



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 6, 2026
Schedule 16

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2026

HB 959 Delegate Ruff, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – ESTABLISHMENT OF GWYNNS FALLS STATE PARK

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish Gwynns Falls State Park as a partnership park between the Department and Baltimore City; altering the authorized uses of a certain part of the Park System Capital Improvements and Acquisition Fund; prohibiting the Department from charging an entrance fee to the State Park; requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for fiscal year 2028 \$2,8880,354 for the establishment of the Park and an additional appropriation of \$280,000 for the hiring of a certain consultant; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

NR, § 5-221(l) and (n) - amended and § 5-1012(f-2) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 960 Delegate Roberts, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FEDERAL EMPLOYEE-TO-ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Federal Employee to Entrepreneur Program in the Department of Commerce to provide former or transitioning federal employees with the training, tools, and mentorship necessary for successfully transitioning to entrepreneurship; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, §§ 3-701 and 3-702 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 961 Delegate Miller

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSION PROTOCOL – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the State Department of Education to include athletic officials in certain policies and in a certain program to provide awareness on a certain concussion protocol for certain public school and youth sports programs; establishing that certain individuals may remove a student from play and prevent a student from returning to play under certain circumstances; and authorizing a person to bring a certain action for declaratory relief to enforce certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-433 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 962 Delegate Woorman, et al

LOCAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Authorizing the governing body of a county to establish a system of public campaign financing for elected members of the county board of education.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 963 Delegate Woorman, et al**REGISTERS OF WILLS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES**

Repealing the prohibition on a register of wills or court granting letters in administrative or judicial probate to certain individuals who are not citizens of the United States.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, § 5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 964 Delegate Grammer, et al**SECURE THE VOTE ACT OF 2026**

Repealing the requirements that the Baltimore City centralized booking facility provide a ballot drop box to eligible voters; repealing the requirement that each local board of elections designate locations in the county at which ballot drop boxes will be placed; repealing provisions of law governing permanent absentee ballot status; repealing the authority to conduct special elections by mail; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

CS, EL, and LG, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 965 Delegate Woorman, et al**OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY
COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council to provide feedback to the Office of Health Care Quality regarding maintaining oversight of health care facilities and to notify the Secretary of Health if the Office is negligent in providing oversight of health care facilities; requiring the Advisory Council, beginning January 1, 2027, to hold a virtual public meeting once every 6 months; and requiring a summary of each public meeting to be published on the Council's website within 30 days of the meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 19-2701 and 19-2702 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 966 Delegate Miller, et al**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES – ALTERATION**

Requiring an appeals process established by the State Board of Education not to exceed 90 days for appeals of actions taken by a county board of education for removal of the county superintendent or a member of the county board of education; and authorizing an extension of the appeals process if due process demands the extension or the State Board determines that an extension is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 2-205(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 967 Delegate Buckel, et al**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGES OR FEES – PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION**

Prohibiting an electric company from collecting certain environmental surcharges or fees under certain circumstances; and requiring the Public Service Commission, by October 1, 2027, and each October 1 thereafter, to make a certain calculation each year related to the change in residential electric bills relative to inflation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU, § 7-109 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 968 Delegate Amprey**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT – FILING FEES**

Increasing, from \$100 to \$250, the fee that a person required to submit a filing in accordance with a certain exemption is required to pay; and increasing, from \$100 to \$250, the fee that a person required to submit a notice of offer or sale of certain federal covered securities is required to pay.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, § 11-506 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 969 Delegate Allen**ELECTRIC VEHICLE FUEL SOLD AT RETAIL – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, UNITS OF MEASURE, SALES PRICE, AND FEES**

Requiring the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to display certain information in a conspicuous manner; requiring all electricity possessed, offered, or exposed for sale and sold at retail as a vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in units of kilowatt-hours; requiring the Comptroller to determine the minimum price for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

AG, § 11-316 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 970 Delegate T. Morgan, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – NUCLEAR ENERGY AND RENAMING**

