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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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**SB 275**                      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental  
Chapter 25**                      **– Veterans Affairs)**

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**SB 707**                      **Senator Jackson, et al**  
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ARMED FORCES – SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMILIES AND  
ADDITION OF SPACE FORCE

Adding the Space Force to certain provisions of law related to the armed  
forces; authorizing military spouses and residents of the State who are  
members of the National Guard of another state or a reserve component of  
the armed forces to terminate certain contracts at any time after the date  
the service member receives certain military orders to relocate; adding the  
Space Force and members of the National Guard of any other state to the  
definition of a “military–connected student” for purposes of the Purple  
Stars Schools Program; etc.

**HB 1026**                      **Delegate Patterson, et al**  
**Chapter 27**

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the armed forces to terminate certain contracts at any time after the date  
the service member receives certain military orders to relocate; altering  
the definition of a “military–connected student” for purposes of the Purple  
Star Schools Program; and authorizing the Governor to make certain  
posthumous awards.

- SB 183**  
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- SB 226**  
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Prohibiting the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board from requiring an applicant to provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure or certification; and requiring the EMS Board to require applicants for a license or certificate to disclose certain information or provide alternative documentation and record the information in the applicant's file for a certain purpose.

**SB 374**  
**Chapter 44****Senator Waldstreicher****STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**HB 628**  
**Chapter 45****Delegate S. Johnson****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the licensure requirements that the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists may waive, and the circumstances under which the requirements may be waived, for applicants for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in the State who are licensed or certified to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in another state, territory, or jurisdiction.

- SB 409**  
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- SB 219**  
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- Extending to December 31, 2030, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.
- SB 222**  
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State Board of Environmental Health Specialists – Quorum, Examination, and Apprenticeships
- Clarifying that a quorum of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists consists of a majority of appointed members; altering the circumstances under which an applicant for licensure is qualified to take the examination by adding completion of an apprenticeship approved by the Board as an alternative to obtaining experience in an environmental health specialist-in-training program; and authorizing the Board to approve an examination provider to administer the examination.
- SB 341**  
**Chapter 57**      **Senator McCray, et al**  
COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – MUSEUM NAME CHANGE
- Altering the name of the museum operated by the Commission on African American History and Culture in certain provisions of law from the “Banneker–Douglass Museum” to the “Banneker–Douglass–Tubman Museum”.

**HB 390**  
**Chapter 58****Delegate Henson, et al****COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – MUSEUM NAME CHANGE**

Altering the name of the museum operated by the Commission on African American History and Culture in certain provisions of law from the “Banneker–Douglass Museum” to the “Banneker–Douglass–Tubman Museum”.

**HB 634**  
**Chapter 63****Delegate Smith****MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT INFORMATION – UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU**

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to authorize the Center to send student information to the United States Census Bureau.

**SB 444**  
**Chapter 64****Senator Zucker****MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT INFORMATION – UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU**

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to authorize the Center to send student information to the United States Census Bureau.

**SB 255**  
**Chapter 77****Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Department of Emergency Management)****PUBLIC SAFETY – VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Transferring certain duties relating to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund from the Military Department to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

**SB 268**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 80**                    **Request – Critical Area Commission)**

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA  
PROGRAM – ENFORCEMENT

Altering the enforcement and after-the-fact application approval procedures required as minimum elements of a local jurisdiction's Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Program to apply to all critical area violations; repealing the 30-day waiting period with which the Chair of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays must comply before referring certain enforcement matters to the Attorney General; and expanding the authority of the Attorney General to take certain equitable actions.

**HB 45**                    **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 81**                    **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – SALE, BARTER, OR EXCHANGE OF  
MOUNTED SPECIMENS FROM DECEDENT'S ESTATE

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal, from a decedent's estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

**SB 284**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 82**                    **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

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**HB 109**  
**Chapter 83****Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – ALTERATION OR REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing certain persons to alter certain submerged aquatic vegetation in a certain manner and in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing a public utility company or telecommunications carrier to alter certain submerged aquatic vegetation in a certain manner and in accordance with certain requirements; and altering certain requirements related to the alteration or removal of certain submerged aquatic vegetation.

**SB 281**  
**Chapter 84****Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – ALTERATION OR REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS**

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**HB 117**  
**Chapter 85****Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Geological Survey Fund to finance certain direct and indirect costs, including long-term budgeting and planning for survey projects, procurements, and equipment purchases; establishing the Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Natural Resources; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

**SB 305**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 86**                **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND  
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**HB 235**                    **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 87**                **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PAY-FOR-SUCCESS  
CONTRACTS – PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION

Exempting pay-for-success contracts negotiated or entered into by the Department of Natural Resources from certain provisions of the General Procurement Law.

**SB 253**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 88**                **– Natural Resources)**

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**SB 274**                      **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**  
**Chapter 89**

CHARTER COUNTIES – COMPREHENSIVE PLANS –  
AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Altering requirements for the housing element of a charter county’s comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025, to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.

**HB 17**                         **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**  
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**HB 225**                      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning), et al**  
**Chapter 91**

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SUBCABINET AND REPEAL OF THE  
OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

Repealing the Office of Smart Growth; repealing the position of Special Secretary for Smart Growth; renaming the Smart Growth Subcabinet to be the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet; altering the membership of the Subcabinet; requiring the Subcabinet to review State assistance programs, promote interagency consensus and cooperation, provide advisory and technical assistance to local jurisdictions, and gather and disseminate information to the public related to the State’s sustainable growth policy; etc.

**SB 309**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 92**                    **Request – Departmental – Planning)**

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**SB 295**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 93**                    **Request – Departmental – Planning)**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – INVENTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning prepare and periodically revise inventory lists of the natural resources of the State and certain public works and facilities.

**SB 310**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 94**                    **Request – Departmental – Planning)**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – STATE REPOSITORY AND  
CLEARINGHOUSE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AND  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning serve as a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt certain regulations and publish certain information in the Maryland Register; and altering a requirement that the Department publish certain information concerning State financial and technical assistance offered through State assistance programs.

**HB 123**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public**  
**Chapter 97**                    **Safety and Correctional Services)**

DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – CRITERIA FOR  
EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT – EXCEPTION FOR  
SUPERVISION FEES

Altering a certain condition regarding the payment of certain restitution, fines, and fees that a certain supervised individual must satisfy to accrue certain earned compliance credit while under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

**SB 260**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 98**                    **– Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

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**HB 222**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public**  
**Chapter 99**                    **Safety and Correctional Services)**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PRETRIAL  
DETENTION AND SERVICES – FACILITIES

Altering the composition and authority of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; altering the authority of the Commissioner of the Division; establishing the Youth Detention Center in the Division; establishing the facility administrator and authorizing assistant facility administrators for the Youth Detention Center; and repealing authorization for the Baltimore City Detention Center.

**SB 251**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**  
**Chapter 100**

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**SB 273**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**  
**Chapter 101**

STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – OPERATION  
OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT – IMAGE RECORDING AND  
DELIVERY OF CONTRABAND

Prohibiting a person from intentionally operating an unmanned aircraft over a correctional facility to record images of the facility without the authorization of the managing official of the correctional facility or the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; prohibiting a person from using an unmanned aircraft to deliver contraband to a person detained or confined in a place of confinement; and requiring a correctional facility to post signage warning of the prohibitions in a visible area on the exterior of the property.

**HB 251**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**  
**Chapter 105**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COVERED EMPLOYMENT –  
EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OR CHARITABLE,  
EDUCATIONAL, OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Specifying that certain limitations on the payment of benefits to employees of governmental entities or charitable, educational, or religious organizations do not apply with respect to service in other covered employment, including covered employment for a for-profit employing unit, even if the service is provided exclusively for a governmental entity or a charitable, educational, religious, or other organization.

**SB 224**  
**Chapter 106****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****CEMETERIES – BURIAL–TRANSIT PERMITS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring a person in charge of a cemetery to write on a burial–transit permit, the date of final disposition, the name and physical address of the cemetery, the burial, inurnment or scattering section and the lot and space number, or if the body or fetus was cremated and a certain authorizing agent takes control of the cremains, the name and address of the authorizing agent and the authorizing agent’s relationship to the deceased or fetus.

**SB 297**  
**Chapter 107****Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – ENGINEER MEMBERS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Reducing from 12 to 10 the number of years that an engineer member of the State Board for Professional Engineers must have practiced engineering.

**SB 298**  
**Chapter 108****Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – LICENSING – PENALTIES**

Authorizing the State Board of Electricians to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 instead of or in addition to reprimanding a licensee or suspending or revoking a license for certain violations; requiring the Board to consider certain factors to determine the amount of a penalty imposed under the Act; and requiring by October 1, 2024, the Board to submit to certain committees of the General Assembly a report, covering years 2018 through 2023, on the Board’s practices and processes for the timely resolution of complaints against licensees.

**Section 1 only**

**SB 299**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 111**                **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

COAST SMART COUNCIL – DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

Altering the duties of the Coast Smart Council to include the development of eligibility criteria, standards, and procedures for categorical exemptions from the application of the Coast Smart requirements for proposed capital projects that have been designed to include adaptation and resiliency features to prevent or mitigate damage to the maximum extent practicable; and authorizing the Council to recommend certain regulations for adoption by the Secretary of Natural Resources.

**SB 300**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 112**                **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLAND AREAS – BELT WOODS  
WILDLAND

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, with prior approval of the Maryland Historical Trust and after an internal departmental review, to authorize within the Belt Woods Wildland archeological inventories, studies, and research that involve surface examination or limited subsurface sampling, salvage and excavation of archeological sites, and stabilization and restoration of historic structures existing as of December 1, 1985; etc.

**HB 30**                      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 117**                **Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.



**SB 217**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland**  
**Chapter 118**                **Insurance Administration)**

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Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including by updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

**HB 67**                        **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 119**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PENALTIES – UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS,  
INSURANCE PRODUCERS, AND PUBLIC ADJUSTERS

Altering the maximum civil penalty to which an unauthorized insurer or person that violates certain provisions of State insurance law is subject for each violation; and altering the maximum civil penalty that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may impose, in addition to suspending or revoking the license, on the holder of an insurance producer license or a public adjuster licensee for each violation of State insurance law.

**SB 229**                        **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland**  
**Chapter 120**                **Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PENALTIES – UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS,  
INSURANCE PRODUCERS, AND PUBLIC ADJUSTERS

Altering the maximum civil penalty to which an unauthorized insurer or person that violates certain provisions of State insurance law is subject for each violation; and altering the maximum civil penalty that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may impose, in addition to suspending or revoking the license, on the holder of an insurance producer license or a public adjuster licensee for each violation of State insurance law.

**HB 252**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 121**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – HOLDING COMPANIES – GROUP CAPITAL  
CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST**

Requiring certain controlling persons of certain insurers in an insurance holding company system to file an annual group calculation as directed by the lead state commissioner of the insurance group; requiring certain controlling persons of certain insurers in an insurance holding company system to file the results of a liquidity stress test for specific data years; providing that certain information is confidential; and authorizing and requiring the Commissioner to take certain actions related to certain information.

**HB 693**                    **The Speaker (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community**  
**Chapter 124**                **Development), et al**

**RENTERS’ RIGHTS AND STABILIZATION ACT OF 2024**

Establishing the Office of Tenant and Landlord Affairs in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain educational resources and information to tenants; requiring the Office to develop and publish a Maryland Tenants’ Bill of Rights; requiring the most recently published version of the Maryland Tenants’ Bill of Rights to be included as part of a residential lease; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month’s rent, except under certain circumstances; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 4**

**HB 1117**                    **Delegate Stewart, et al**  
**Chapter 125**

**LANDLORD AND TENANT – FAILURE TO REPAIR SERIOUS AND  
DANGEROUS DEFECTS – TENANT REMEDIES (TENANT SAFETY  
ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing that a landlord that offers a residential dwelling unit for rent is deemed to warrant the dwelling fit for human habitation; authorizing multiple tenants to join as plaintiffs in a civil action against a landlord and authorizing a court to issue an order for separate trials or other orders necessary to prevent delay or avoid prejudice; providing that a court may order certain relief in civil actions relating to the breach of warranty of habitability, including actual damages, abatement of rent, and lease termination; etc.

- HB 602**  
**Chapter 131**      **The Speaker and Delegate Clippinger**  
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sex and gender identity to also prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- HB 260**  
**Chapter 133**      **Delegate Chang**  
STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –  
SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES  
Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees have separate bargaining units.
- SB 192**  
**Chapter 134**      **Senator Kramer**  
STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –  
SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES  
Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees who are not confidential employees have separate bargaining units.
- HB 1002**  
**Chapter 140**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –  
Office of the Attorney General), et al**  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INVESTIGATIVE  
AUTHORITY – HEALTH CARE FRAUD  
Authorizing the Office of the Attorney General, a Deputy Attorney General, or an Assistant Attorney General to issue a subpoena to a person to produce certain materials, answer written interrogatories, and give certain testimony in furtherance of an ongoing health care fraud investigation under the Maryland False Health Claims Act or other civil authority; authorizing the Attorney General to report a failure to obey a certain subpoena to the circuit court with jurisdiction over the matter; etc.

- HB 860**  
**Chapter 160**      **Delegates Allen and Boafó**  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS  
Requiring certain community action boards to meet certain federal requirements for tripartite boards; and repealing certain requirements relating to the composition of community action boards.
- SB 517**  
**Chapter 196**      **Senator A. Washington**  
NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND PROGRAM – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the administrator of the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program to be the Maryland Higher Education Commission rather than the State Department of Education; and requiring the Department to assist the Commission with the review of applications and the selection of nonprofit organizations to administer the Program in local school systems.
- HB 624**  
**Chapter 197**      **Delegate Barnes**  
NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND PROGRAM – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the administrator of the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program to be the Maryland Higher Education Commission rather than the State Department of Education; and requiring the Department to assist the Commission with the review of applications and the selection of nonprofit organizations to administer the Program in local school systems.
- HB 697**  
**Chapter 198**      **Delegate Griffith**  
REAL ESTATE BROKERS – COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS – BUYER’S RIGHTS  
Establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for commercial real estate transactions related to a buyer’s right to make certain title, settlement, and escrow selections.

**SB 1169**  
**Chapter 199****Senator Hershey****REAL ESTATE BROKERS – COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS – BUYER’S RIGHTS**

Establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for commercial real estate transactions related to a buyer’s right to make certain title, settlement, and escrow selections.

**SB 116**  
**Chapter 200****Senator West****ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – RESTRICTION ON PRACTICING LAW**

Altering a prohibition on judges of the orphans’ court acting as attorneys to prohibit a judge of the orphans’ court from acting as an attorney in matters related to the administration of an estate or a guardianship of a minor within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City, or the preparation of an estate plan or estate planning documents that might come within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City following the death of any individual.

**HB 528**  
**Chapter 201****Delegate Buckel****ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – RESTRICTION ON PRACTICING LAW**

Altering a prohibition on judges of the orphans’ court acting as attorneys to prohibit a judge of the orphans’ court from acting as an attorney in matters related to the administration of an estate or a guardianship of a minor within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City, or the preparation of an estate plan or estate planning documents that might come within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City following the death of any individual.

**HB 1034**      **Baltimore City Delegation (By Request – Baltimore City Sheriff)**  
**Chapter 202**      **BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF – STAFFING**

Increasing from one to three the number of assistant sheriffs required to be appointed by the Baltimore City Sheriff; authorizing the Baltimore City Sheriff to appoint social workers and any additional sworn or civilian personnel if the funding for the personnel is provided in the ordinance of estimates or any other source; and applying the Act to all full-time sworn law enforcement officers who are deputy sheriffs at the rank of lieutenant or below and court security officers.

**HB 387**      **Baltimore City Delegation**  
**Chapter 203**      **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – SURVEILLANCE IMAGES –  
ILLEGAL DUMPING IN BALTIMORE CITY**

Altering a requirement that a custodian deny inspection of certain surveillance images of illegal dumping in Baltimore City to allow inspection by an employee or agent of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development; and authorizing the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development to publicly disseminate a surveillance image as part of an investigation.

