses  
personal identifying information  
rt: biometrics  
fingerprinting  
state documents

*Identity Cards*

-see- IDENTIFICATION

*Identity Theft*

-see- FRAUD

*IEPs*

-see- INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION AND 504 PLANS

*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- LOW-INCOME  
MODERATE-INCOME  
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**

**SN:** Use only for criminal charges issued by a grand jury – typically for more serious crimes, such as a felony.

bt: criminal charges  
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.

**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION AND 504 PLANS**

SN: [IEPs: created under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) providing specialized and documented instruction and services to students with one of the 13 disability categories listed under IDEA. / 504 Plans: created under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 providing accommodations and services to ensure equal access to public education.]

bt: disabilities  
education  
students  
rt: Americans with Disabilities Act  
curriculum

**INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING**

SN: [Industry: economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods. / Manufacturing: the process of turning raw materials or components into finished, usable products. ]

rt: commerce and business  
enterprise zones  
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**

bt: technology  
nt: mobile devices  
rt: artificial intelligence  
cybersecurity  
data  
data centers  
electronic government  
virtual environments

**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**

SN: Use with another established term to provide appropriate context for type and cause of 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 PLANS**

SN: Use for formal installment agreements or payment plans that allow an individual or business to pay a total debt over an extended period through scheduled payments.

bt: debt management  
rt: commerce and business  
debt collection  
electronic funds transfer

*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**

SN: Use in context of the global hardware and software network infrastructure.

nt: internet access  
rt: electronic communication  
information technology  
mobile devices  
social media  
telecommunications  
virtual environments

**INTERNET ACCESS**

SN: Use in context of the services and providers that facilitate connectivity to the internet. This would include policies, laws, and regulations governing speed, delivery, and accessibility to everyone.

bt: internet  
rt: electronic communication  
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: apprenticeships and internships  
 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**

rt: medical research  
medical technology  
medical testing and diagnosis  
technology

*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 Use*

-see- ZONING AND PLANNING

*Landfills*

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**LANDLORDS AND TENANTS**

rt: escrow accounts  
eviction  
leases and rent  
real property

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

bt: architects and architecture

**LAND SURVEYORS AND SURVEYS****LANGUAGE**

SN: Use in context of 1) translation and interpretation assistance; 2) plain language use for accessibility; 3) language learning/standards in education; 4) state style standards for official communications; 5) terminology used in specific professional settings (jargon).

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 Maryland Defense Force or National Guard, use **ARMED FORCES**.

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

*Law Libraries*

-see- LIBRARIES

**LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

SN: [Laws: (statute) statewide rules passed by the General Assembly at state level. / Ordinances: (municipal or county codes) local rules passed by a city or county government for its specific jurisdiction.]

Use with an appropriate authorized term for the local government IF the bill says ‘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*

-see- DEFAMATION

**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**

SN: Use in context of [business, professional, or occupational licenses issued by state or local agencies](#). Often require some type of certification.

bt: state documents  
nt: alcoholic beverages licenses  
drivers' licenses  
rt: applicants and applications  
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. Otherwise, use the narrower term.

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  
 moderate-income  
 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  
technology

*Mail*

-see- POSTAL SERVICE

*Mail-In Ballots*

-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS

*Mail-In Voting*

-see- ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING

*Mailing Addresses*

-see- ADDRESSES

*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 MANUFACTURING

**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

**MASSAGE**

bt: complementary and alternative medicine  
rt: physical therapists

*MCOs*

-see- MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

*Measurements*

-see- WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD**

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

*Mechanical Technology*

-see- EQUIPMENT  
TECHNOLOGY

*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 Assessments*

-see- MEDICAL TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

**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 technology  
 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  
 laboratories  
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medical conditions  
 medical technology  
 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  
 laboratories  
 medical research  
 medical treatments  
 sexual assault forensic exams and evidence kits

**MEDICAL TREATMENTS**

nt: complementary and alternative medicine  
 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

*Medications*

-see- DRUGS  
 MEDICAL TREATMENTS  
 PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY**

**SN:** Use in context of the application of scientific knowledge and resources to solve health problems – including improvements in diagnosis and treatment, enhanced patient access to care, increased efficiency, reduced costs, improved quality of life for patients.

**bt:** health  
technology  
**rt:** biotechnology  
health occupations  
laboratories  
medical equipment and devices  
medical research  
records

**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 and therapists  
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:** apprenticeships and internships  
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, education, or oversight.