Renaming the “renewable energy portfolio standard” to be the “clean energy portfolio standard”; renaming “renewable energy credits” to be “clean energy credits”; adding energy generated from certain nuclear energy generating stations as a Tier 2 renewable source eligible for inclusion in the clean energy portfolio standard; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 5-102(a)(9) - amended and PU, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 971 Delegate Woods, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – DUTIES AND WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE ADOPTION OF A FEE-FOR-SERVICE MODEL FOR ALL MEDICAID SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Advisory Committee to form subcommittees and workgroups, as necessary, to carry out the duties of the Committee; establishing the Workgroup to Study the Adoption of a Fee-for-Service Model for all Medicaid Services to study the feasibility of implementing a direct care payment model throughout the State’s Medicaid program; and requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Advisory Committee and certain members of the General Assembly by January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 15-103(b)(27)(i) through (iv) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 972 Delegate Miller, et al**MARYLAND FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROMISE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROMISE ACT)**

Establishing the Maryland Fair and Agricultural Education Promise Fund to provide grants that advance agricultural fairs and education in the State; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring certain proceeds from the State lottery, before being allocated to the General Fund, to be allocated to the Fund; and repealing the requirement that a certain amount of annual proceeds from the State horse racing Special Fund be used to promote State agricultural fairs and education.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

AG, §§ 10-2201 through 10-2203 - added and BR, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 973 Delegate Miller**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ENHANCED REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES AND RETENTION REQUIREMENTS**

Making certain enhanced Open Meetings Act requirements applicable to the Maryland State Department of Education, Accountability and Implementation Board, and county boards of education; and requiring certain entities subject to enhanced Open Meetings Act requirements to retain certain meeting minutes and recordings for 15 years after the date of the session.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 3-307 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 974 Delegate Chisholm, et al

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY (FREEDOM FROM MONOPOLIES ACT)

Repealing the authorization of the Public Service Commission to license certain energy salespersons; altering the amount of a certain assessment charged to a certain public service company; changing the name of the Education and Protection Fund to the Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund; modifying the purpose and uses of the Fund; altering the scope of a certain training and educational program developed by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - repealed and amended and Chapter 537 of the Acts of 2024, § 5 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 975 Delegate Guzzone

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MASSAGE THERAPY – ADVERTISING

Prohibiting licensed massage therapists, registered massage practitioners, and third parties directed by licensed massage therapists or registered massage practitioners from placing, publishing, or distributing certain advertisements; and requiring certain advertisements for massage therapy to include the full name, as stated on the license or registration application, and the license number or registration number of the licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner providing massage therapy services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 6-401 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 976 Delegate Rose, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – FUNDING ACCURACY AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT COUNT – ALTERATIONS AND REPORT (EDUCATION FUNDING ACCURACY ACT)

Altering the definition of “full-time equivalent enrollment” in the calculation for State education aid to include the average number of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on September 30 and May 31 of the prior school year; requiring the State Department of Education to publish online and submit a certain report to certain standing committees of the General Assembly; and applying the Act to the calculation of education funding for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-201(g) - amended and § 5-244 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 977 Delegate Allen

VETERANS BENEFITS MATTERS – CLAIM SERVICERS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a person that is not V.A. accredited that is seeking compensation for certain services related to veterans benefits matters to enter into a certain written fee agreement with the recipient of the services that complies with certain laws; requiring the fee agreement to contain a certain notice; requiring a certain notice to be given orally and acknowledged in writing; prohibiting the imposition or collection of a certain fee under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and § 13-301(14)(xlix) - added and SG, § 9-905.1 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 978 Delegate Mireku–North**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – HOME SECURITY SYSTEM EXPENSES – CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Authorizing a campaign finance entity of a member of the General Assembly, under certain circumstances, to make a disbursement from a campaign account to reimburse the member for certain expenses related to a home security system used at the member's primary place of residence; and authorizing a member of the General Assembly who expends personal funds on certain expenses related to a home security system used at the member's primary place of residence to be reimbursed by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EL, § 13-218(b) - amended and EL, § 13-220.3 and SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 979 Delegates Hornberger and Stewart**STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION – QUESTION ON BALLOT – PASSAGE BY MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST**