**SB 643**      **Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**  
**Chapter 204**      **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – SURVEILLANCE IMAGES –  
ILLEGAL DUMPING IN BALTIMORE CITY**

Altering a requirement that a custodian deny inspection of certain surveillance images of illegal dumping in Baltimore City to allow inspection by employees or agents of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development; and authorizing the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development to publicly disseminate a surveillance image as part of an investigation.

- SB 1033**                    **Senator Carter**  
**Chapter 205**                **MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – LOCAL REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE – RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS**
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on request of a local jurisdiction and in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to provide guidance for the implementation and enforcement of the Maryland Building Performance Standards in relation to any religious observance, practice, or belief.
- HB 926**                    **Delegate Griffith**  
**Chapter 206**                **MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – LOCAL REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE – RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS**
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on request of a local jurisdiction and in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to provide guidance for the implementation and enforcement of the Maryland Building Performance Standards in relation to any religious observance, practice, or belief.
- SB 250**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Library)**  
**Chapter 208**                **COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES – MINORS, CHILDREN, AND TEENS – PROHIBITED PRACTICES**
- Prohibiting a county public library from charging a fine for overdue library materials borrowed by a minor or intended for children or teens; prohibiting a county public library from charging a reserve fee for library materials reserved by a minor or intended for children or teens; prohibiting a county public library from prohibiting the borrowing of library materials by a minor or the borrowing of library materials intended for children or teens because of previous overdue library materials; etc.

**HB 131**  
**Chapter 213****Delegate Stewart, et al****HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS – LOCAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring local jurisdictions with at least 150,000 residents to report certain information for each building or development permit application that includes a residential housing component as part of the development to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning on or before July 1 each year; and requiring a local jurisdiction to make a copy of the report publicly available on its website.

**SB 430**  
**Chapter 221****Senator M. Washington, et al****COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to support certain eligible projects that improve the quality of life within and economic potential of Maryland communities by making targeted investments in crime prevention strategies to address certain concerns in certain areas; establishing the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund to provide financial assistance in the form of grants under the provisions of the Program for eligible projects; etc.

**HB 139**  
**Chapter 225****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – NOTICE OF UTILITY BILLS IN RESIDENTIAL LEASES – GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICES**

Adding gas and electric utility services to the types of services for which landlords of buildings that contain six or more residential units are required to provide a written notice to a tenant, before the initiation of a lease and each term thereafter, notifying the tenant of the total utility costs billed to the landlord in the immediately preceding year, disaggregated by utility type; and applying certain requirements relating to payment of utility services to landlords of buildings that contain five or fewer residential dwelling units.



**SB 171**  
**Chapter 226****Senator Augustine****LANDLORD AND TENANT – NOTICE OF UTILITY BILLS IN RESIDENTIAL LEASES – GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICES**

Adding gas and electric utility services to the types of services for which landlords of buildings that contain six or more units are required to provide a written notice to a tenant, at the initiation of a lease and each term thereafter, providing the total utility costs billed to the landlord in the immediately preceding year for utility services, disaggregated by utility type; and applying certain requirements relating to payment of utility services to landlords of buildings that contain five or fewer residential dwelling units.

**HB 137**  
**Chapter 243****Delegate Grammer****CIVIL ACTIONS – CIVIL IMMUNITY – EDUCATOR INTERVENTION**

Providing that a member of the administrative, educational, or support staff of any public, private, or parochial school, acting in an official capacity, is not civilly liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from intervention in a student altercation or other student disturbance if the staff member intervened in a reasonably prudent manner and the actions taken do not constitute grossly negligent, willful, wanton, or intentionally tortious conduct.

**HB 702**  
**Chapter 245****Delegate Wilson****WAGE AND HOUR LAW – MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting minor league baseball players who are compensated under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that expressly provides for the wages and working conditions of employees from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law.

- SB 466**  
**Chapter 246**      **Senator Beidle**  
WAGE AND HOUR LAW – MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS  
– EXEMPTION
- Exempting minor league baseball players who are compensated under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that expressly provides for the wages and working conditions of employees from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law.
- HB 216**  
**Chapter 253**      **Delegate Charkoudian**  
CONDOMINIUMS – COMMON ELEMENTS – CLEAN ENERGY  
EQUIPMENT
- Authorizing the board of directors of a condominium to grant certain interests affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment.
- SB 206**  
**Chapter 254**      **Senator Smith**  
CONDOMINIUMS – COMMON ELEMENTS – CLEAN ENERGY  
EQUIPMENT
- Authorizing the board of directors of a condominium, by a majority vote, to grant leases in excess of 1 year or similar interests affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment.
- SB 15**  
**Chapter 255**      **Senator West**  
COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – DISPUTE  
SETTLEMENT
- Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act and applying the mechanism to any complaint or demand formally arising on or after October 1, 2023, with a certain exception.

**HB 309****Chapter 256****Delegate Healey, et al****COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act; applying the dispute settlement mechanism established by the Act to apply to any complaint or demand formally arising on or after October 1, 2023, with a certain exception; etc.

**SB 76****Chapter 257****Senators Lam and Hettleman****CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – TRANSPARENCY, GRIEVANCES, AND UNIT REOCCUPANCY**

Requiring a provider to post the provider's most recent disclosure statement on the provider's website; altering the number of times providers are required to hold a meeting open to all of the provider's subscribers each year; requiring an authorized officer of a provider to provide a summary of certain grievance information at certain meetings; requiring the Department of Aging to collect certain information about internal grievances; requiring a provider to submit certain reports to a subscriber under certain circumstances; etc.

**HB 68****Chapter 258****Delegate Stein, et al****CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – TRANSPARENCY, GRIEVANCES, AND UNIT REOCCUPANCY**

Requiring a provider to post the provider's most recent disclosure statement on the provider's website; increasing from yearly to quarterly the number of times a provider is required to hold a meeting open to all the provider's subscribers; requiring at the last quarterly meeting of the year an officer of the provider to give an aggregated, deidentified summary of internal grievances; requiring a provider to submit a written report to a subscriber or a beneficiary if the subscriber's unit has not been reoccupied within 9 months; etc.

- HB 394**  
**Chapter 259**      **Delegate Guzzone, et al**  
HUMAN RELATIONS – COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS –  
APPEAL OF FINAL ORDERS  
Providing that a certain final order of the Commission on Civil Rights on a complaint alleging a discriminatory act is appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
- SB 50**  
**Chapter 260**      **Senator Lam, et al**  
HUMAN RELATIONS – COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS –  
APPEAL OF FINAL ORDERS  
Providing that a certain final order of the Commission on Civil Rights on a complaint alleging a discriminatory act is appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
- SB 485**  
**Chapter 266**      **Senator Hayes**  
FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM –  
MODIFICATIONS  
Modifying provisions of law governing application, administration, and enforcement of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, including provisions related to the payment of contributions, the calculation of the average weekly wage, the submission of claims for benefits, the application of the Program to self-employed individuals, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund, the satisfaction of Program requirements through private employer plans or insurance, and the use of contributions or other funding by the Secretary of Labor.

**HB 571**  
**Chapter 267****Delegate Qi, et al****FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Modifying provisions of law governing application, administration, and enforcement of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, including provisions related to the payment of contributions, the calculation of the average weekly wage, the submission of claims for benefits, the application of the Program to self-employed individuals, the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund, the satisfaction of Program requirements through private employer plans or insurance, and the use of contributions or other funding.

**HB 159**  
**Chapter 268****Delegate Korman, et al****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT (ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2024)**

Altering certain requirements for procedures relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; and requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish information on its common ownership community website regarding requirements, contractor information, certain points of contact, and resources on dispute resolutions.

**SB 465**  
**Chapter 269****Senator Kelly****Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024)**

Altering certain requirements for procedures relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; and requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish information on its common ownership community website regarding certain requirements, contractor and insurer information, points of contact, and dispute resolution resources.

**HB 475**  
**Chapter 270****Delegate Korman, et al****EDUCATION – OPEN–SOURCE PHONICS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (OPEN–SOURCE PHONICS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM ACT)**

Establishing the Open–Source Phonics Matching Grant Program within the State Department of Education to provide free, open–source phonics learning materials to be used by adults to tutor students; requiring the Department to periodically review the open–source phonics learning materials to ensure the materials are consistent with best practices in literacy education, including the science of reading; and requiring the Governor each fiscal year to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$150,000 to the Program.

**HB 649**  
**Chapter 271****Delegate White Holland, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – WAGE RANGE TRANSPARENCY**

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and make available to employers a form that an employer may use to comply with certain wage disclosure requirements; prohibiting certain retaliatory action by an employer; etc.

**SB 525**  
**Chapter 272****Senators Kelly and Gile****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – WAGE RANGE TRANSPARENCY**

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and make available to employers a form that an employer may use to comply with certain wage disclosure requirements; etc.

**HB 506**  
**Chapter 278****Delegates Boyce and Embry****SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING – MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – TRAINING FORMAT**

Providing that a certain required sexual harassment prevention training for employees of Morgan State University and St. Mary’s College of Maryland may consist of webinar, computer-based, or online training if the training includes a certain evaluative component.

**HB 669**  
**Chapter 282****Delegate Pruski****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – HEARING LOSS**

Altering the frequencies in which industrial noise must be for an employer to be required to provide workers’ compensation to a covered employee for hearing loss; altering the method used to determine the percentage of hearing loss deafness for purposes of workers’ compensation; and altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers’ compensation benefits for occupational deafness.

**SB 843**  
**Chapter 283****Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – HEARING LOSS**

Altering the frequencies in which industrial noise must be for an employer to be required to provide workers’ compensation to a covered employee for hearing loss; altering the method used to determine the percentage of hearing loss deafness for purposes of workers’ compensation; and altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers’ compensation benefits for occupational deafness.

- HB 13**  
**Chapter 287**      **Delegate R. Lewis**  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUSTS – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CONDOMINIUM REGIMES  
Authorizing a condominium regime to be established on certain land owned by an affordable housing land trust.
- SB 199**  
**Chapter 288**      **Senator Waldstreicher**  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUSTS – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CONDOMINIUM REGIMES  
Authorizing a condominium regime to be established on certain land owned by an affordable housing land trust.
- SB 162**  
**Chapter 289**      **Senator Waldstreicher**  
LANDLORD AND TENANT – TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL LEASE – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR RENT  
Limiting a tenant’s liability for rent under a residential lease to not more than 2 months’ rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises if a physician or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has a mental disorder that causes the continued habitation of the leased premises to be unfeasible or unsustainable and requires the tenant to move to a home, facility, or institution to obtain a higher level of care than can be provided at the leased premises and the tenant vacates the leased premises.
- HB 93**  
**Chapter 290**      **Delegate Mireku–North, et al**  
LANDLORD AND TENANT – TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL LEASE – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR RENT  
Limiting a tenant’s liability for rent to not more than 2 months’ rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises if a physician or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has a mental disorder, the management of which is substantially limited by the leased premises.



**SB 46**  
**Chapter 291****Senator Waldstreicher****CONDOMINIUMS – SALES CONTRACTS – ASBESTOS DISCLOSURE**

Establishing the unenforceability of contracts for the sale of condominium units that do not contain a statement by the vendor or the unit owner as to whether the vendor or owner has actual knowledge of the presence of asbestos in the condominium, including a description of the location of the asbestos, whether abatement has been performed in the condominium, and the date of any abatement.

**HB 143**  
**Chapter 292****Delegate Foley, et al****CONDOMINIUMS – SALES CONTRACTS – ASBESTOS DISCLOSURE**

Establishing the unenforceability of contracts for the sale of condominium units that do not contain a statement by the vendor or unit owner as to whether the vendor or unit owner has actual knowledge of the presence of asbestos in the condominium, including a description of the location of the asbestos, whether abatement has been performed, and the date of any abatement.

**HB 1227**  
**Chapter 296****Delegates Holmes and Arentz****CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE – DETACHED UNITS**

Altering the types of elements and units for which a council of unit owners is required to maintain certain property insurance; requiring the council of unit owners to annually notify, in writing, owners of detached units of certain property insurance obligations; limiting instances when an owner of a detached unit within a condominium is required to carry homeowners insurance on the entirety of the unit; and authorizing a council of unit owners to carry homeowners insurance on the entirety of all units located within a certain condominium.

**SB 446**  
**Chapter 297****Senator Muse****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – REPAIR AND REHABILITATION FUNDS**

Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act.

**HB 280**  
**Chapter 298****Delegate Holmes****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – REPAIR AND REHABILITATION FUNDS**

Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act.

**SB 38**  
**Chapter 305****Senator A. Washington****WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION – PAY STUBS AND PAY STATEMENTS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring that a notice of the pay rate, regular paydays, and leave benefits provided to an employee at the time of hiring be written; requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include certain information; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available to an employer at no charge a pay stub template that may be used by an employer to meet the requirements of the Act; etc.

**HB 385**  
**Chapter 306****Delegate J. Long, et al****WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION – PAY STUBS AND PAY STATEMENTS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring that a notice containing certain information provided to an employee at the time of hiring be written; requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include certain information; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available to an employer at no charge a pay stub template that may be used by an employer to comply with the Act; and establishing a certain administrative penalty.

**HB 465**  
**Chapter 309****Delegate Boafu, et al****WORKPLACE FRAUD AND PREVAILING WAGE – VIOLATIONS – CIVIL PENALTY AND REFERRALS**

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the maximum civil penalty for the knowing failure of an employer to properly classify an individual as an employee; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, on a showing by clear and convincing evidence that a violation has occurred, to refer to the Comptroller, certain State's Attorneys, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury complaints that allege a violation of certain tax laws.

**HB 498**  
**Chapter 312****Delegate Cardin****REAL PROPERTY – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS PROGRAM – MANDATED REPORTS**

Altering the information relating to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Program required to be reported by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation each year to include disaggregation by case type, the amount paid to attorneys for each case managed, the geographic distribution of cases, the disposition of cases decided, the amount of State and federal funds allocated to each designated organization, and the number of individuals provided legal representation for multiple cases.

**SB 147**  
**Chapter 313****Senator West****REAL PROPERTY – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS PROGRAM – MANDATED REPORTS**

Altering the information relating to the Access to Counsel in Eviction Program required to be reported by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation each year to include the number of cases in which an individual was provided legal representation, the amount paid to attorneys for each case managed, the geographic distribution of cases, the disposition of cases decided, the amount of certain funds allocated to each designated organization, and the number of individuals provided legal representation for multiple cases.

**SB 75**  
**Chapter 314****Senator West****MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – TRANSFERS AS CUSTODIAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MINOR – AUTHORIZATION OF COURT**

Increasing, from in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$25,000, the threshold amount for certain transfers by a personal representative, trustee, or conservator as a custodian for the benefit of a minor to require authorization by a court.

**HB 324**  
**Chapter 315****Delegate Cardin****MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – TRANSFERS AS CUSTODIAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MINOR – AUTHORIZATION OF COURT**

Increasing, from in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$25,000, the threshold amount for certain transfers by a personal representative, trustee, or conservator as a custodian for the benefit of a minor to require authorization by a court.

**HB 325**  
**Chapter 316****Delegate Cardin****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – INTERESTED PERSON – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “interested person” for purposes of provisions of law governing the estates of decedents, guardians of persons and property, trusts, and powers of attorney.

- SB 164**  
**Chapter 317**      **Senator West**  
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – INTERESTED PERSON – DEFINITION  
Altering the definition of “interested person” for purposes of provisions of law governing the estates of decedents, guardians of persons and property, trusts, and powers of attorney.
- SB 80**  
**Chapter 318**      **Senator West**  
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE – OBJECTIONS  
Authorizing only an interested person or unpaid claimant, rather than any person, to file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative of an estate of a decedent.
- HB 326**  
**Chapter 319**      **Delegate Cardin**  
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE – OBJECTIONS  
Authorizing only an interested person or unpaid claimant, rather than any person, to file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative of an estate of a decedent.
- HB 598**  
**Chapter 322**      **Delegate Boafo, et al**  
DISCRIMINATION – MILITARY STATUS – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to housing and employment.
- SB 413**  
**Chapter 323**      **Senator Gile, et al**  
DISCRIMINATION – MILITARY STATUS – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to housing and employment.