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

**bt:** health occupations  
**rt:** nurses  
pregnancy

*Military*

-see- ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

**bt:** administrative agencies  
**rt:** armed forces and uniformed services

**MILITARY FAMILIES**

**rt:** armed forces and uniformed services

*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)

**MISSING PERSONS**

SN: *Use with another established term to provide appropriate context.*

rt: abductions  
 family law  
 Human Services, Department of  
 human trafficking  
 victims  
 vulnerable adults  
 youth

**MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES**

bt: housing  
 rt: motor vehicles

*Mobile Communications*

-see- MOBILE DEVICES  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**MOBILE DEVICES**

SN: *Use for portable, wireless devices designed for internet connectivity that allow users to process, store, and transmit information – including smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, e-readers, and laptops.*

bt: information technology

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rt: charging stations  
 internet  
 telecommunications  
 telephones

*Mobile Vendors*

-see- TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

*Mobility Aids*

-see- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

**MODERATE-INCOME**

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

rt: low-income

**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  
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES  
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  
drivers' licenses  
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  
commercial vehicles  
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  
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

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**N****NAMES**

**SN:** Use for any bill with the [purpose of changing the name of an entity or location](#).

**bt:** personal identifying information

*Narcotics*

-see- CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

*National Guard*

-see- ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

*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

**rt:** climate resilience

*Neglect*

-see- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT

**NEGLIGENCE**

**SN:** [[Negligence](#): failure to act with reasonable care causing harm or loss to another. Damages caused by carelessness, not intent, through a failure to act in a reasonable manner.]

**nt:** medical malpractice

**rt:** accidents

damages

liability

torts

**NEWS MEDIA**

**SN:** Use for [print, broadcast, or digital news organizations and platforms](#).

**rt:** electronic communication

*Nicotine*

-see- SMOKING AND VAPING  
TOBACCO AND NICOTINE

*No-Fault Divorce*

-see- DIVORCE

*No-Fault Insurance*

-see- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

*NOAA Officers Corp*

-see- ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

**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 [informing](#) a specific individual, a group, or the general public about an event, action, or ruling.

**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**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

*OPEGA*-see- PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF**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

*Oversight*

-see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS

**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**

*Packaging*

- see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
- PLASTICS
- RECYCLING
- REFUSE DISPOSAL

**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**

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

\*For *unmarried cohabitants*, see DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS AND CIVIL UNIONS

- 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

*Payment Plans*

- see- INSTALLMENT PLANS

*Peace Orders*

- see- PROTECTION AND PEACE 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

*Performance Evaluations*

-see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS  
PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF

*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**

**SN:** Use for [specific permits](#) authorizing particular activities, projects, or events. May require certain certifications and/or inspections. Typically issued at local level.

\*For *drivers' permits*, use DRIVERS' LICENSES.

nt: building permits  
rt: applicants and applications  
certifications  
drivers' licenses  
licenses  
registration

**PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

bt: identification  
nt: addresses  
names  
rt: biometrics  
**(CONTINUED)**

data  
deepfakes  
drivers' licenses  
privacy  
records

*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  
storage

**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  
     cameras  
     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  
     Americans with Disabilities Act  
     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

*Piedmont Reliability Project*

-see- ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
     HIGH VOLTAGE LINES

**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**

SN: Use for [maritime](#) pilots navigating vessels within a [harbor or port](#).

\*For operation of vessels in open water, see BOATS AND SHIPS.

\*For aviation pilots, see AIRCRAFT.

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- PLANS AND PROPOSALS  
ZONING AND PLANNING

**PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF**

bt: administrative agencies  
rt: zoning and planning

**PLANS AND PROPOSALS**

rt: architects and architecture  
commerce and business  
committees and commissions  
procurement  
zoning and planning

*Plant Closings*

-see- INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING

**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

*Polls*

-see- SURVEYS AND POLLS

**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**

**SN:** Use in context of [USPS](#) and for delivery of any correspondence by [Registered or Certified mail](#).  
\*For hired courier/delivery services, see [DELIVERY SERVICES](#).

*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 Grid*

-see- ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

rt: attorneys  
estates and trusts

**POWER PLANTS**

rt: energy matters  
energy technology and infrastructure  
nuclear matters  
utilities

*Power Scooters*

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

**PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES**

**SN:** [[Precious metals](#): gold, iridium, palladium, platinum, or silver. / Maryland statute BR § 12-101 refers to "...precious or semiprecious stone, or a pearl, which is or appears to have been attached to or inlaid in a precious metal..."]