Requiring the General Assembly to organize and hold a Convention to amend the State Constitution if a majority of the votes cast on the question of calling for a Convention, rather than a majority of voters voting at the election, are for the holding of a Convention; and prohibiting any changes or amendments to the State Constitution adopted by the Convention and submitted to the voters of the State from becoming effective unless the majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the adoption.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XIV, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 980 Delegate Griffith, et al

FAMILY LAW AND STATE GOVERNMENT – CHILD PROTECTION AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN (KANAIYAH’S LAW)

Requiring that a juvenile court include in an order granting guardianship of a child to a specific individual a requirement that the individual provide a criminal records history check to a local department of social services regarding an adult who resides in the home of the guardian; establishing procedures for the review of certain guardianships of certain children by the juvenile court under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Social Services Administration from allowing the placement of children in unlicensed settings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-819.2(c) and FL and SG, Various Sections - amended and FL and SG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 981 Delegate A. Johnson, et al

INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – BASE RATE PROCEEDING – EQUITY MARKET RETURN

Requiring the Public Service Commission, in a base rate proceeding, to determine a certain equity market return for certain public service companies; and authorizing the Commission to adjust certain rates based on the equity market return.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 4-206.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 982 Delegate Mireku-North, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the definition of a “foster care recipient” to mean an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement on or after the individual’s 8th birthday rather than 13th birthday for purposes of determining eligibility for a certain tuition exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-106.1(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 983 Delegate Palakovich Carr

STATE TAX CREDITS, MODIFICATIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS –
ALTERATIONS AND REPEAL

Altering the Enterprise Zone Program; altering and repealing certain credits, exemptions, and deductions to the State income, motor fuel, sales and use, tobacco, and property taxes; providing an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for the entire amount of certain deductions under the Internal Revenue Code for dividends paid for real estate investment trusts; requiring the Department of Commerce to evaluate the film production activity tax credit and submit a certain report on or before December 1, 2026; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added and TG, §§ 9-315, 10-306.2, and 11-232 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 984 Delegate Hill, et al

MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2035, a person from disposing of a mattress in a landfill, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2035, a person from disposing of a mattress in an incinerator, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain producers of mattresses sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Mattress Stewardship Program in the Department of the Environment for approval on or before July 1, 2031; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2029

EN, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 985 Delegate Amprey, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES – LOUDNESS OF COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

Prohibiting a certain video streaming service from transmitting to a consumer in the State the audio of a commercial advertisement in a manner that is louder than the audio of the accompanying video programming or video content of the video streaming service; providing that compliance with certain federal regulations shall be considered compliance with the Act; and establishing that a violation of the Act is subject to certain enforcement provisions under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlix) and 14-1330 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 986 Delegate Terrasa**NURSE LICENSURE – EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS – ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring certain applicants for a license to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing to produce certain evidence that the applicants' educational credentials meet certain requirements; and authorizing the State Board of Nursing to take certain disciplinary action for the failure to complete certain education requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 8-307(b), 8-316(a)(35) and (36), and 8-7A-03 - amended and § 8-316(a)(37) - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 987 Delegate Ivey, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND – ALTERATIONS (COMMUNITY SAFETY AND INTERVENTION FUNDING ACT)**

Altering the mandated appropriation for the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter; and establishing authorized distribution amounts from the Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, §§ 4-902(e) and 4-905(c) - amended and § 4-905(d) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 988 Delegate Hartman, et al**ENVIRONMENT – BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – REPEAL**

Repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing building energy performance standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 2-1601 and 2-1602 - repealed and HS, § 4-211(d)(1) and (2) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 989 Delegate Lopez, et al**STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY – CALCULATION OF INCOME**