- SB 1044**  
**Chapter 324**      **Senators Gile and Kelly**  
COSMETOLOGISTS – ESTHETIC SERVICES – DEFINITION  
Altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include certain services and to provide that it does not include the diagnosis of illness, disease, or injury or performing ablation of the dermis or hypodermis.
- HB 1302**  
**Chapter 325**      **Delegates Valderrama and Harrison**  
COSMETOLOGISTS – ESTHETIC SERVICES – DEFINITION  
Altering the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include certain services and to provide that it does not include the diagnosis of illness, disease, or injury or performing ablation of the dermis or hypodermis.
- HB 1362**  
**Chapter 326**      **Delegate Valderrama, et al**  
STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION  
Altering the membership of the State Board of Cosmetologists by adding one licensed esthetician and decreasing the number of consumer members from two to one.
- SB 629**  
**Chapter 327**      **Senator Gile**  
STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION  
Altering the membership of the State Board of Cosmetologists by adding one licensed esthetician and decreasing the number of consumer members from two to one.
- HB 383**  
**Chapter 328**      **Delegates Smith and Shetty**  
COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT  
Entering into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an individual practicing cosmetology to practice in a party state under certain circumstances; establishing the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission and its duties and powers; and providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact.  
**Contingency – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in six other states**

**SB 27**  
**Chapter 329****Senator Gile, et al****COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an individual practicing cosmetology to practice in a party state under certain circumstances; establishing the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission and its duties and powers; and providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact.

**Contingency – Subject to enactment of similar legislation in six other states**

**SB 564**  
**Chapter 330****Senator Watson, et al****REAL ESTATE BROKERS – LICENSING – LICENSE RENEWALS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Repealing certain processes regarding the expiration of certain licenses for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons; requiring that certain licenses expire on a staggered basis; modifying and setting certain time frames for certain processes regarding the expiration of certain licenses; authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to set a certain fee under certain circumstances; altering certain regulatory requirements for conducting certain continuing education courses; etc.

**HB 709**  
**Chapter 331****Delegates Rogers and Schmidt****LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BRANCH OFFICES – DESIGNATION OF MANAGERS**

Authorizing a licensed real estate broker to designate himself or herself as the manager of a branch office maintained by the licensed real estate broker.

**SB 462**  
**Chapter 332****Senator Watson****LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BRANCH OFFICES – DESIGNATION OF MANAGERS**

Authorizing a licensed real estate broker to designate himself or herself as the manager of a branch office maintained by the licensed real estate broker.

- HB 520**  
**Chapter 333**      **Delegate A. Johnson**  
STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – COMPLAINTS –  
ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS  
Providing that a complaint filed with the State Real Estate Commission alleging an advertising violation may be made anonymously but must be accompanied by documentary or other evidence.
- SB 461**  
**Chapter 334**      **Senator Watson**  
STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – COMPLAINTS –  
ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS  
Providing that a complaint filed with the State Real Estate Commission alleging an advertising violation may be made anonymously but must be accompanied by documentary or other evidence.
- HB 424**  
**Chapter 339**      **Montgomery County Delegation**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES  
COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS MC 3–24  
Repealing the requirement that the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County hold public hearings on assisted family housing proposals; and repealing the requirement that the Montgomery Commission publish a summary of the Montgomery Commission’s annual financial report in certain newspapers.
- SB 665**  
**Chapter 343**      **Senator Charles**  
MARYLAND CONDOMINIUM ACT – AMENDMENTS TO THE  
DECLARATION  
Reducing the percentage of unit owners listed on the current roster of a condominium needed to consent to an amendment of a condominium’s declaration if none of the units of the condominium are owned by a developer of the condominium from 80% to 66 2/3%.



**SB 666**  
**Chapter 344****Senator Charles****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – MONETARY RELIEF**

Altering certain maximum amounts of monetary relief the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights is authorized to award if the Commission finds that a respondent has engaged in a discriminatory act under provisions of law regarding public accommodations and persons licensed or regulated by the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring, by July 1, 2025, and by each July 1 for the next 4 years, the Commission to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the impact of the Act on persons against whom complaints have been filed; etc.

**SB 668**  
**Chapter 345****Senator Charles, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE – LUGGAGE**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to establish and maintain a decentralized supply of new luggage to be used to transport the personal belongings of a child in foster care; requiring the Department to provide new luggage to a child who is entering foster care, moving from one foster care placement to another, or exiting foster care; prohibiting the Department from using disposable bags or trash bags to transport items for a child in foster care; and requiring the Department to maintain certain records.

**HB 542**  
**Chapter 346****Delegate Vogel, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE – LUGGAGE**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to establish and maintain a decentralized supply of new luggage to be used to transport the personal belongings of a child in foster care; requiring the Department to provide new luggage to a child in foster care who is entering foster care, moving from one placement to another, or exiting foster care; prohibiting the Department from using disposable bags or trash bags to transport a child's belongings; and requiring the Department to maintain certain records.

**SB 19**  
**Chapter 347****Senator Sydnor****FAILURE TO PAY RENT PROCEEDINGS – SHIELDING OF COURT RECORDS**

Requiring the District Court to shield all court records within 60 days after the final resolution of a failure to pay rent proceeding that did not result in a judgment of possession; authorizing the District Court, on motion of a tenant, to shield all court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding that results in a judgment of possession under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to develop and publish on its website a certain form; etc.

**Section 1 only****SB 550**  
**Chapter 348****Senator Sydnor****CHILDREN – LABOR TRAFFICKING**

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include labor trafficking of a child by any individual for purposes of provisions of law governing children in need of assistance cases and child abuse and neglect reporting; and expanding provisions of law relating to the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program to apply to child victims of labor trafficking.

**HB 508**  
**Chapter 349****Delegate Embry, et al****CHILDREN – LABOR TRAFFICKING**

Altering the definition of “abuse” to include labor trafficking of a child by any individual for purposes of provisions of law governing children in need of assistance cases and child abuse and neglect reporting; expanding provisions of law relating to the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program to apply to child victims of labor trafficking; and requiring the Department of Human Services to include labor trafficking in its annual report on child sex trafficking to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**HB 486**  
**Chapter 351****Delegate Fair, et al****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES – CONTRACT DISCLOSURES –  
SUPERFUND SITES**

Requiring the seller of residential real property located within 1 mile of a National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund site to provide the buyer with an addendum to the contract for the sale of the property that contains the identification of the Superfund site, the definition of an NPL Superfund site, web addresses for certain websites, and a notice that the buyer may void the contract of sale within 5 days after signing and dating the contract of sale.

**SB 125**  
**Chapter 352****Senators Lewis Young and Folden****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES – CONTRACT DISCLOSURES –  
SUPERFUND SITES**

Requiring the seller of residential real property located within 1 mile of a National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund site to include a certain addendum, written in conspicuous type, to the contract for the sale of the property; requiring the addendum to provide notice that within 5 days after signing and dating the contract of sale and on written notice to the seller, the buyer may void the contract and is eligible to receive a full refund of any money paid to the seller; etc.

**SB 542**  
**Chapter 359****Senator Brooks****REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BROKERAGE AGREEMENTS –  
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring items to be included in a brokerage agreement between a real estate broker and a seller or lessor or a buyer or lessee.

**SB 92**  
**Chapter 360****Senator Brooks****PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING**

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed movie captioning for each screening of a certain motion picture; and requiring, if a motion picture is produced and available to motion picture houses with open movie captioning, a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases a motion picture house with eight or more screens in the State to provide open movie captioning for at least two screenings for each motion picture it screens each week for the first 3 weeks after a motion picture premieres in the motion picture house.

**HB 426**  
**Chapter 361****Delegates Bhandari and Jackson****PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING**

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed movie captioning for each screening of a motion picture, with a certain exception; and requiring, if a motion picture is produced and available to motion picture houses with open movie captioning, a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases a motion picture house with eight or more screens in the State to provide open movie captioning for at least two screenings for each motion picture it screens each week.

**SB 423**  
**Chapter 362****Senator James****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a county treasurer, tax collector, or director of finance to provide a certificate enumerating certain taxes, assessments, and charges against a property and to establish certain procedures to facilitate the issuance of a certificate; requiring a collecting agent presented with a certificate to endorse a deed on payment of transfer and recordation taxes and all charges stated in the certificate and establishing that this endorsement is sufficient authority for a transfer on the assessment books; etc.

**HB 541**  
**Chapter 364****Delegate Henson, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE  
REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Educators to assist in the repayment of certain student loans owed by educators who meet certain eligibility requirements; providing that the purpose of the Program is to attract, recruit, and retain a diverse cadre of qualified educators in the County's schools that is reflective of the student population; establishing requirements for applicants for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan; etc.

**SB 657**  
**Chapter 365****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE  
REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Educators to assist in the repayment of certain student loans owed by educators who meet certain eligibility requirements; providing that the purpose of the program is to attract, recruit, and retain a diverse cadre of qualified educators that is reflective of the student population within the county; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to establish the Program for educators employed by the Anne Arundel County Public School System; etc.

**SB 873**  
**Chapter 366****Senator McKay****COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – MARYLAND SAFE  
HAVEN PROGRAM**

Altering, clarifying, and expanding certain provisions of law relating to the immunity from liability of a parent who leaves an unharmed newborn with a responsible adult within 60 days of the birth under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Services to develop, implement, and maintain a public information program to inform the public about the Maryland Safe Haven Program; and requiring the Secretary of Human Services to submit a report to the General Assembly about the Maryland Safe Haven Program.

**HB 1308**  
**Chapter 369****Delegates Wivell and Valentine****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENT WITH FALSE INFORMATION – PENALTIES AND ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE**

Prohibiting a person from recording a deed or other instrument that the person knows contains false information; establishing a 3-year limitation on when a prosecution for a violation of the Act may be commenced; establishing a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing a court to award certain costs and attorney's fees in an action to quiet title if the action or a defense to an action is based on the alleged recordation of a deed containing false information.

**HB 833**  
**Chapter 371****Delegate Williams, et al****PARENTS IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT – CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Establishing a presumption that placement with a child's parent is in the best interest of the child, the child is receiving proper care and attention, and there is not a certain emergency situation if the child's parent is receiving certain substance use disorder treatment and the child is in the presence of the child's parent for the duration of the child's parent's treatment; authorizing the Behavioral Health Administration to require a facility providing certain treatment to provide beds and services to the patient's children; etc.

**HB 838**  
**Chapter 373****Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT PG 505-24**

Establishing the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program in the Prince George's County public school system; providing that the purpose of the Program is to increase the number of registered family child care providers, registered family child care homes, and registered large family child care homes in low-income communities in the county; requiring a local school system to develop a certain application process; etc.

**SB 35****Chapter 374****Senator McCray****SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE SUPPLEMENT**

Lowering the minimum age from 62 to 60 years old that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State–provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide from \$40 to \$50.

**HB 666****Chapter 375****Delegate Shetty, et al****SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE SUPPLEMENT**

Lowering the minimum age from 62 to 60 years old that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State–provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide from \$40 to \$50.

**HB 1304****Chapter 376****Delegate Kaiser, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF AGING – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a process for providing information about the availability of the State’s earned income tax credits to individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services, or potential enrollees in certain programs, administered by the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring the Department of Aging to provide training to the Maryland Access Point network to increase awareness of the availability of the State’s earned income tax credit.

**HB 1397**  
**Chapter 377****Delegate Simmons, et al****CIVIL RIGHTS – DISCRIMINATION BASED ON PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM**

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability; and withdrawing and repealing Chapter 244 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023.

**Section 1 only****SB 809**  
**Chapter 379****Senator Mautz****DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION**

Exempting applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with the Emergency Medical Services Division or as a 9–1–1 Center dispatcher at the Dorchester County 9–1–1 Center within the Dorchester County Department of Emergency Services from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of prospective employment.

**HB 589**  
**Chapter 380****Dorchester County Delegation****DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION**

Exempting applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with Dorchester County or as a 9–1–1 specialist at the Dorchester County 9–1–1 Center from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of prospective employment.



**SB 290**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 383**                **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM AND FISH PROGRAM – ANNUAL  
WAIVER REPORTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the annual deadline, from July 31 to October 31, for the Office for the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program to submit to the Board of Public Works a report of waivers requested and waivers granted under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; and altering the annual deadline, from October 1 to December 31, for the Board of Public Works to submit to certain standing committees a copy of a record of information regarding any waivers requested under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program.

**HB 228**                    **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee and Chair,**  
**Chapter 402**                **Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural**  
**Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND STATE PARKS – FUNDS  
AND PLAN ALTERATIONS**

Extending the date by which the Park System Critical Maintenance Fund must be expended to before July 1, 2029; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to expend up to \$400,000 from the Park System Critical Maintenance Fund under certain circumstances; authorizing the Park System Capital Improvements and Acquisition Fund to be used for State projects on lands managed by the Department for public purposes; authorizing the Great Maryland Outdoors Fund to be used for promoting outdoor environmental education in the State; etc.

**HB 161**                    **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 404**                **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES, LEARNER’S  
INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Exempting certain applicants for identification cards who present certain documentation from the issuance fee for the identification card; extending the term of certain learner’s instructional permits from 180 days to 1 year after the date of issuance; and establishing that certain driver’s licenses issued to certain holders by the Motor Vehicle Administration remain in full force and effect during an absence from the State.

**SB 277**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 405**                **– Transportation)**

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**HB 230**                    **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 406**                **Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL HEALTH  
DEPARTMENTS – DEATH CERTIFICATES – ISSUANCE OF  
COPIES

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration and local health departments to access electronically from the Maryland Department of Health a copy of a death certificate and, on request, provide any person authorized by regulations with a certified or abridged copy of a death certificate; and authorizing the Administration and local health departments to set and collect a fee for processing and issuing death certificates, subject to certain limitations.

**SB 267**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 407**                **– Transportation)**

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- HB 1206**  
**Chapter 409**      **Delegate Kerr, et al**  
MARYLAND–IRELAND      TRADE      COMMISSION      –  
ESTABLISHMENT
- Establishing the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission in the Department of Commerce to study and make recommendations regarding bilateral trade relations and investment opportunities between Maryland and Ireland; and requiring the Commission by December 1, 2025 to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.
- HB 664**  
**Chapter 414**      **Delegate Clippinger, et al**  
COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL  
INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL  
SECURITY ACT)
- Authorizing a certain protected individual or the Office of Information Privacy in the Administrative Office of the Courts to request that a governmental entity or person not publish personal information of the individual on the Internet, social media, or social networks or remove the information from any existing publication; specifying certain procedures for the protection of personal information of a protected individual; authorizing certain relief for a violation of the Act; etc.
- Section 1 only**
- SB 575**  
**Chapter 415**      **Senator Corderman (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al**  
COURT PERSONNEL – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL  
INFORMATION (JUDGE ANDREW F. WILKINSON JUDICIAL  
SECURITY ACT)
- Authorizing a certain protected individual or the Office of Information Privacy in the Administrative Office of the Courts to request that a governmental entity or person not publish personal information of the protected individual on the Internet, social media, or social networks or remove the information from any existing publication; specifying certain procedures for the protection of personal information of a protected individual; authorizing certain relief for a violation of the Act; etc.
- Section 1 only**

**HB 52**  
**Chapter 419****Delegate Stewart**

## STATE EMPLOYEES – PARENTAL BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Providing that certain State employees are entitled to use up to 10 days of parental bereavement leave with pay within 60 days after the death of the employee's child; providing that certain State employees are entitled to use up to 60 days of parental bereavement leave within 60 days after the employee experiences a stillbirth or the death of the employee's infant; and prohibiting certain State entities from requiring State employees entitled to parental bereavement leave under the Act to use any other paid leave available to the employee.

