

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 neglectrt: 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

ACCREDITATIONrt: 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.

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**BEEES**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 CONTAINERSrt: 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

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
drugs

nt: cannabis distribution
cannabis production

rt: hemp

smoking and vaping

CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION, MARYLAND

bt: administrative agencies

rt: cannabis

CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION

bt: cannabis

rt: cannabis production

pharmacists and pharmacies

CANNABIS PRODUCTION

bt: agriculture

cannabis

rt: cannabis distribution

CAPITAL BUDGETS

bt: budgets

rt: legislation

state bonds

Capital Punishment

-see- DEATH PENALTY

CAREGIVERS

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

[Do not use in context of CHILD CARE.](#)

rt: vulnerable adults

CARES ACT

bt: federal aid

rt: federal government

Carjacking

-see- HIJACKING

Carnivals

-see- AMUSEMENT PARKS, CARNIVALS, AND FAIRS

CAROLINE COUNTY

bt: code counties

counties

rt: Eastern Shore

CARROLL COUNTY

bt: counties

Western Maryland

rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Cars

-see- MOTOR VEHICLES

Carsharing

-see- RIDESHARING AND CARSHARING

CASINOS

rt: gaming and gambling

CATV

-see- CABLE TELEVISION

Causes

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

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
recordation

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
- finances
- 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 PUNISHMENTSSN: 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 INVESTIGATIONSSN: Use only in context of pre-employment screening.

bt: investigations and inquiries

rt: crimes and punishments

fingerprinting

records

work, labor, and employment

CRIMINAL CHARGESSN: [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 COMPENSATIONSN: [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

D*Dairy Products*

-see- MILK PRODUCTS

DAMAGESSN: 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

DEEPFAKES

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

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

EVICTIION

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

O**OATHS**

rt: perjury

OBSCENITYrt: 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

OMBUDSMENSN: [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

OPIOIDSSN: 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 OPTICIANSSN: 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

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
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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 SCHOOLSSN: 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

PRIVACYSN: 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

Q

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

bt: code counties
counties

rt: Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Eastern Shore

Quasi-Public Corporations

-see- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES

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

RESIDENCYSN: 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 CARESN: [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

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

rt: criminal injuries compensation

reparations

vandalism

victims

RESTRICTIVE HOUSINGSN: [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 TAXESSN: 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

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 COMMISSIONbt: committees and commissions
State Highway Administration

rt: highways

State Seal

-see- STATE SYMBOLS

STATE SYMBOLS

rt: flags

STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGESrt: 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 LIMITATIONrt: 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

STORAGESN: [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 LIGHTSrt: highways
public works*Streets*

-see- HIGHWAYS

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

-see- MINING

Student Financial Aid

-see- SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

STUDENTSnt: 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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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

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

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

WARRANTSrt: arrests
search and seizure**WASHINGTON COUNTY**bt: counties
Western Marylandrt:
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland*Washington, D.C.*

-see- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICTbt: sanitary districts
rt: District of Columbia
Montgomery County
Prince George's County
sewage
water*Washington Transit Districts*

-see- MASS TRANSIT

Waste

-see- REFUSE DISPOSAL

WASTEWATERbt: 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

WELLSrt: 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.]

X

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)

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