Providing that the income that an individual receives from renting a portion of the individual's primary residence may not be included in the calculation of income for purposes of eligibility for any State tax credit, housing assistance program, or medical assistance program designed to assist elderly persons; requiring the Department of Aging to review each State tax credit, housing assistance program, and medical assistance program and determine whether the Act is applicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HU, § 10-215 - added

Assigned to: Health and Ways and Means

HB 990 Delegate Behler, et al**SMALL SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM INCENTIVE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND GENERATING CAPACITY**

Extending the deadline by which a solar energy generating system must be placed in service to be eligible for certification under the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2031; and increasing the total amount of in-State generating capacity for certain solar energy generating systems from 270 megawatts to 540 megawatts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-709.1(d) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 991 Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Extending from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. rather than 9 p.m. the hours during which a holder of a Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County may sell alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 22-1004(d) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 992 Delegate Stein

ELECTRONIC DEVICE PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Altering the contents and use of the State Recycling Trust Fund; establishing a separate covered electronic device producer responsibility program plan and annual report, registration, and review fee account within the Fund; repealing certain provisions of law relating to existing covered electronic device takeback programs; altering certain provisions of law relating to registration fees for certain manufacturers of covered electronic devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, Various Sections - amended, §§ 9-1728.2 through 9-1728.6 - added, and § 9-1728.2 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 993 Delegate Valderrama, et al

REAL PROPERTY – SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Prohibiting the governing body of a county or municipality from enacting a local law or ordinance prohibiting the offering of certain residential property as a short-term rental by an operator solely because the operator is a lessee or sublessee of the property; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to enact a local law or ordinance prohibiting the operator of a short-term rental who is a lessee or sublessee of the property from operating more than one short-term rental within the county or municipality; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 14-126.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 994 Delegate Boafo, et al

BUSINESS REGULATION – TRAVEL SERVICES – SPECIAL FUND, FEES, AND SURETY REQUIREMENT (DON'T YOU WORRY (WURIE) ACT)

Establishing the Sellers of Travel Services Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring that investment earnings be credited to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate costs; authorizing the Department to set fees; requiring providers of travel services to file with the Department proof of professional liability and errors and omissions liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 2-106.17, 2-106.18, and 17-2201 through 17-2203 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 995 Delegate Woods, et al

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Prohibiting behavioral health care providers from using artificial intelligence to provide behavioral health care to a patient; authorizing a behavioral health care provider to use a system that employs artificial intelligence in performing administrative support tasks under certain circumstances; and requiring a behavioral health care provider to obtain certain informed consent from patients if the provider uses a certain system that employs artificial intelligence under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 1-231 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 996 Delegate Amprey

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to notify a person who files a charter document if the Department does not accept the document; requiring the Department to accept a corrected charter document under a certain circumstance; authorizing certain governing bodies of certain corporations to take certain actions without a meeting of the governing body subject to certain conditions; repealing the authority of certain persons to maintain a suit in a State court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, §§ 1-201, 2-408, 3-301, 7-301, 7-302, 9A-103, and 10-302 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 997 Delegate Valderrama

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE RATE – CALCULATION

Modifying the method by which the Commissioner of Labor and Industry determines a prevailing wage rate; and requiring the Commissioner to vacate a certain prevailing wage rate under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PU, § 1-101(p-1) - added and amended and SF, § 17-208 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 998 Delegate Clippinger

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to authorize the transfer of a Class B–D–7 license from an area in the 40th alcoholic beverages district into the 46th alcoholic beverages district; authorizing a license holder in a certain area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district to keep and allow individuals to consume alcohol donated by a manufacturer or wholesaler under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ABC, § 12-1604(k) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 999 Delegate Clippinger**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – ALTERATION**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to manufacture, rectify, or bottle more than one brand of alcoholic beverage; and authorizing the holder to manufacture or rectify up to 31,000 gallons of product of an entity other than the holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1000 Delegate McCaskill**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL MAPPING DATA – RADIUS OF SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Requiring the school mapping data produced with funding from the School Mapping Data Program to contain site specific labeling that matches the 1-mile radius surrounding the school grounds, including bodies of water.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-1510.1(d)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1001 Delegate D. Jones**ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS EMPLOYEES – AUTHORITY AT POLLING PLACES**