**SB 109**  
**Chapter 420****Senator Gile**

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**HB 250**  
**Chapter 422****Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS – EXAMINATIONS

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to examine a third-party service provider as to services and activities performed on behalf of an entity licensed or chartered by the Office of Financial Regulation; requiring the Commissioner to notify a certain licensed person of any examination of any third-party service provider who performs activities relating to financial services on behalf of the licensed person; authorizing the Commissioner to accept the results of an examination by certain entities; etc.

**HB 233**                    **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 424**                **Critical Area Commission)**

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA  
PROTECTION PROGRAM – CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Authorizing the Critical Area Commission to adopt regulations governing the transfer of development rights, fee in lieu payments, the assessment of and adaption of the critical area for climate resiliency, enhancing resilience in the critical area, and environmental justice and equity initiatives; establishing certain considerations of climate change, climate resiliency, and equity as general principles and minimum elements of local programs; etc.

**Except Section 2 (Contingency – Section 2 only, subject to the completion of a statewide base map project by the Department of Natural Resources)**

**HB 435**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human**  
**Chapter 427**                **Services)**

CHILD SUPPORT – INCARCERATED OBLIGORS

Authorizing a court, if an obligor becomes incarcerated, to determine that a material change of circumstances warranting a modification of child support has occurred, provided that the party's ability to pay child support is sufficiently reduced due to the incarceration.

**SB 270**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 428**                **– Human Services)**

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – REVIEW BOARDS –  
MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

Altering provisions relating to the membership of, and the terms of members appointed to, adult public guardianship review boards.

**SB 708**                      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental)**  
**Chapter 429**                      **FAMILY LAW – KINSHIP CARE**

Altering the definition of relative to mean an individual who is a kinship caregiver for purposes of provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance; and altering provisions of law relating to the kinship care program in the Department of Human Services and certain procedures for the placement of children in need of out-of-home placement.

**HB 622**                      **Delegate Healey**  
**Chapter 432**                      **CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – RECORDS OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting consumer reporting agencies from including in a consumer report certain records relating to a criminal proceeding involving a consumer; and prohibiting consumer reporting agencies from relying on information in certain criminal proceedings concerning the consumer to make a determination of the creditworthiness of a consumer.

**SB 375**                      **Senator King**  
**Chapter 433**                      **STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS**

Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in State contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a State contract; specifying the applicable law and interpretation of State contracts; exempting a State contract relating to the purchase, redevelopment, or operation of a racing facility or training facility site from the prohibitions; and applying the Act prospectively to State contracts executed on or after October 1, 2024, and to the renewal or extension of a State contract on or after October 1, 2024.

**HB 1158**                      **Delegates Kerr and Bagnall**  
**Chapter 439**                      **STATE GOVERNMENT – ATTORNEY GENERAL – REPORTS**

Altering certain reporting requirements for the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to publish certain documents on the website of the Attorney General.

- SB 669**  
**Chapter 440**      **Senator Charles**  
STATE GOVERNMENT – ATTORNEY GENERAL – REPORTS  
Altering certain reporting requirements for the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to publish certain documents on the Attorney General’s website.
- HB 432**  
**Chapter 444**      **Delegate Kaufman, et al**  
COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS – REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY  
Replacing references to mental retardation with references to an intellectual disability in certain provisions of law.
- SB 808**  
**Chapter 445**      **Senator Carozza, et al**  
ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY – COORDINATION AND GUIDANCE  
Requiring the Department of Agriculture to coordinate with the Maryland Energy Administration, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Commerce, the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, electric companies, farmers, and industry to ensure anaerobic digestion technology projects are appropriately coordinated; and requiring the Department, in coordination with certain agencies, to establish guidance for farmers on anaerobic digestion technology.
- HB 840**  
**Chapter 446**      **Delegate Hartman**  
VEHICLE LAWS – ANNUAL VEHICLE SHOWS – MOTOR AND TRAILER HOMES  
Altering the number of annual vehicle shows in which motor and trailer home dealers, and salesmen employed by dealers, may participate.

**HB 1203**  
**Chapter 449****Delegate Smith****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING**

Establishing the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program in the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to make loans for targeted investments in real estate and infrastructure projects located in sustainable communities, priority funding areas, and transit-oriented development areas; establishing the Strategic Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund; authorizing the Corporation, with certain approval of a certain governing body, to pledge certain revenues generated within a certain area for certain purposes; etc.

**HB 882**  
**Chapter 451****Delegate Rosenberg****BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF MOTOR FUEL – PRICING SIGNAGE (GAS PRICE CLARITY ACT)**

Establishing that certain provisions governing signage at retail service stations supersede inconsistent local law; altering a signage requirement for retail service stations relating to the price of regular gasoline so that the signage prominently displays clearly and visibly the credit and debit price, if higher than the cash price, or the credit and debit price and the cash price; repealing an exemption from a certain signage requirement for retail service station dealers with not more than 3 dispensing units; etc.

**HB 1032**  
**Chapter 458****Delegate Solomon, et al****HIGHWAYS – TOURIST AREA AND CORRIDOR SIGNAGE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Tourist Area and Corridor Signage Program to create a system of supplemental guide signs to direct motorists to eligible individual attractions by directing the motorists first to groups of attractions; requiring the State Highway Administration and the Department of Commerce to develop standards and procedures for determining the eligibility of an attraction for a sign; requiring the Administration to notify certain committees of the General Assembly at least 30 days before amending the Program; etc.



**SB 571**  
**Chapter 460****Senator Kramer, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES  
– DATA OF CHILDREN (MARYLAND KIDS CODE)**

Requiring a covered entity that offers an online product reasonably likely to be accessed by children to complete a certain data protection impact assessment on or before April 1, 2026, under certain circumstances; requiring certain privacy protections for certain online products; prohibiting certain data collection and sharing practices; authorizing certain monitoring practices to allow a child’s parent or guardian to monitor the child’s online activity or location without providing an obvious signal to the child; etc.

**HB 603**  
**Chapter 461****Delegate Solomon, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – ONLINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES  
– DATA OF CHILDREN (MARYLAND KIDS CODE)**

Requiring a certain entity that offers an online product reasonably likely to be accessed by children to complete a certain data protection impact assessment by April 1, 2026, under certain circumstances; requiring certain privacy protections for certain online products; prohibiting certain data collection and sharing practices; authorizing certain monitoring practices to allow a child’s parent or guardian to monitor the child’s online activity or location without providing an obvious signal to the child; etc.

**SB 1056**  
**Chapter 462****Senator Kramer****CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC  
SMOKING DEVICES – REVISIONS (TOBACCO RETAIL  
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting licensees that sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices at retail from displaying cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices for sale unless located behind a counter; requiring certain licensed retailers to verify an individual’s date of birth before selling cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices in a certain manner; altering the application fee for a county license to sell cigarettes or tobacco products at retail; etc.

**HB 337**  
**Chapter 464****Delegate Love, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – BIKE LANES AND SHOULDERS – YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY (SARAH DEBBINK LANGENKAMP MEMORIAL ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from committing a violation of a certain provision of law governing the right-of-way of a bicycle, a motor scooter, or an electronic personal assistive mobility device lawfully in a designated bike lane or shoulder that contributes to the serious physical injury or death of a person riding a bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; and providing that a person convicted of a violation of the Act is subject to imprisonment of up to 2 months or a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both.

**SB 315**  
**Chapter 465****Senator Kelly****VEHICLE LAWS – BIKE LANES AND SHOULDERS – YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY (SARAH DEBBINK LANGENKAMP MEMORIAL ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from committing a violation of a certain provision of law governing the right-of-way of a bicycle, a motor scooter, or an electronic personal assistive mobility device lawfully in a designated bike lane or shoulder that contributes to the serious physical injury or death of a person riding a bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; and providing that a person convicted of a violation of the Act is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both.

**SB 42**  
**Chapter 466****Senator Kelly****VEHICLE LAWS – HORSE RIDING – HELMET REQUIREMENT FOR MINORS**

Prohibiting an adult from allowing certain minors to ride a horse, donkey, mule, or pony on a highway, a public horse-riding path, or the grounds of a certain facility unless the minor is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds certain standards; exempting a minor who is receiving therapy services from a licensed medical provider and for whom the use of an alternative helmet is necessary, appropriate, and in compliance with certain guidelines for alternative helmet use; etc.

**HB 113**  
**Chapter 467****Delegate Lehman, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – HORSE RIDING – HELMET REQUIREMENT FOR MINORS**

Prohibiting an adult from allowing certain minors to ride a horse, donkey, mule, or pony on a highway, a public horse-riding path, or the grounds of a facility for which the primary purpose is recreational, educational, therapeutic, or competitive equestrian activities unless the minor is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials for protective headgear used in equestrian riding.

**HB 193**  
**Chapter 468****Delegates Lehman and Pena–Melnik****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County and municipalities in Anne Arundel County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways after performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and prohibiting Anne Arundel County and municipalities in Anne Arundel County from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on highways on which the speed limit has been reduced under the Act.

**HB 809**  
**Chapter 469****Delegate Vogel, et al****MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES, OR WORKGROUPS – REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION**

Providing that a member of a board, committee, commission, task force, or workgroup created by State law may be removed or suspended for misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duties, or other good cause by the individual or entity that appointed the member under certain circumstances; authorizing the removal or suspension of an appointed member only after consultation with the chair of the board, committee, commission, task force, or workgroup and the member has been given an opportunity to be heard regarding the removal or suspension; etc.

**HB 573**  
**Chapter 471****Delegate Simmons, et al****CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport by increasing the total number of members from 11 to 12 and requiring the Committee to include one member each from legislative districts 12A and 12B instead of one member from legislative district 12.

**HB 178**  
**Chapter 472****Delegate Griffith****VEHICLE LAWS – DISABLED VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATES – ISSUANCE**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain special disabled veteran registration plates to disabled veterans who are between 50% and 99%, inclusive, service–connected disabled as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the Administration from charging certain persons the fee required for replacement registration plates under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 55**  
**Chapter 473****Senators Smith and James****VEHICLE LAWS – DISABLED VETERAN REGISTRATION PLATES – ISSUANCE**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain special disabled veteran registration plates to disabled veterans who are between 50% and 99%, inclusive, service–connected disabled as designated or classified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the Administration from charging certain persons the fee required for replacement registration plates under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 959****Chapter 475****Senator Feldman**

ELECTRICITY – TARIFFS, DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES (DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE INTEGRATION AND VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION (DRIVE) ACT)

Requiring an investor–owned electric company to file certain time–of–use tariffs with the Public Service Commission by July 1, 2025; requiring an investor–owned electric company to attempt to achieve a reasonable enrollment target for the tariffs by January 1, 2028; authorizing the Commission to require the automatic enrollment of certain customers in a time–of–use tariff on an opt–out basis; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations by May 1, 2025, regarding the interconnection of certain systems; etc.

**HB 1256****Chapter 476****Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**

ELECTRICITY – TARIFFS, DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES (DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE INTEGRATION AND VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION (DRIVE) ACT)

Requiring a certain electric company to file certain time–of–use tariffs with the Public Service Commission by July 1, 2025; requiring a certain electric company to attempt to achieve a certain enrollment target for certain tariffs by January 1, 2028; authorizing the Commission to require the automatic enrollment of certain customers in a time–of–use tariff on an opt–out basis; requiring the Commission to certain adopt regulations on or before May 1, 2025; etc.

**HB 323****Chapter 477****Delegate Guyton, et al**

ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE MEMBERSHIP – ADDITION

Adding the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee, and the Chair of the Public Service Commission, or the Chair’s designee, as members of the Commission on Climate Change.

- SB 337**  
**Chapter 478**      **Senator Feldman, et al**  
ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
MEMBERSHIP – ADDITIONS
- Adding the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee, and the Chair of the Public Service Commission, or the Chair’s designee, as members of the Commission on Climate Change.
- SB 573**  
**Chapter 480**      **Senator Corderman**  
GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE FLAG – CASKET OF AN  
ELIGIBLE DECEDENT
- Requiring the Secretary of State to furnish a State flag to drape the casket of an eligible decedent; establishing the process for a State flag to be claimed after burial; providing that only one flag may be provided for the death of an eligible decedent; and prohibiting the Secretary of State from procuring a flag that is not wholly produced in the United States except under certain circumstances.
- HB 756**  
**Chapter 481**      **Delegate Hutchinson, et al**  
GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE FLAG – CASKET OF AN  
ELIGIBLE DECEDENT
- Requiring the Secretary of State to furnish a State flag to drape the casket of an eligible decedent; establishing the process for a State flag to be claimed after burial; providing that only one flag may be provided for the death of an eligible decedent; and prohibiting the Secretary of State from procuring a flag that is not wholly produced in the United States.
- HB 996**  
**Chapter 482**      **Delegate White Holland**  
CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER COUNCIL – NAME  
CHANGE
- Changing the name of the Consumer Council in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to the Consumer Protection Commission.

**HB 871**  
**Chapter 484****Delegate Jackson****BUSINESS REGULATION – DETACHED CATALYTIC CONVERTERS – RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring records of junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and automotive dismantlers and recyclers to include certain information about the vehicle from which a detached catalytic converter, or part of a detached catalytic converter, was obtained from a person.

**HB 1097**  
**Chapter 487****Delegate Guyton, et al****STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND VETERINARY ASSISTANTS**

Authorizing a veterinary assistant to perform certain tasks under the immediate or direct supervision of a veterinary practitioner or a veterinary technician under the direct supervision of a veterinary practitioner; and authorizing a veterinary technician to perform certain procedures, including certain emergency procedures and euthanasia, if the veterinary practitioner determines the veterinary technician is qualified to perform the procedures.

**HB 1147**  
**Chapter 488****Delegate Guyton, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PLAYGROUND SURFACING MATERIALS – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting, on or after October 1, 2024, a person from installing, supplying, selling, soliciting, or offering for sale playground surfacing materials that contain a certain concentration of lead or a component product, material, or substance to which PFAS chemicals were previously intentionally added for certain purposes; prohibiting a county, municipality, or unit of local government from adopting any ordinance, rule, or regulation related to playground surfacing materials that is less stringent than of the Act; etc.

**SB 316****Chapter 491****Senator Bailey****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing counties and municipalities to designate county or municipal highways under their respective jurisdictions on which a person may operate a golf cart; authorizing a person to operate a golf cart only on a highway with a maximum posted speed limit of not more than 30 miles per hour or, in Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, 35 miles per hour, between dawn and dusk, and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; and repealing certain authorizations to operate golf carts in certain local areas.

**HB 43****Chapter 492****Delegate Stewart, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing counties and municipalities to designate certain highways in their respective jurisdictions on which a person may operate a golf cart; authorizing a person with a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart only on a highway with a maximum posted speed limit of not more than 30 miles per hour or 35 miles per hour in Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County, between dawn and dusk, and if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; etc.

**HB 990****Chapter 500****Delegate Stein****ENVIRONMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – MANUFACTURERS**

Altering the definition of "manufacturing" for purposes of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements to exclude the production of cement; altering the application of certain provisions of law regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing sector to apply only to persons that engaged in manufacturing in 2023; requiring the Department of the Environment to make certain considerations and consult with certain stakeholders related to the regulation of the production of cement; etc.



**SB 683**  
**Chapter 510****Senator Hester****TREE EXPERT LICENSES – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEE ALTERATIONS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Specifying the maximum amounts of certain fees relating to tree expert licensing established by the Department of Natural Resources by regulation; and authorizing the Department to permanently revoke or temporarily suspend a tree expert license if the license holder fails to maintain liability, property, or workers' compensation insurance as required by law.

**HB 561**  
**Chapter 511****Delegate Watson****TREE EXPERT LICENSES – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEE ALTERATIONS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Specifying the maximum amounts of fees for a tree expert license established by the Department of Natural Resources by regulation; authorizing the Department to permanently revoke or temporarily suspend a tree expert license if the license holder fails to maintain liability, property, or workers' compensation insurance in a certain manner; and requiring the Department to prepare an annual report on the number of licenses issued and certain receipts and expenses and submit the report to the General Assembly by November 1 each year.