**PREGNANCY**

rt: abortion  
birth control  
midwives  
reproductive matters  
women

*Prehearing Detention*

-see- PRETRIAL DETENTION OR RELEASE  
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  
MEDICAL TREATMENTS  
PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES

*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  
 personal identifying information  
 privileged communications  
 surveillance  
 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 and therapists  
 patients  
 physicians  
 privacy

*Prizes*

-see- AWARDS, MEDALS, AND PRIZES

*Probation*

-see- PAROLE AND PROBATION  
 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT

**PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT****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  
 plans and proposals

**PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF**

rt: evaluations and reviews

*Program Evaluations*

-see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS  
 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT  
 ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF

**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

*Proposals*

-see- PLANS AND PROPOSALS

**PROSTITUTION**

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: human trafficking  
sexual offenses

**PROTECTION AND PEACE 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 and therapists  
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 and therapists  
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: housing  
medical assistance  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
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 manufacturing

**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 Health Service Commission Corps*

-see- ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

*Public Housing*

-see- HOUSING

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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

rt: disclosure  
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

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Governor  
legislators  
Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
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**

SN: Use with another established term to provide appropriate context.

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-SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS AND EVIDENCE KITS

*Rates*

-see- PRICES  
REIMBURSEMENTS

**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  
homeowner 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

*Recommendations*

-see- PLANS AND PROPOSALS

**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 and services
- 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: addresses
- criminal background investigations
- data
- disclosure
- expungement and shielded records
- medical technology
- patients
- personal identifying information
- reports
- state documents

*Recreation*

- see- SPORTS AND RECREATION

**RECRUITMENT AND HIRING**

- bt: work, labor, and employment

**RECYCLING**

- bt: utilities
- rt: beverage containers
- compost and composting
- 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: compost and composting
- 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 – including business, tax, voter](#). \*Do not use in context of MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

- nt: motor vehicle registration
- rt: applicants and applications
- certifications
- licenses
- permits
- voting

*Regulations*

- see- RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Regulatory Reviews*

- see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS
- PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF

**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

**REIMBURSEMENTS**

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**

bt: energy technology and infrastructure  
 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

*Repositories*

-see- ARCHIVES  
 DATA CENTERS  
 LIBRARIES  
 RECORDS

**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- LABORATORIES  
 MEDICAL RESEARCH  
 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

*Research and Development*

-see- INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING  
 LABORATORIES  
 MEDICAL RESEARCH  
 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

**RESERVE STUDIES***Reservoirs*

-see- AQUIFERS AND RESERVOIRS

**RESIDENCY**SN: Use only 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: homeowner associations

housing

real property

*Resources*

-see- AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

**RESPIRE 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

Americans with Disabilities Act

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

*Reusable Products*

-see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

PLASTICS

RECYCLING

**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

recording

special tax districts

tax credits

tax preparers

tax returns

**REVIEW BOARDS**

bt: committees and commissions

rt: appeals

*Reviews*

-see- EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS

**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**

SN: [Robbery: the taking of property or services directly from a victim using force, threat, or intimidation with no intent of return or compensation.]

bt: crimes and punishments  
rt: burglary  
theft

*Robotics*

-see- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
TECHNOLOGY

**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**

**SAEKs**

-see- SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS AND EVIDENCE KITS

**SAFE**

-see- SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS AND EVIDENCE KITS

**SAFETY**

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

- nt: occupational safety
- rt: accidents
  - building codes
  - emergencies
  - guns
  - Homeland Security
  - injury
  - motor vehicle inspection
  - personal protective equipment
  - restrictive housing
  - school resource officers
  - surveillance
  - 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
  - reimbursements

*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 and therapists
  - 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: [\[SRQ: a sworn law enforcement officer assigned to a school for the purpose of mentoring, emergency management, law enforcement, and education.\]](#)

- 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: law enforcement  
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 and uniformed services  
 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 AND THERAPISTS

**SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS AND EVIDENCE KITS**

rt: evidence  
 forensics  
 medical testing and diagnoses  
 sexual offenses

**SEXUAL MATTERS**

rt: education  
 reproductive matters  
 sexual assault forensic exams and evidence kits  
 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