Requiring a police officer who is on duty at a polling place to obey the authority of a local board of elections employee; providing that local board employees, while serving a polling place, have the authority to keep the peace and order the arrest of certain persons; and authorizing local board employees, while serving in a polling place, to protect certain rights of, deny admission of, and eject certain challengers and watchers from a polling place under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, §§ 10-304 and 10-311(d) and (e) - amended and § 10-307.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1002 Delegate Lopez, et al

NURSING FACILITIES – INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER

Prohibiting certain facilities from involuntarily transferring or discharging a resident to certain housing or before receiving certain confirmations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice or updated notice; requiring that a certain notice or updated notice be provided to certain residents at least a certain period of time before an involuntary discharge or transfer; and requiring that a post discharge plan contain certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 19-345 and 19-345.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1003 Delegate D. Jones, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ELECTION OFFICIAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education and the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to establish a pilot program in the county schools to prepare students for a career as an election official.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 21-211 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1004 Delegate Alston, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS IN FOOD

Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State food that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, red dye 3, or any other ingredient or additive that is prohibited for use in food under federal law or regulation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

HG, § 21-259.4 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1005 Delegate Forbes

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTING (SURVIVOR REPORTING REFORM ACT)

Requiring the Department of Human Services, by May 1, 2028, to develop a certain form for the submission of a certain written report concerning suspected child abuse or neglect for cases in which the victim is currently an adult; requiring the Department to consult with health practitioners, survivors of abuse, law enforcement agencies, and the State's attorney in the process of developing the form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 5-704 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1006 Talbot County Delegation

TALBOT COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SCHEDULE OPTIONS

Authorizing the Talbot County Board of Education to operate all the schools within the county using a scheduling model that eliminates early dismissal days to allow for less than 180 school days if the minimal hours of attendance are met; and requiring a school operating under a certain scheduling model to provide certain employees an opportunity to make up lost wages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-103(a), (f), and (g) - amended and § 7-103(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1007 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

COMMERCIAL FINANCING – SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to certain disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, §§ 12-1301 through 12-1314 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1008 Delegates Queen and Spiegel**FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – PROTECTIONS AND REQUIRED REFERRAL (VULNERABLE ADULT BANKING PROTECTION ACT)**

Authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to delay or deny a disbursement from the account of a certain individual or the account on which a certain individual is a beneficiary; requiring a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to provide certain financial records to certain entities; authorizing a fiduciary institution, under certain circumstances, to contact certain individuals; and providing certain fiduciary institutions immunity from certain liability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, § 1-307 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1009 Delegate Korman**TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION CERTIFICATION AND STATE TRANSFER TAX (LAND TRANSFER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**

Prohibiting a clerk of the circuit court from recording an instrument that effects a change of ownership of real property from the United States to another person unless the instrument is accompanied by a Certificate of Compliance; requiring the Office of the Attorney General and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to review certain changes of ownership of real property and issue a Certificate of Compliance following a determination of legal compliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

RP, § 3-104(a) and TP, §§ 13-203(a) and 13-209(a) - amended and RP, § 3-104.3 and TP, § 13-203(c) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1010 Delegate Fair**ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY – REGULATIONS, REVIEW, AND EVALUATION**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election–supporting technology and to review and evaluate election–supporting technology on or before January 1 each year; and requiring that the regulations be adopted by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, § 9-107 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1011 Delegate Fair

WORKGROUP ON SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE STUDENTS – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students to study ways to support transgender and gender diverse students and, on or before December 1, 2026, make recommendations regarding statewide statutory and regulatory policies.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1012 Delegate Fair