**HB 613**  
**Chapter 518****Delegate Boyce, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL CATCHING OF OYSTERS OR CLAMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain authorizations to recreationally catch clams in the State; establishing a recreational oyster license; requiring an applicant for a recreational oyster license to be at least 16 years of age; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to use a part of the application fees collected to replenish public fishery oysters bars; requiring the Department to issue complimentary or discounted recreational oyster licenses; authorizing certain individuals to catch oysters without a license under certain circumstances; etc.

- HB 782**  
**Chapter 521**      **Delegate Stein**  
VEHICLE LAWS – LIGHTING – PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES  
Authorizing certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and green or red and white lights or signal devices.
- SB 838**  
**Chapter 522**      **Senators Gallion and Folden**  
VEHICLE LAWS – LIGHTING – PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES  
Authorizing certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and green or red and white lights or signal devices.
- SB 196**  
**Chapter 523**      **Senator Gallion, et al**  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS – SMALL PONDS – PLAN REVIEW FEES  
Authorizing a soil conservation district to recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing plans for small ponds; establishing that any fees collected under the Act shall be supplemental to county and State funds; requiring a soil conservation district, in developing a fee system for small pond plans, to determine for the succeeding year the reasonable cost of reviewing the plans; etc.
- HB 1465**  
**Chapter 524**      **Delegate Wims**  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS – SMALL PONDS – PLAN REVIEW FEES  
Authorizing a soil conservation district to recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing plans for small ponds; establishing that any fees collected under the Act shall be supplemental to county and State funds; requiring a soil conservation district, in developing a fee system for small pond plans, to determine for the succeeding year the reasonable cost of reviewing the plans; etc.

- HB 605**  
**Chapter 525**      **Delegate Stein**  
MOTOR VEHICLES – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALER AGREEMENTS
- Requiring recreational vehicle dealers to hold a dealer agreement with a recreational vehicle manufacturer to sell the manufacturer’s recreational vehicles in the State; establishing licensing requirements for a recreational vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch; altering the required terms and conditions of a recreational dealer agreement; etc.
- SB 504**  
**Chapter 526**      **Senator McKay**  
MOTOR VEHICLES – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALER AGREEMENTS
- Requiring recreational vehicle dealers to hold a dealer agreement with a recreational vehicle manufacturer to sell the manufacturer’s recreational vehicles in the State; establishing licensing requirements for a recreational vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch; altering the required terms and conditions of a recreational dealer agreement; etc.
- SB 806**  
**Chapter 529**      **Senators Zucker and Feldman**  
BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS – LIABILITY INSURANCE
- Increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the amount of general liability insurance that an applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home improvement contractor must maintain.
- HB 738**  
**Chapter 530**      **Delegate Wims, et al**  
BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS – LIABILITY INSURANCE
- Increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the amount of general liability insurance that an applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home improvement contractor must maintain.

**HB 1101**  
**Chapter 535****Delegate Love, et al**

STANDING – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS (CLEAN WATER JUSTICE ACT OF 2024)

Providing certain persons standing in environmental and natural resources protection proceedings; authorizing persons that meet standing requirements to bring certain civil actions under certain circumstances; requiring a plaintiff, under certain circumstances, to give certain notice and provide certain documentation to the Department of the Environment and the Attorney General and to file a certain affidavit; authorizing a court to grant certain relief, award certain costs, and impose certain civil penalties; etc.

**SB 653**  
**Chapter 536****Senator Augustine, et al**

STANDING – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS (CLEAN WATER JUSTICE ACT OF 2024)

Providing certain persons standing in certain environmental and natural resources protection proceedings; authorizing persons that meet certain standing requirements to bring certain civil actions under certain circumstances; requiring a plaintiff, under certain circumstances, to give certain notice and provide certain documentation to the Department of the Environment and the Attorney General in a certain manner and to file a certain affidavit; etc.

**HB 1393**  
**Chapter 540****Delegate Crosby**

ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING – SCOPE AND FUNDING

Altering the scope of certain policy goals with regard to energy systems; requiring the Public Service Commission to report on certain projects relating to certain goals; altering the scope of certain funds that may be used for certain projects; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations to require investment in certain demand-side reliability and efficiency improvement methods; requiring that certain regulations adopted and orders issued by the Commission by December 31, 2025, be developed in a certain manner; etc.

**HB 973**  
**Chapter 548****Delegate Valentine, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

Adding positive community feedback that was not solicited by the police officer who is the subject of the feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit positive community feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; and requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is subject to public inspection.

**SB 7**  
**Chapter 549****Senator Bailey****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

Adding positive community feedback that was not solicited by the police officer who is the subject of the feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit positive community feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record; etc.

**HB 62**  
**Chapter 554****Delegate Simpson****STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS**

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the time period during which an investigation must be conducted and a written decision must be issued regarding a complaint filed by an applicant or employee alleging discrimination or harassment by an employer; and authorizing certain applicants and employees to provide written authorization to increase by an additional 30 days the time period during which an investigation of a complaint and a written decision must be completed.

**SB 133**  
**Chapter 555****Senator Klausmeier**

## STATE EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS – PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND HARASSMENT – INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the time period during which an investigation must be conducted and a written decision must be issued regarding a complaint filed by an applicant or employee alleging discrimination or harassment by an employer; and authorizing an extension of the time period by up to an additional 30 days if the applicant or employee who filed the complaint provides written authorization to the equal employment officer investigating the complaint.

**HB 457**  
**Chapter 567****Delegate Lehman, et al**

## ENVIRONMENT – SYNTHETIC TURF – DISCLOSURE AND STUDY

Requiring a producer or seller of synthetic turf to disclose to a customer typical maintenance practices and costs for removing, replacing, and disposing of synthetic turf; and requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with representatives of the industry, local environmental and community stakeholders, and synthetic turf producers, retailers, and users, to conduct a study on the synthetic turf industry in the State and report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2026.

**SB 207**  
**Chapter 571****Senators Bailey and Jennings**

## NATURAL RESOURCES – NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD – COMMON NAME

Establishing the common name of the northern snakehead as the “Chesapeake Channa”.

**HB 19**  
**Chapter 572****Delegate T. Morgan, et al**

## NATURAL RESOURCES – NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD – COMMON NAME

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**HB 737**  
**Chapter 577****Delegate J. Long, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – SLOW MOVING VEHICLES – RIGHT-HAND LANE**

Repealing a certain provision of law that applies the requirement that slow moving vehicles drive in the right-hand lane or lanes only to certain highways in certain geographic areas; and altering the standards under which the State Highway Administration is required to inform drivers of the requirement.

**SB 194**  
**Chapter 578****Senators Hayes and M. Washington****STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERRED PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS – WAIVER**

Authorizing the Pricing and Selection Committee for Preferred Providers to grant a waiver from a certain requirement to use a certain preferred provider for the procurement of supplies and services under certain circumstances; requiring the Committee to review a certain request for a certain waiver to the State or a State aided or controlled entity under certain circumstances; and requiring Maryland Correctional Enterprises to report the length of time between each order and delivery of supplies and services for each fiscal year.

**SB 673**  
**Chapter 582****Senator Charles****STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – GOALS AND OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Increasing the participation goal for certain small businesses for certain procurement contracts from 15% to 20%; requiring the certification agency, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, to develop an outreach program to increase the participation of small businesses that are owned by economically disadvantaged participants in the Small Business Reserve Program and to issue a certain annual report to certain units; and altering the content of certain unit reports.

**HB 962**  
**Chapter 583****Delegate Phillips, et al**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – GOALS AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

Increasing a participation goal from a minimum of 15% to 20% for certain small businesses for certain procurement contracts; requiring the certification agency, in consultation with Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop an outreach program to increase the participation of small businesses that are owned by economically disadvantaged individuals; requiring, by each December 1, the certification agency to submit a report on the outreach program and the dollar amount of certain awards; etc.

**SB 1014**  
**Chapter 584****Senator Charles**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – PROCUREMENT FORECAST AND OUTREACH

Requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to consult with each primary procurement unit to identify potential contracting opportunities for and increase outreach efforts to small businesses; requiring each unit, on or before June 30 each year, to submit to the Office a procurement forecast for all procurement contracts over \$100,000; requiring each unit, on or before August 15 each year, to submit its reconciliation of the prior fiscal year's procurement forecast in accordance with certain requirements; etc.

**SB 672**  
**Chapter 585****Senator Charles**

## VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS AND NOTICES – MAILING ADDRESSES

Requiring that citations and notices issued as a result of automated enforcement under the Maryland Vehicle Law be sent to the current mailing address on file with the Administration or if a mailing address is not available, the current residential address on file with the Administration.



- HB 552**  
**Chapter 586**      **Delegate Boyce**  
VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS AND NOTICES – MAILING ADDRESSES  
Requiring that citations and notices issued as a result of automated enforcement under the Maryland Vehicle Law be sent to the current mailing address on file with the Administration or if a mailing address is not available, the current residential address on file with the Administration.
- HB 562**  
**Chapter 593**      **Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones**  
SPECIAL CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE – NONRESIDENTS – LICENSE FEE  
Increasing the license fee for a special Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license for nonresident license applicants from \$50 to \$100.
- SB 507**  
**Chapter 594**      **Senators Bailey and Hester**  
SPECIAL CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE – NONRESIDENTS – LICENSE FEE  
Increasing the license fee for a special Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license for nonresident license applicants from \$50 to \$100.
- SB 547**  
**Chapter 596**      **Senator Elfreth, et al**  
WILDLIFE – TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting a person from allowing for the participation of a bear, a cougar, an elephant, a jaguar, a leopard, a lion, a nonhuman primate, a tiger, or a hybrid of any of these animals in a traveling animal act; and providing a civil penalty of \$2,000 per violation.
- HB 379**  
**Chapter 597**      **Delegate Love, et al**  
WILDLIFE – TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting a person from allowing for the participation of a bear, a cougar, an elephant, a jaguar, a leopard, a lion, a nonhuman primate, a tiger, or a hybrid of any of these animals in a traveling animal act; and providing a civil penalty of \$2,000 per violation.

**SB 1028**  
**Chapter 599****Senator Waldstreicher****HUMAN REMAINS – ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS AND NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION (GREEN DEATH CARE OPTIONS ACT)**

Establishing a regulatory system for reduction operators and reduction facilities; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the performance of alkaline hydrolysis and natural organic reduction and the disposition of hydrolyzed or soil remains by certain facilities; requiring the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight and the Director of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to adopt regulations governing the performance of natural organic reduction; etc.

**HB 1168**  
**Chapter 600****Delegate Kaiser, et al****HUMAN REMAINS – ALKALINE HYDROLYSIS AND NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION (GREEN DEATH CARE OPTIONS ACT)**

Establishing a regulatory system for reduction operators and reduction facilities; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the performance of alkaline hydrolysis and natural organic reduction and the disposition of hydrolyzed or soil remains by certain facilities; requiring the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight and the Director of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to adopt regulations governing the performance of natural organic reduction; etc.

**SB 149**  
**Chapter 601****Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – INSURER OF RECORD – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION**

Authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner.

- HB 176**  
**Chapter 602**      **Delegate Foley**  
VEHICLE TOWING OR REMOVAL – INSURER OF RECORD – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION  
Authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner.
- SB 345**  
**Chapter 603**      **Senator Waldstreicher**  
TRANSPORTATION – VISION ZERO – IMPLEMENTATION  
Establishing certain standards and requirements for implementing the Vision Zero program under the Maryland Department of Transportation.
- SB 544**  
**Chapter 604**      **Senators Waldstreicher and West**  
CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the process by which a defective corporate act may be ratified; and altering rules for certain legal actions by persons claiming to be adversely affected by a ratification.
- HB 888**  
**Chapter 605**      **Delegate Amprey**  
CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RATIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE CORPORATE ACTS – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the process by which a defective corporate act may be ratified; and altering rules for certain legal actions by persons claiming to be adversely affected by a ratification.
- SB 344**  
**Chapter 606**      **Senator Waldstreicher**  
CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRESPASS – PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – EXCEPTION  
Establishing exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors, and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another to practice land surveying.

**HB 382**  
**Chapter 607****Delegate Schmidt, et al****CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRESPASS – PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – EXCEPTION**

Establishing exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors, and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another to practice land surveying.

**HB 749**  
**Chapter 608****Delegate Amprey****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – DEFINITIONS, EMERGENCIES, AND OUTSTANDING STOCK – REVISIONS**

Altering certain definitions as they relate to certain Maryland business entities; authorizing a corporation to adopt certain emergency bylaws; authorizing a corporation to take certain actions during an emergency; limiting the liability of certain persons for certain corporate acts taken during an emergency; and clarifying when certain stock is outstanding.

**SB 400**  
**Chapter 609****Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – DEFINITIONS, EMERGENCIES, AND OUTSTANDING STOCK – REVISIONS**

Altering certain definitions as they relate to certain Maryland business entities; authorizing a corporation to adopt certain emergency bylaws; authorizing a corporation to take certain actions during an emergency; limiting the liability of certain persons for certain corporate acts taken during an emergency; and clarifying when certain stock is outstanding.

**SB 793**  
**Chapter 610****Senator West****MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS – COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY**

Clarifying that a county is responsible for a certain tort claim against a sheriff or deputy sheriff under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; clarifying that, for certain tort claims against a sheriff or deputy sheriff, the State is the proper defendant; and specifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of the Attorney General and the State Treasurer work with certain entities when disputes arise regarding the allocation of responsibility for tort claims under the law.

- HB 895**  
**Chapter 611**      **Delegate Embry**  
MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS – COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY
- Clarifying that a county assumes the responsibilities of a certain tort claim against a sheriff or deputy sheriff under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; clarifying that, for certain tort claims against a sheriff or deputy sheriff, the State is the proper defendant; and specifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Office of the Attorney General and the State Treasurer work with certain entities when disputes arise regarding the allocation of responsibility for tort claims under the Act.
- HB 261**  
**Chapter 617**      **Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – BENEFITS – ELECTION JUDGES
- Prohibiting a payment to an individual as compensation received for serving as an election judge for a local board of elections in the State from being included when computing the wages required to be subtracted from an eligible claimant’s weekly benefit amount; and prohibiting an individual from being denied unemployment benefits for failure to meet certain requirements due to service as an election judge in the State.
- HB 262**  
**Chapter 618**      **Delegate Palakovich Carr**  
CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – INFORMATION IN CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS
- Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.
- SB 41**  
**Chapter 619**      **Senator Lam**  
CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – INFORMATION IN CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS
- Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

**HB 685**  
**Chapter 622****Delegates Harris and Chang****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission in the Department of Commerce to promote innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace opportunities, including the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation industries into the economy of the State; requiring the Commission to develop a strategic plan; requiring the Commission to designate aerospace and technology zones in the State; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report by October 1 each year; etc.

**SB 516**  
**Chapter 623****Senator A. Washington****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission in the Department of Commerce to promote innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace opportunities, including the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation industries into the economy of the State; requiring the Commission to develop and annually update a certain strategic plan; and requiring the Commission, by October 1 each year, to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly.

**SB 634**  
**Chapter 626****Senator Klausmeier****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, subject to a written agreement, to provide certain outside entities administrative services or support and to receive compensation for providing the services or support.