*Sign 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

*Single-Payer System*

-see- UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

*Single-Use Products*

-see- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS  
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS  
PLASTICS  
RECYCLING  
REFUSE DISPOSAL

*Slander*

-see- DEFAMATION

*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

*SNAP*

-see- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*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: electronic communication  
internet

**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 and therapists  
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- AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY

*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

*Squatters*

-see- WRONGFUL DETAINERS

**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: commercial drivers’ licenses  
 drivers’ licenses  
 licenses  
 Maryland Register  
 rt: forms  
 identification  
 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- AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY  
ASTRONOMY AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY  
CURRICULUM  
EDUCATION

*Stocks*

-see- INVESTMENTS  
SECURITIES

*Stones*

-see- PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES

*Stop Sign Cameras*

-see- TRAFFIC MONITORING

**STORAGE**

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

rt: data centers  
fuel  
personal property

*Stormwater*

-see- FLOOD CONTROL

*Straws*

-see- PLASTICS

*Streams*

-see- RIVERS, STREAMS, AND LAKES

*Street Addresses*

-see- ADDRESSES

**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**

nt: Individualized Education and 504 Plans  
rt: applicants and applications  
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  
surveys and polls

*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

*Supermarkets*

-see- FOOD  
RETAIL SALES

*Supervisors*

-see- ELECTIONS SUPERVISORS  
MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

bt: public benefits  
rt: food insecurity

**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**

nt: wiretapping  
rt: cameras  
    privacy  
    safety  
    video

*Surveyors*

-see- LAND SURVEYORS AND SURVEYS

*Surveys*

-see- LAND SURVEYORS AND SURVEYS  
    SURVEYS AND POLLS

**SURVEYS AND POLLS**

rt: census  
    data  
    elections  
    evaluations and reviews  
    studies

**SWIMMING POOLS**

rt: community facilities and services  
    sports and recreation  
    water

*Synthetic Media*

-see- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
    NEWS MEDIA  
    SOCIAL MEDIA

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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**

**SN:** Whenever possible, [use a narrower term](#) or [use with another established term](#) to provide appropriate context.

- nt: aerospace technology and astronomy  
artificial intelligence  
biotechnology  
energy technology and infrastructure  
information technology  
medical technology
- rt: cryptocurrency  
laboratories  
machine learning

*TEDCO*

- see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

**TEENAGERS (13-19yo)**

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

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

- rt: communications  
electronic communication  
internet  
mobile devices  
telephones  
utilities  
virtual environments

*Telehealth*

- see- HEALTH  
INTERNET  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

*Telephone Solicitation*

- see- SOLICITATION

**TELEPHONES**

- bt: utilities
- rt: mobile devices  
telecommunications

**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**

SN: [[Theft: unauthorized, intentional taking of property without force and with no intention of return or compensation.](#)]

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: defamation  
medical malpractice  
wrongful death  
rt: civil actions  
claims  
damages  
liability  
negligence  
sovereign immunity

**TOURISM**

rt: agritourism  
conventions  
hotels and motels

**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: cameras  
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: commercial vehicles  
 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

*Uniformed Services*

-see- ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES

*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.

**UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

SN: Use for any actions, events, legislation, programs, projects, etc. that contributes to the goal of "a system where the state guarantees access to [comprehensive, affordable health coverage for everyone](#)."

bt: health  
 public benefits  
 rt: health insurance  
 medical assistance

*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
- energy technology and infrastructure
- high voltage lines
- power plants
- Public Service Commission
- telecommunications

*Utilization Review*

-see- HEALTH PLANNING AND COST REVIEW

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**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 and uniformed services

**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  
missing persons  
protection and peace orders  
reparations  
restitution**VIDEO**rt: cameras  
deepfakes  
recordings  
surveillance  
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  
information technology  
internet  
meetings  
remote access  
remote and hybrid education  
telecommunications  
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  
missing persons  
physical disabilities

**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: 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  
Washington Suburban Sanitary District  
**(CONTINUED)**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

**WIRETAPPING**

bt: 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

**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: apprenticeships and internships  
 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

**WRONGFUL DETAINERS**

SN: [[Wrongful detainer](#): a fast-track legal action to remove someone occupying real property without legal right – including squatters, uninvited guests or guests who have been asked to leave, or a relative/family member after relationship has ended.]

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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.

\*For planning in any other context, see PLANS AND PROPOSALS.

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

Zoos

-see- ANIMAL HOUSING  
ANIMALS