PUBLIC HEALTH – LOCAL SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a county or municipality to establish a local suicide fatality review team; requiring a local team to coordinate with the State Suicide Fatality Review Committee; exempting certain meetings of a local team from the Maryland Open Meetings Act; providing that certain information acquired by a local team is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act; and prohibiting certain persons from testifying in any proceeding about details of a local team meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 5-1101 through 5-1105 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1013 Delegate Williams

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education and County Superintendent, beginning in the 2027–2028 school year, to include certain funds in their annual budget to certain individuals hired as one-to-one student aides; requiring the County Superintendent, or the County Superintendent's designee, to provide certain quarterly updates to the county board and the State Department of Education; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1014 Delegate Woods, et al

MENTAL HEALTH LAW – DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR OF OTHERS – DEFINITION (RIGHT TO TREATMENT)

Defining “danger to the life or safety of the individual or of others” for purposes of the involuntary admission of individuals with mental disorders to a facility or Veterans’ Administration hospital and the emergency evaluation of individuals with mental disorders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 10-601 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1015 Delegate Solomon, et al

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR RECENTLY RELOCATED INDIVIDUALS (RALPH’S ACT)

Requiring that certain individuals who were determined to be eligible to receive certain developmental disabilities services in another state be eligible to continue to receive those services in the State; requiring the Department of Health to establish an expedited review process for certain individuals relocating to the State; and authorizing the Department to begin the determination process before an individual establishes residency in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 7-404.2 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1016 Delegate Pruski

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES – EMPLOYER RELOCATION

Applying certain provisions of law establishing that certain noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in certain employment contracts are null and void as being against the public policy of the State to employees of certain employers that relocate, reorganize, or otherwise cease to have the majority of its employees or principal place of business located in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 3-716 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1017 Delegate Wells

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRIVATE IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES – ZONING REQUIREMENT

Prohibiting the State or a unit of local government from approving the use of a building or structure as an immigration detention facility by a private entity unless certain zoning authority applies; establishing a certain penalty for a certain violation; and authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action to enforce the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

CS, § 1-103 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1018 Delegate Stewart

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES – MINIMUM MANDATORY STANDARDS

Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities; altering certain duties of and prohibitions on the actions of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards relating to correctional facilities and immigration detention facilities; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CS, §§ 8-101 through 8-103, 8-105, 8-110, and 8-112 through 8-116 - amended and §§ 8-111.1, 8-111.2, and 8-114.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2026

HJ 8 Delegate White Holland, et al

APOLOGY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RACIAL TERROR LYNCHINGS

Issuing an apology and acknowledging the State's complicity and negligence in allowing the perpetration of acts of racial terror lynching; and committing to taking reparative actions as recommended by the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2026

HS 1 Delegate Buckel, et al

STATE AGENCIES – MISCONDUCT RELATED TO FEDERAL FUNDING – LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Creating a legislative investigating committee in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 16 of the State Government Article to investigate allegations of misconduct by State agencies related to federal funding.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 5, 2026

HB 564 Delegate Allen, et al

BUSINESS REGULATION – PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES – REQUIREMENTS (PET CREMATION AND BURIAL SERVICES CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing certain consumer protection requirements for registered cemeterians, registered cemetery operators, or certain permit holders that sell or offer for sale pet cremation services for pet remains; and establishing the duties of certain persons responsible for returning pet remains to certain animal owners after cremation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added and CL, Various Sections - amended and added

Reassigned to: Health

HB 586 Delegate Behler, et al

COUNTY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP – STUDENT MEMBER

Authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the selection of a student member of the board; and establishing the qualifications, setting a 1–year term of office, and providing for the voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees, if selected.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 23-403 and 23-404 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means

HB 704 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION EXPANSION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program in the State Department of Education to provide funding to eligible schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision of the child nutrition programs; requiring schools that opt out of the Community Eligibility Provision of the Child Nutrition Program to include certain information in a certain report; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2028 and succeeding years to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-606 - added

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means