- HB 776**  
**Chapter 627**      **Delegate Feldmark**  
MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – AUTHORITY  
Authorizing the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, subject to a written agreement, to provide certain outside entities administrative services or support and to receive compensation for providing the services or support.
- SB 587**  
**Chapter 632**      **Senator McCray**  
PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION – REAL PROPERTY TITLE INSURANCE SERVICES REPORTING  
Requiring certain reporting relating to minority business participation in State procurement by industry type to include real property title insurance services, including commercial real property title insurance services; and prohibiting the Special Secretary for the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs from waiving a certain reporting requirement related to real property title insurance services.
- SB 730**  
**Chapter 636**      **Senator Carter**  
MOTOR VEHICLES – MOTORCYCLES – PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS  
Requiring a rear passenger on a motorcycle to be able to firmly position the passenger’s feet on the footrests of the motorcycle, subject to an exception for permanent physical disability.
- HB 102**  
**Chapter 637**      **Delegate Miller**  
MOTOR VEHICLES – MOTORCYCLES – PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS  
Requiring a rear passenger on a motorcycle to be able to firmly position the passenger’s feet on the footrests of the motorcycle, subject to an exception for permanent physical disability.

- HB 211**  
**Chapter 638**      **Delegate Taveras**  
BUSINESS REGULATION – CONTRACTORS,  
SUBCONTRACTORS, AND BROKERS – PROHIBITED CONDUCT  
Prohibiting a person from serving or acting as a contractor, a subcontractor, or a broker between a contractor and subcontractor during the 5-year period immediately following the date the person was convicted of an offense constituting criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance under any federal or State law.
- SB 648**  
**Chapter 639**      **Senator Ellis**  
BUSINESS REGULATION – CONTRACTORS,  
SUBCONTRACTORS, AND BROKERS – PROHIBITED CONDUCT  
Prohibiting a person from serving or acting as a contractor, a subcontractor, or a broker between a contractor and subcontractor during the 5-year period immediately following the date the person was convicted of an offense constituting criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance under any federal or State law.
- HB 1116**  
**Chapter 641**      **Delegate Harrison**  
BUSINESS REGULATION – RESTAURANTS AND TRADERS –  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS  
Altering an exception for licensed restaurants to the requirement that a person who does business as a trader or an exhibitor have a trader’s license to apply only to restaurants that generate 10% or less of their annual sales from nonfood items.
- HB 611**  
**Chapter 642**      **Delegate Harrison**  
ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL  
Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.
- SB 534**  
**Chapter 643**      **Senator Jackson**  
ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL  
Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.



**HB 1507**  
**Chapter 649****Delegate Addison, et al****TRANSPORTATION – MAJOR CHANGE IN BUS SERVICE – PUBLICATION ON WEBSITE**

Altering the information that the Maryland Transit Administration is required to publish on its website before holding a public hearing on a major service change to include certain demographic information, a summary of any publicly available minutes, records, or documents related to the service change, and a brief statement explaining the reason for the service change; and requiring the Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities, including each member of the General Assembly whose district would be impacted.

**SB 70**  
**Chapter 650****Senator McCray****TRANSPORTATION – MAJOR CHANGE IN BUS SERVICE – PUBLICATION ON WEBSITE**

Altering the information that the Maryland Transit Administration is required to publish on its website before holding a public hearing on a major service change; requiring the information to be posted on the Administration's website with a visible link identifying the proposed service change on the primary page for the routes, lines, or any corresponding paratransit service area; and requiring the Administration to distribute a certain report on proposed major service changes to certain officials.

**HB 38**  
**Chapter 651****Delegate Edelson****BALTIMORE CITY – MOTOR VEHICLE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS NEAR MASS TRANSIT STATIONS**

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from adopting or enforcing a local law that requires the creation of new motor vehicle off-street parking for a development that includes residential use and that is located within a 0.25-mile radius of a present or planned MARC, Baltimore MTA Light Rail, Red Line, or Metro station.

- HB 850**  
**Chapter 653**      **Delegate Tomlinson, et al**  
STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROCUREMENT  
Requiring each procurement unit to establish a price preference for small businesses; and designating the Board of Public Works as the regulatory authority for the Small Business Preference Program.
- SB 556**  
**Chapter 654**      **Senator Salling**  
PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FUND  
Altering the circumstances under which the Secretaries of Budget and Management and General Services may request the Board of Public Works to authorize a certain expenditure from the Construction Contingency Fund to include consideration of price adjustments for material price fluctuations of identified eligible project-specific materials.
- HB 1503**  
**Chapter 655**      **Delegate Roberts**  
ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITIES – STATE TREASURER  
Prohibiting, during a regular session of the General Assembly, the State Treasurer and a person acting on behalf of the State Treasurer, as to a candidate for federal, State, or local office or certain campaign finance entities, from receiving a contribution, conducting a fund-raising event, soliciting a contribution, or depositing or using any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the session.
- HB 981**  
**Chapter 656**      **Delegate Martinez, et al**  
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS – INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES  
Requiring, on or before July 1, 2025, the principal departments of the Executive Branch to fully implement certain provisions of law requiring equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency.

- HB 1273**  
**Chapter 658**      **Delegate Pruski**  
VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS –  
DELIVERY OF VEHICLES  
Establishing that certain requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches to deliver new motor vehicles to licensed dealers apply after receipt of an electronic order.
- SB 1003**  
**Chapter 659**      **Senator Folden**  
VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS –  
DELIVERY OF VEHICLES  
Establishing that certain requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches to deliver new motor vehicles to licensed dealers apply after receipt of an electronic order.
- HB 1501**  
**Chapter 660**      **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee**  
STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS –  
PERFORMANCE AUDITS  
Altering the frequency of certain performance audits of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to once every 6 years instead of 4 years, and the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to at least once every 6 years instead of 3 years that are required to be conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits.
- SB 150**  
**Chapter 661**      **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee**  
STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS –  
PERFORMANCE AUDITS  
Altering the frequency of certain performance audits of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to once every 6 years instead of 4 years, and the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to at least once every 6 years instead of 3 years that are required to be conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits.

- HB 629**  
**Chapter 666**      **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**  
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DEFINITION
- Updating the definition of “Consumer Price Index” to replace the 1967 index with the 1982–1984 index as the reference used by the State Retirement and Pension System for certain calculations.
- SB 490**  
**Chapter 667**      **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**  
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DEFINITION
- Updating the definition of “Consumer Price Index” to replace the 1967 index with the 1982–1984 index as the reference used by the State Retirement and Pension System for certain calculations.
- HB 690**  
**Chapter 674**      **Charles County Delegation**  
CHARLES COUNTY – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP
- Altering the membership of the Adult Protective Services Review Board in Charles County to authorize the appointment of a physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner in the field of psychiatry to serve on the board instead of a psychiatrist.
- HB 1321**  
**Chapter 675**      **Charles County Delegation**  
LAND USE – SOUTHERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS – PROPERTY DEDICATION AND FEE
- Authorizing a Southern Maryland code county to provide in the county’s subdivision regulations for a dedication of real property for recreation, or the payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, to be used by the county for the purchase, development, and improvement of real property for recreational facilities.

**HB 761**  
**Chapter 676****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SCHOOL BUS STOPS MC 6–24**

Prohibiting, beginning December 31, 2026, the location of a school bus stop on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes in Montgomery County unless a school crossing guard is posted or a certain traffic control device is placed at the school bus stop.

**HB 306**  
**Chapter 677****Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WORKGROUP ON INDEPENDENT INNOVATION IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ESTABLISHMENT PG 402–24**

Establishing the Workgroup on Independent Innovation in Prince George’s County to promote innovation and technology in the county; and requiring the Workgroup by January 15, 2026, to report on recommendations regarding strategies to support investments in industry opportunities and potential areas of innovation to the Prince George’s County Delegation and the General Assembly.

**HB 766**  
**Chapter 682****Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle in Calvert County.

**HB 835**  
**Chapter 683****Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – LOCAL PREFERENCE**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement contracts; and requiring the County Commissioners to comply with certain provisions of law under certain circumstances.

**HB 839**  
**Chapter 685****Carroll County Delegation**

## CARROLL COUNTY – CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment for which the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into a contract; and requiring that when the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment in Carroll County exceeds \$50,000 under certain conditions, the Procurement Officer for the County Commissioner shall advertise for bids for at least 1 week in a media accessible to the general public.

**SB 437**  
**Chapter 686****Carroll County Senators**

## CARROLL COUNTY – CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

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**SB 530**  
**Chapter 687****Cecil County Senators**

## CECIL COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE

Altering the date by which Cecil County is required to file a certain financial report with the Department of Legislative Services.

**HB 594**  
**Chapter 688****Dorchester County Delegation**

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS

Establishing for the publication of certain notices in Dorchester County that any required advertisement or notice be published and distributed through print and digital format; providing that if there is no print and digital publication meeting all the qualifications under the Act, the advertisement or notice may be placed in any digital publication that can be accessed in Dorchester County and that regularly contains local news and information for Dorchester County; etc.

**HB 1017**  
**Chapter 691****Frederick County Delegation**

BOUNDARY OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ALTERATION

Establishing the Frederick County Soil Conservation District to include the Catoctin Soil Conservation District and the Frederick Soil Conservation District.

**SB 558**  
**Chapter 692****Senator McKay**

GARRETT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts for which the County Commissioners, or any employee of Garrett County, are required to advertise for bids from \$25,000 to \$50,000; exempting certain contracts for professional services from a requirement to advertise for bids; and authorizing contracts for professional services required to be licensed by the State to be solicited by written bids.

**HB 907**  
**Chapter 693****Delegate Hinebaugh**

GARRETT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts for which the County Commissioners, or any employee of Garrett County, are required to advertise for bids from \$25,000 to \$50,000; exempting certain contracts for professional services from a requirement to advertise for bids; and authorizing contracts for professional services required to be licensed by the State to be solicited by written bids.

- HB 1338**  
**Chapter 694**      **Howard County Delegation**  
HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION  
ADVISORY BOARD – TERM LENGTH – ALTERATION HO. CO.  
15–24  
Limiting the term of a member serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to 3 years; and authorizing members currently serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to complete their terms.
- HB 989**  
**Chapter 695**      **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SUBDIVISION PLATS – CONDITIONS  
PG/MC 111–24  
Providing that the Montgomery County Planning Board may tentatively approve a subdivision plat subject to specified conditions; and providing for the approval and submission of a certain subdivision plat to the county land records.
- HB 1003**  
**Chapter 696**      **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT –  
PLAT RECORDATION PG/MC 110–24  
Authorizing a plat in Montgomery County to be drawn, recorded, and maintained in electronic form in a manner approved by the State Archivist.
- HB 1023**  
**Chapter 697**      **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY –  
THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION  
REFORM ACT PG/MC 103–24  
Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation’s designee to attend meetings of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors on behalf of the Secretary when the Secretary is not available; authorizing the Washington Suburban Transit Commission to reappoint a certain appointee to be a principal member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; etc.



- HB 967**  
**Chapter 700**      **Delegates Wivell and Valentine**  
TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE – PARKING OF VEHICLES –  
RESTRICTIONS  
Prohibiting a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Keedysville, Washington County.
- HB 928**  
**Chapter 701**      **Washington County Delegation**  
WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – VEHICLES  
Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to enter into a certain contract for the purchase of one or more vehicles without advertising for bids if the amount involved in the contract does not exceed \$100,000.
- HB 583**  
**Chapter 706**      **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**  
CENTER FOR FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND  
INTERVENTION – ESTABLISHMENT  
Establishing the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention in the Maryland Department of Health to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence, and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State, and local agencies and affected communities to implement a public health approach to firearm violence reduction; requiring the Center to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly by May 1, 2025, a preliminary State Plan for a Public Health Approach to Reducing Firearm Violence; etc.
- SB 475**  
**Chapter 707**      **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
CENTER FOR FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND  
INTERVENTION – ESTABLISHMENT  
Establishing the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention in the Maryland Department of Health to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence, and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State, and local agencies and affected communities to implement a public health approach to firearm violence reduction; requiring the Center to submit a preliminary State Plan for a Public Health Approach to Reducing Firearm Violence to the Governor and General Assembly on or before May 1, 2025; etc.

- SB 1098**                    **Senator Smith**  
**Chapter 712**                **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – SEXUAL OFFENSES**
- Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for rape in the first degree in a State or local correctional facility.
- HB 810**                    **The Speaker**  
**Chapter 713**                **CRIMINAL LAW – RAPID-FIRE ACTIVATOR – SWITCH/AUTO-SEAR**
- Altering the term “rapid fire trigger activator” to be “rapid fire activator”; adding “switch/auto-sear” to the definition of “rapid fire activator” for purposes of certain prohibitions on rapid fire activators; and prohibiting a person from transporting a rapid fire activator into the State or manufacturing, possessing, selling, offering for sale, transferring, purchasing, or receiving a rapid fire activator with a certain exception.
- HB 105**                    **Delegate Atterbeary**  
**Chapter 715**                **DRUNK DRIVING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT AND THE IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM**
- Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records relating to a probation before judgment for driving while impaired or driving while under the influence; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require persons convicted of or granted probation before judgment for certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug, drug combination, or a combination of drugs and alcohol to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time; etc.

**HB 452**  
**Chapter 731****The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – CODE OF ETHICS, NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES (STOP SCAM TAX PREPARERS ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers to publish on the Board's website a certain code of ethics and rules of professional conduct by January 1, 2026; requiring the Board to notify the Comptroller and the Field Enforcement Bureau of a violation within 5 business days after the Board determines that the violation has occurred; granting certain employees of the Bureau certain powers, duties, and responsibilities for enforcing laws pertaining to income tax preparation; etc.

**SB 675**  
**Chapter 732****The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – CODE OF ETHICS, NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES (STOP SCAM TAX PREPARERS ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers, on or before January 1, 2026, to publish on the Board's website a certain code of ethics and certain rules of professional conduct; requiring the Board to notify the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office of a certain violation within 5 business days after the Board determines that the violation has occurred; granting certain employees of the Bureau certain powers, duties, and responsibilities for enforcing laws pertaining to income tax preparation; etc.

**SB 652**  
**Chapter 736****Senator McCray**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – REPORT ON SHOOTINGS (DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2024)

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices and the General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2024, and each December 1 thereafter, certain information regarding shootings of and by juveniles under the supervision of the Department and the actions the Department took after the shooting incidents, including the timeline of the actions.

**HB 195**  
**Chapter 739****Delegate Guyton, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MISSING PERSONS – PURPLE ALERT PROGRAM**

Establishing a Purple Alert Program to disseminate information to assist in locating a certain missing person who has a cognitive impairment, mental disorder, intellectual or developmental disability, or brain injury; requiring the Department of State Police to adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a Purple Alert; and authorizing the Department to consult with relevant stakeholders representing citizens with disabilities to develop procedures for the program.

**HB 404**  
**Chapter 743****Delegate Woods, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – WELLNESS CHECKS – REQUIREMENTS (GABRIEL’S LAW)**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check without unreasonable delay; and requiring a fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity to conduct the wellness check simultaneously with the law enforcement agency if the request concerns a life-threatening condition.

**HB 1065**  
**Chapter 746****Delegate Clippinger****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program to assist community organizations, nonprofit entities, and local governments in funding security operations during times of high pedestrian traffic in certain entertainment districts; establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program Fund; authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include up to \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

**SB 774**  
**Chapter 747****Senator Ferguson, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program to assist community organizations, nonprofit entities, and local governments in funding security operations during times of high pedestrian traffic in certain entertainment districts; establishing the Maryland Entertainment District Security Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill to the Fund; etc.

**HB 1229**  
**Chapter 748****Delegate A. Jones, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a kratom product to disclose the factual basis on which the representation is made; establishing prohibitions related to the preparation, distribution, and sale of kratom products, including prohibitions related to the sale of kratom to individuals under the age of 21 years and the marketing of kratom to minors; establishing certain penalties for violations of the Act; etc.

**SB 943**  
**Chapter 751****Senators Kelly and Lam****VEHICLE LAWS – BUS LANE OBSTRUCTION – MONITORING SYSTEMS EXPANSION AND WORKGROUP (BETTER BUS SERVICE ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting a person from parking or standing certain vehicles in a dedicated bus lane; making statewide the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and procedures, a bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; and establishing the Workgroup on Curb Space Management.

**Section 1 only**

**HB 119**                      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 752**                      **Departmental – Health)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – GIVING INFANTS A FUTURE WITHOUT TRANSMISSION (GIFT) ACT**

Altering certain HIV and syphilis reporting and testing requirements for hospitals and health care providers for pregnant women and newborns; providing that certain documents related to certain HIV and syphilis reports are not discoverable and are not admissible in evidence in any criminal or administrative action; and altering certain penalties related to the disclosure of personal identifying health information acquired for the purpose of HIV and AIDS reporting under certain provisions of law.

**HB 127**                      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 753**                      **Departmental – Health)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – NONOCCUPATIONAL POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (NPEP) STANDING ORDER PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program to authorize pharmacists to dispense nPEP under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations necessary for the administration of the Program and that address the needs of certain populations, including victims of sexual assault and pediatric patients; and authorizing the Department to administer the Program, collect certain fees, and establish guidelines for training related to the Program.

**HB 115**                      **Delegate Kaufman, et al**

**Chapter 758**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS’ RIGHTS – NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT (JAYCEE WEBSTER VICTIMS’ RIGHTS ACT)**

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim’s representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the telephone number of the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center.

**HB 801**  
**Chapter 759****Delegate Kaufman, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Rules relating to discovery in civil matters apply in a certain administrative proceeding; requiring a court that receives a certain report to promptly notify counsel of record for the committed person; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to notify the court and certain persons if the Department receives a certain report; requiring a court to hold a hearing on request by any party after a certain application is made; etc.

**SB 551**  
**Chapter 760****Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Rules relating to discovery in civil matters apply in a certain administrative proceeding; requiring a court that receives a certain report to promptly notify counsel of record for the committed person; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to notify the court and certain persons if the Department receives a certain report; requiring a court to hold a hearing on request by any party after a certain application is made; etc.

**HB 496**  
**Chapter 761****Delegate Shetty, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – DEFINITION OF CONSENT AND REPEAL OF FORCE**

Requiring certain facts to be considered when determining whether a lack of consent exists for the purposes of determining certain sexual crimes; altering the elements of second-degree rape to remove the requirement of use of force or threat of force; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to report to the General Assembly, beginning October 1, 2024, and each October 1 thereafter, certain data for the preceding calendar year, disaggregated by county and offender age, race, and sex.

**SB 1099**  
**Chapter 764****Senator Smith, et al****EMERGENCY SERVICES – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AND NALOXONE CO-LOCATION INITIATIVE – REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Requiring the State Emergency Medical Services Board, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and implement an initiative under the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program to require that naloxone be co-located with each automated external defibrillator placed in a public building; establishing a certain immunity from liability for individuals who administer naloxone made available under the initiative in response to a known or suspected drug overdose; etc.

**HB 42**  
**Chapter 765****Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)****PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTIONS – REVISIONS**

Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.

**SB 220**  
**Chapter 766****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)****PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PROTECTIONS – REVISIONS**

Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.



**SB 439**  
**Chapter 767****Senator Elfreth, et al****FAMILY LAW – VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM – CERTIFICATION AND GRANT FUND**

Requiring a victims of domestic violence program to be certified by the federally recognized State domestic violence coalition as a comprehensive domestic violence program; establishing the Victims of Domestic Violence Program Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund.

**SB 975**  
**Chapter 768****Senator Elfreth, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (SUPPORTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINICS ACT)**

Establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Health to assist reproductive health care clinics in the State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational expenses; prohibiting the Department from disclosing certain personal information of an individual associated with the Program; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2026 an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Program.

**SB 391**  
**Chapter 772****Senator Kelly, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL EXTORTION, STALKING, AND REVENGE PORN – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND IN BANC REVIEW**

Altering the statute of limitations applicable to the crime of sexual extortion to be 5 years and the crime of stalking to be 10 years; providing that the State may institute a prosecution for revenge porn at any time; and providing that, for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, a person who commits revenge porn shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor whose punishment is confinement in the penitentiary and may reserve a point or question for a certain in banc review.

**HB 544**  
**Chapter 773****Delegate Atterbeary, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL EXTORTION, STALKING, AND REVENGE PORN – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND IN BANC REVIEW**

Altering the statute of limitations applicable to the crime of sexual extortion to be 5 years; altering the statute of limitations applicable to the crime of stalking to be 10 years; providing that the State may institute a prosecution for revenge porn at any time; and providing that, for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, a person who commits revenge porn shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor whose punishment is confinement in the penitentiary and may reserve a point or question for a certain in banc review.

**HB 149**  
**Chapter 779****Delegate Pippy, et al****MEDICAL RECORDS – DESTRUCTION – NOTICE AND RETRIEVAL**

Extending the time period from 5 to 7 years during which a health care provider is prohibited from destroying medical records and laboratory and X-ray reports; requiring that the notice required to be provided regarding the destruction of medical records be made to the last known e-mail address of the patient or the parent or guardian of a minor; requiring a health care provider to make a medical record available for retrieval by a patient or a parent or guardian of a minor within a certain time period and at a certain location; etc.

**HB 933**  
**Chapter 780****Delegate Feldmark, et al****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9-8-8 TRUST FUND FEES**

Establishing a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9-8-8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fees in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

**Except Section 2**

**SB 974**  
**Chapter 781****Senator Guzzone****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – 9–8–8 TRUST FUND FEES**

Establishing a 9–8–8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9–8–8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9–8–8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9–8–8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9–8–8 fees in the 9–8–8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

**Except Section 2****HB 1333**  
**Chapter 787****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY AND COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to develop and monitor the statewide health equity plan required under a cooperative grant funding agreement with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation; requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to coordinate with the Maryland Department of Health and the Health Services Cost Review Commission when establishing a certain advisory committee; and altering the reporting requirements for the Commission on Public Health.

**SB 694**  
**Chapter 794****Senator Feldman****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH COMMISSIONS AND MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a certain study of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the results of the study to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2026.

**HB 887**  
**Chapter 795****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH COMMISSIONS AND MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a certain study of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the results of the study to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2026.

**SB 1059**  
**Chapter 798****Senator Ellis****MATERNAL HEALTH – ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS, AND REPORTING (MARYLAND MATERNAL HEALTH ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing requirements on certain health departments and health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; requiring the Secretary of Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to develop a Maryland Report Card for Birthing Facility Maternity Care; requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to participate in the Severe Maternal Morbidity Surveillance Program; etc.

**Section 2 only****HB 1051**  
**Chapter 799****Delegate White Holland, et al****MATERNAL HEALTH – ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS, AND REPORTING (MARYLAND MATERNAL HEALTH ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing requirements on local health departments and certain health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; requiring hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to participate in the Severe Maternal Morbidity Surveillance Program to identify risk factors and causes of Severe Maternal Morbidity; requiring the Program to report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2025; etc.

**Section 2 only**



**SB 182**  
**Chapter 808****Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and administer a training program regarding the use of facial recognition technology on or before June 30, 2026; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on or before October 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly information reported by law enforcement agencies using facial recognition technology; etc.

**HB 338**  
**Chapter 809****Delegate Moon, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to administer a training program regarding the use of facial recognition technology by June 30, 2026; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to report to the General Assembly by October 1 each year the information reported by law enforcement agencies using facial recognition technology; etc.

**SB 522**  
**Chapter 810****Senator Augustine****CHARTER COUNTIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS**

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a civil or criminal fine that may be imposed by a charter county to enforce certain local laws enacted by the county.

**HB 501**  
**Chapter 811****Delegate Fennell, et al**

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**HB 381**  
**Chapter 814****Delegate Hill, et al**

## STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring an applicant for a license to practice optometry and certain applicants for the renewal of a license to submit to a criminal history records check obtained from the Criminal Justice Information Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and providing that information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential, may not be disseminated, and is to be used only for licensing purposes.

**SB 175**  
**Chapter 815****Senator Augustine**

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**SB 1000**  
**Chapter 816****Senator Beidle****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS**

Requiring a person, at least 60 days before closing on an acquisition of a nursing home, to submit a request for acquisition to the Maryland Health Care Commission and provide notice to residents, resident representatives, and employees of the nursing home; establishing requirements regarding the approval or denial of a request for acquisition; providing for judicial review of a final decision of the Commission regarding a request for acquisition of a nursing home; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; etc.

**HB 1122**  
**Chapter 817****Delegate Kerr, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS**

Requiring a person, at least 60 days before the closing date of the acquisition of a nursing home, to submit a request for acquisition to the Maryland Health Care Commission and provide certain notice to residents, resident representatives, and employees of the nursing home; establishing requirements regarding the approval or denial of a request for acquisition of a nursing home; providing for judicial review of a final decision of the Commission regarding a request for acquisition of a nursing home; etc.

**HB 1125**  
**Chapter 818****Delegate Kerr, et al****CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Exempting an individual who practices as a certain nursing assistant for less than 4 months under federal regulations from the State's certification requirement; altering the designation of, and licensure requirements for, certified nursing assistants and geriatric nursing assistants; requiring an applicant for certification as a certified nursing assistant to complete a nursing assistant competency evaluation; etc.

**Except Section 1**



**SB 999**  
**Chapter 819****Senator Beidle****CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Exempting an individual who practices as a certain nursing assistant for less than 4 months under federal regulations from the State’s certification requirement; altering the designation of, and licensure requirements for, certified nursing assistants and geriatric nursing assistants; requiring an applicant for certification as a certified nursing assistant to complete a nursing assistant competency evaluation; etc.

**Except Section 1****HB 292**  
**Chapter 820****Delegate Kerr, et al****STATE PROCUREMENT – MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS – ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Authorizing the Board of Contract Appeals to award an interested party reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a protest, including attorney’s fees, if an appeal is sustained and there is a violation of law or regulation; and authorizing the Board of Contract Appeals to award a contractor under any State contract the reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a claim, including attorney’s fees, if the unit processing the claim acts in bad faith, without justification, or in violation of law.

**SB 667**  
**Chapter 821****Senator Charles****STATE PROCUREMENT – MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS – ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Authorizing the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals to award an interested party reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a protest, including attorney’s fees, if an appeal is sustained and there is a violation of law or regulation; and authorizing the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals to award a contractor under any State contract the reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a claim, including attorney’s fees, if the unit acts in bad faith, without justification, or in violation of law.

**HB 36**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 826**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PROTECTIONS AFTER LOSS OR DAMAGE TO  
PROPERTY

Prohibiting a public adjuster, or anyone acting on behalf of a public adjuster, from soliciting or attempting to solicit a client between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; altering the statements that are required to be included in a public adjuster contract; altering a certain rescission period for public adjuster contracts; and requiring a public adjuster to provide notice to the Commissioner, in a form and manner the Commissioner determines, within 1 business day after the public adjuster has entered into a contract.

**HB 90**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 827**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – HEARING REPRESENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

**SB 230**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland**  
**Chapter 828**                **Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – HEARING REPRESENTATION

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

**HB 969**  
**Chapter 829****Delegate Bartlett, et al**

DEATH CERTIFICATES – CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH DETERMINATIONS – REQUIREMENTS AFTER CHANGE OR CORRECTION (KATHERINE MORRIS DEATH RECLASSIFICATION ACT)

Requiring, if a victim's initial determination of death recorded on the victim's death certificate was amended or corrected to be undetermined or homicide, an assistant State's Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a person in interest on the request of the person in interest for a certain purpose; requiring a law enforcement agency to reopen or reinvestigate an investigation involving the death of a victim whose cause or manner of death was amended or corrected to be undetermined or homicide; etc.

**HB 476**  
**Chapter 830****Delegate Bartlett, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH – APPLICABILITY FOR DECEASED AND MISSING INDIVIDUALS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding the use of a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS) do not apply when the FGGS is conducted solely for the purpose of identifying an individual who is deceased or the subject of a certain missing person report and whose whereabouts are unknown.

**SB 549**  
**Chapter 831****Senator Sydnor**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH – APPLICABILITY FOR DECEASED AND MISSING INDIVIDUALS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding the use of a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS) do not apply when the FGGS is conducted solely for the purpose of identifying an individual who is deceased or the subject of a certain missing person report and whose whereabouts are unknown.

- SB 113**  
**Chapter 834**      **Senator Kelly, et al**  
CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR THROUGH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means.
- HB 99**  
**Chapter 835**      **Delegate Bartlett**  
CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR THROUGH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means.
- SB 144**  
**Chapter 837**      **Senators Hettleman and Gile**  
MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES – ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING PATIENTS  
Adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits.
- HB 153**  
**Chapter 838**      **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**  
MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES – ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING PATIENTS  
Adding an attorney representing a patient to the list of individuals to whom a health care provider is prohibited from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security benefits.

**SB 952**  
**Chapter 839****Senator Hettleman****ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – ASSISTED LIVING REFERRERS  
– REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing certain requirements for assisted living referrers, including requirements related to the maintenance of general liability insurance, criminal history records checks, and the provision of certain agreements and descriptions of services; prohibiting an assisted living referrer from requesting payment for a referral more than 2 years after the referral was made; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to maintain a certain database of approved assisted living programs; etc.

**SB 705**  
**Chapter 841****Senators Hayes and Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT  
PROGRAM (ACCESS TO CARE ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Qualified Resident Enrollment Program to facilitate the enrollment of qualified residents in qualified plans; providing that the operation and administration of the Program may include functions delegated by the Maryland Exchange to a third party; and providing that the implementation of the Program is contingent on approval of a certain waiver application amendment.

**HB 728**  
**Chapter 842****Delegate Cullison, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT  
PROGRAM (ACCESS TO CARE ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Qualified Resident Enrollment Program to facilitate the enrollment of qualified residents in qualified plans; providing that the operation and administration of the Program may include functions delegated by the Exchange to a third party; and providing that the implementation of the Program is contingent on approval of a certain waiver application amendment.

**SB 790**  
**Chapter 845****Senators Klausmeier and Ellis****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide Maryland Medical Assistance Program services for individuals under the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program in accordance with certain requirements; prohibiting the Department from limiting eligibility to receive services under the EID Program based on certain criteria; requiring the Department, on or before December 1, 2024, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the impact of implementing an EID Program that serves certain individuals; etc.

**HB 822**  
**Chapter 846****Delegate Cullison, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide Maryland Medical Assistance Program services for qualified applicants who are at least 16 years old and for existing Program recipients under the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program in accordance with certain requirements; prohibiting the Department from limiting eligibility to receive services under the EID Program based on certain criteria; etc.

**SB 408**  
**Chapter 849****Senator Klausmeier****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REPORTS ON STANDING ORDERS AND OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report, on or before December 1, 2024, December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on current opioid overdose reversal drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and, for any approved opioid overdose reversal drug, whether the Department has added the drug to a standing order and, if not, the reasons why the drug has not been added.

**HB 411**  
**Chapter 850****Delegate Kipke, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REPORTS ON  
STANDING ORDERS AND OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL  
DRUGS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on current opioid overdose reversal drugs and, for any current opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, whether the Department has added the drug to a standing order and, if not, the reasons why the drug has not been added; and requiring the report to be submitted by December 1, 2024, December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026.

**SB 751**  
**Chapter 851****Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AND FUND – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to present decisions for the allocations of money from the Opioid Restitution Fund to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to post on the Department's website certain information regarding allocations of money from the Fund; and requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2024, on the best process for making the expenditures of all opioid settlement agreements accessible to the public.

**HB 980**  
**Chapter 852****Delegate Rosenberg, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AND FUND – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to present decisions for the allocations of money from the Opioid Restitution Fund to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to post on the Department's website certain information regarding allocations of money from the Fund; and requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2024, on the best process for making the expenditures of all opioid settlement agreements accessible to the public.

- HB 1134**  
**Chapter 853**      **Delegates Bagnall and Lopez**  
HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS – RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS – ACCREDITATION  
Altering the definition of “accredited residential treatment center” for certain provisions of law governing hospitals and related institutions to include residential treatment centers accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Council on Accreditation.
- SB 403**  
**Chapter 854**      **Senator Klausmeier**  
HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS – RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS – ACCREDITATION  
Altering the definition of “accredited residential treatment center” for certain provisions of law governing hospitals and related institutions to include residential treatment centers accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Council on Accreditation.
- HB 1053**  
**Chapter 855**      **Delegate Kaiser, et al**  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS  
Altering the qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing.  
**Except Section 1**
- HB 5**  
**Chapter 858**      **Delegate Crosby**  
CRIMINAL LAW – INDECENT EXPOSURE WITHIN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR  
Prohibiting a person from committing the common law crime of indecent exposure; prohibiting a person from, with prurient intent, committing the common law crime of indecent exposure when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present and the minor is at least 2 years old and is more than 4 years younger than the person; and establishing a penalty of 5 years of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both on conviction for a crime of indecent exposure in the presence of a minor.



**SB 130**  
**Chapter 859****Senator Bailey, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – INDECENT EXPOSURE WITHIN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR**

Prohibiting a person from committing the common law crime of indecent exposure; prohibiting a person from, with prurient intent, committing the common law crime of indecent exposure when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present and the minor is at least 2 years old and is more than 4 years younger than the person; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both on a conviction for the crime of indecent exposure in the presence of a minor.

**SB 712**  
**Chapter 860****Senator Bailey****STATE-OWNED NURSING HOMES – DEFICIENCIES, CITATIONS, AND FINES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the department charged with oversight of a State-owned nursing home operated by a contractor, instead of the contractor, to provide notice of certain deficiencies and enforcement actions to the Governor, certain members of the General Assembly, and the local governing body of the county in which the nursing home is located; and requiring the department charged with oversight to provide certain information within 30 days after the contractor's final acceptance of a plan of correction or completion of an informal dispute resolution.

**HB 938**  
**Chapter 861****Delegate Crosby, et al****STATE-OWNED NURSING HOMES – DEFICIENCIES, CITATIONS, AND FINES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the department charged with oversight of a State-owned nursing home operated by a contractor, instead of the contractor, to provide notice of certain deficiencies and enforcement actions to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring the department charged with oversight, rather than the contractor, to provide certain information to certain persons within 30 days after the contractor's final acceptance of a plan of correction or completion of an informal dispute resolution; etc.

**SB 119**  
**Chapter 863****Senator Lam, et al****LEGALLY PROTECTED HEALTH CARE – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT**

Altering the definition of “legally protected health care” to include certain gender–affirming treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations disciplinary actions and certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care.

**HB 759**  
**Chapter 869****Delegate Alston****ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES – PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring advanced practice registered nurses practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State to notify patients in writing if the nurse does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage or if the coverage has lapsed and not been renewed; requiring that the notification be provided at certain visits and as part of certain informed consents, signed by a patient at certain times, and retained as part of the advanced practice registered nurse’s patient records; etc.

**SB 996**  
**Chapter 870****Senator Klausmeier****ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES – PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring advanced practice registered nurses practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State to notify patients in writing if the nurse does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage or if the coverage has lapsed and not been renewed; requiring that the notification be provided at certain visits and as part of certain informed consents, signed by a patient at certain times, and retained as part of the advanced practice registered nurse’s patient records; etc.

**SB 336****Chapter 873****Senator Klausmeier****INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS –  
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Repealing the requirements for education and experience for licensing of certain insurance producers, including producers for property and casualty insurance, life insurance, health insurance, annuities, and related products.

**HB 265****Chapter 874****Delegate Qi****INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS –  
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Repealing the requirements for education and experience for licensing of certain insurance producers, including producers for property and casualty insurance, life insurance, health insurance, annuities, and related products.

**HB 1081****Chapter 875****Delegate Phillips, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS –  
CAPTURED PLATE DATA STORAGE AND UPLOAD**

Altering the definition of “historical data” to include automatic license plate reader data stored by cloud computing; establishing that certain captured automatic license plate reader data is the property of a certain law enforcement agency and may not be sold for any purpose; establishing that certain captured automatic license plate reader data may be uploaded to the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; and extending certain penalties for a violation of the Act to a vendor contracted by a law enforcement agency.

**SB 840**  
**Chapter 876****Senator Sydnor****PUBLIC SAFETY – AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS – CAPTURED PLATE DATA STORAGE AND UPLOAD**

Altering the definition of “historical data” to include automatic license plate reader data stored by cloud computing; establishing that certain captured automatic license plate reader data is the property of a certain law enforcement agency and may not be sold for any purpose; establishing that certain captured automatic license plate reader data may be uploaded to the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; and extending certain penalties for a violation of the Act to a vendor contracted by a law enforcement agency.

**SB 111**  
**Chapter 877****Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF MINOR VICTIM**

Providing that a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case may not disclose or allow inspection of an electronic or paper court filing, including a charging document, to a nonparty to the case unless the court or the party disclosing or allowing inspection of the filing redacts all identifying information relating to a minor victim that appears in the filing, unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to order otherwise.

**HB 458**  
**Chapter 878****Delegate Phillips, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF MINOR VICTIM**

Providing that a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case may not disclose or allow inspection of an electronic or paper court filing to a nonparty to the case unless the court or the party disclosing or allowing inspection of the filing redacts all identifying information relating to a minor victim that appears in the filing, unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to order otherwise.

- SB 59**  
**Chapter 879**      **Senator Ellis, et al**  
HOSPITALS – CARE OF INFANTS AFTER DISCHARGE (SAFE SLEEP ACT OF 2024)  
Requiring a hospital to take certain actions relating to the care of infants as soon as practicable before the hospital discharges an infant after the birth of the infant, including providing oral and written educational resources to the parent or legal guardian on how to provide a safe sleep environment and providing a list of resources available for an infant’s parent or legal guardian; requiring each hospital, by January 1, 2025, to establish a process for providing and confirming the receipt of the educational resources; etc.
- HB 177**  
**Chapter 880**      **Delegate R. Lewis, et al**  
HOSPITALS – CARE OF INFANTS AFTER DISCHARGE (SAFE SLEEP ACT OF 2024)  
Requiring a hospital, as soon as practicable before discharging an infant after the birth of the infant, to provide oral and written resources to the parent or legal guardian; requiring a hospital, before discharging an infant, to ask the parent or legal guardian to describe the sleep environment that will be provided at home; requiring, by January 1, 2025, each hospital to establish a process for providing resources and information about safe sleep environments to parents and legal guardians of infants; etc.
- SB 839**  
**Chapter 883**      **Senator Sydnor**  
GENERAL PROVISIONS – DAMAGES OR LOSSES – DEFINITION  
Defining “damages” or “losses” in statutory causes of action to protect civil rights or consumer rights and providing that “damages” or “losses” includes reasonable nominal damages.
- HB 832**  
**Chapter 884**      **Delegate Stewart**  
GENERAL PROVISIONS – DAMAGES OR LOSSES – DEFINITION  
Defining “damages” or “losses” in statutory causes of action to protect civil rights or consumer rights and providing that “damages” or “losses” includes reasonable nominal damages.

**HB 1078**  
**Chapter 889****Delegate Woods, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – REMOTE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL NONSTRESS TESTS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests if the patient is in a residence or a location other than the office of the patient's provider and the provider follows the same standard of care that the provider would follow when providing the services on-site.

**SB 468**  
**Chapter 893****Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****CRIMINAL LAW – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to notify the court within 24 hours after a defendant subject to home monitoring as a condition of pretrial release has violated a condition of home detention monitoring; requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to notify the Division of Parole and Probation within 1 hour after an individual subject to home monitoring as a condition of probation violated a condition of home detention monitoring; etc.

**HB 786**  
**Chapter 901****Delegate Bagnall, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY – SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain education requirements for certain applicants for a limited license to practice dentistry who provide dental services for adults.

**SB 799**  
**Chapter 902****Senators McKay and Guzzone****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY – SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain education requirements for certain applicants for a limited license to practice dentistry who provide dental services for adults.

**HB 499**  
**Chapter 905****Delegate Bagnall, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICES –  
INFECTION CONTROL**

Requiring each owner of a private dental office to designate a licensed dentist to be the supervising dentist for the private dental office; requiring a supervising dentist to complete the registration required by the State Board of Dental Examiners and be responsible for all infection control activities within the private dental office; authorizing the Board to charge a fee for the registration of a supervising dentist under the Act; etc.

**SB 412**  
**Chapter 906****Senator Gile, et al****MENTAL HEALTH LAW – COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of a county’s mental health advisory committee by including an individual with experience with mental health care for veterans or individuals serving in the military on the list of groups from which individuals may be appointed to the committee by the governing body of the county.

**HB 408**  
**Chapter 907****Delegate Bagnall, et al****MENTAL HEALTH LAW – COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of a county’s mental health advisory committee by including an individual with experience with mental health care for veterans or individuals serving in the military on the list of groups from which individuals may be appointed to the committee by the governing body of the county.

**HB 1476**  
**Chapter 909****Delegate Kerr****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Requiring the Governor to appoint the licensed audiologist members to the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists from a list submitted by the Maryland Academy of Audiology rather than by the Board.

**SB 714**  
**Chapter 910****Senators Kramer and Hershey****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Requiring the Governor to appoint the licensed audiologist members to the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists from a list submitted by the Maryland Academy of Audiology rather than by the Board.

**SB 159**  
**Chapter 913****Senator Gile, et al****COURTS – MILITARY RECORDS – RECORDATION AND INSPECTION**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the recordation and inspection of certain military records kept by the clerk of a circuit court to authorize the clerk to keep an electronic record instead of a book to record and index the discharge papers of a person who has served in the uniformed services of the United States and require the clerk to deny inspection of the electronic record except under certain circumstances.



**HB 125**  
**Chapter 914****Delegate Rogers, et al****COURTS – MILITARY RECORDS – RECORDATION AND INSPECTION**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to the recordation and inspection of certain military records kept by the clerk of a circuit court to authorize the clerk to keep an electronic record instead of a book to record and index the discharge papers of a person who has served in the uniformed services of the United States; and requiring the clerk to deny inspection of the electronic record except under certain circumstances.

**HB 461**  
**Chapter 915****Delegate Martinez, et al****HEALTH – STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE – RENAMING**

Renaming the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life to be the State Advisory Council on Serious Illness Care.

**SB 167**  
**Chapter 919****Senator Carozza****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration agreement, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; authorizing physician assistants employed by the federal government to perform certain functions during a certain disaster; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to review and update the list of advanced duties for physician assistants.

**HB 806**  
**Chapter 920****Delegate Kerr, et al****PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring that a physician assistant have a collaboration agreement, rather than a delegation agreement, in order to practice as a physician assistant; altering the scope of practice of a physician assistant; altering the education required for licensure as a physician assistant; authorizing physician assistants who are employees of the federal government to perform acts, tasks, or functions during a certain disaster; and requiring the State Board to review and update the list of duties for physician assistants.

**HB 1110**  
**Chapter 921****Delegates Kerr and Simpson****MARYLAND INTRASTATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT – CITY OF FREDERICK**

Authorizing the City of Frederick to participate in the Maryland Intrastate Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

**HB 84**  
**Chapter 922****Delegate Kerr, et al****HOSPITALS AND URGENT CARE CENTERS – SEPSIS PROTOCOL (LOCHLIN’S LAW)**

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2025, each hospital and urgent care center in the State to implement an evidence-based protocol for the early recognition and treatment of a patient with sepsis, severe sepsis, or septic shock that is based on generally acceptable standards of care; requiring a specialty psychiatric hospital to establish a certain process; and requiring hospitals and urgent care centers to require periodic training in the implementation of the protocol for certain staff.

**SB 332****Chapter 923****Senators Lewis Young and Guzzone****HOSPITALS AND URGENT CARE CENTERS – SEPSIS PROTOCOL (LOCHLIN’S LAW)**

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2025, each hospital and urgent care center in the State to implement an evidence–based protocol for the early recognition and treatment of a patient with sepsis, severe sepsis, or septic shock that is based on generally acceptable standards of care; requiring a specialty psychiatric hospital to establish a certain process; and requiring hospitals and urgent care centers to require periodic training in the implementation of the protocol for certain staff.

**HB 51****Chapter 924****Delegate Rosenberg, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND AND COMMISSION**

Altering the use of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to require that the Fund be used only for pediatric cancer research instead of only for pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment and to allow funds from the Fund to be used for administrative expenses; and establishing the Pediatric Cancer Research Commission to oversee the award of competitive grants from the Fund and to develop criteria and a process for reviewing grant applications.

**SB 13****Chapter 925****Senator Jackson****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND AND COMMISSION**

Altering the use of the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund to require that the Fund be used only for pediatric cancer research instead of only for pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment and to allow funds from the Fund to be used for administrative expenses; and establishing the Pediatric Cancer Research Commission to oversee the award of competitive grants from the Fund and to develop criteria and a process for reviewing grant applications.

- SB 136**  
**Chapter 926**      **Senators Jackson and Muse**  
FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE CEREMONY – DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY CLERK  
Transferring, from the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony.
- HB 300**  
**Chapter 927**      **Delegate Toles, et al**  
FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE CEREMONY – DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY CLERK  
Transferring, from the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony.
- HB 531**  
**Chapter 928**      **Delegate Embry, et al**  
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE SUPERVISION FEES AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TEST PAYMENT – REPEAL  
Repealing the requirement for the Maryland Parole Commission to assess a fee against an individual on parole and supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation under certain circumstances; and repealing authorization for the Division of Parole and Probation to require a supervisee of the Division who is on parole to pay for certain drug or alcohol abuse testing under certain circumstances.
- SB 905**  
**Chapter 929**      **Senator Kelly, et al**  
PUBLIC SAFETY – EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS – REVIEW OF COURT RECORDS  
Authorizing researchers affiliated with institutions of higher education who are conducting research to review a court record related to a petition for an extreme risk protective order; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to require an institution of higher education that has researchers reviewing court records to enter into an agreement providing for the storage and handling of the records; authorizing the Judiciary to institute an injunction or other remedy for a violation of the agreement and to prevent disclosure of certain records; etc.

**SB 944**  
**Chapter 932****Senator Kelly****NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES – PROVISION BY REGISTERED NURSES AND SALE OF CONTRACEPTIVES THROUGH AUTOMATIC DEVICES**

Prohibiting the sale of natural membrane condoms, rather than all nonlatex condoms, through a vending machine or other automatic device; excluding a violation of the prohibition on the sale of natural membrane condoms through a vending machine or other automatic device from certain penalties; and authorizing registered nurses to provide, without a prescription, nonprescription drugs and devices in a local health department under certain circumstances.

**HB 1171**  
**Chapter 933****Delegate Williams, et al****NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES – PROVISION BY REGISTERED NURSES AND SALE OF CONTRACEPTIVES THROUGH AUTOMATIC DEVICES**

Prohibiting the sale of natural membrane condoms, rather than all nonlatex condoms, through a vending machine or other automatic device; excluding the violation of a certain provision of the Act from certain penalties; and authorizing registered nurses to provide, without a prescription, nonprescription drugs and devices in a local health department under certain circumstances.

**HB 1063**  
**Chapter 934****Delegate Williams, et al****CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS – UNDERLYING CRIME**

Altering the definition of “underlying crime” that is applicable to certain prohibitions against participation in criminal organizations.

**HB 1329**  
**Chapter 938****Delegate Attar****DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDITS**

Authorizing individuals under supervision by a private home detention monitoring agency to receive earned compliance credits; requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to provide a report of an individual's compliance to the Division of Parole and Probation during the monitoring period; and establishing certain minimum elements to be included in the report.

**SB 11**  
**Chapter 940****Senator Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – VENDOR CONTRACTS**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to include system upgrades required to allow for automated expungement of charges and partial expungement of charges in any vendor contracts being negotiated at a certain time.

**SB 452**  
**Chapter 941****Senator Carter****COURTS – PROHIBITED LIABILITY AGREEMENTS – RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Establishing that a provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of a recreational facility that purports to limit the recreational facility's liability, or release the recreational facility from or indemnify or hold harmless the recreational facility against liability, for injury caused by or resulting from the negligence or other wrongful acts of the recreational facility or its agents or on-duty employees is void and unenforceable under certain circumstances.

**HB 97**  
**Chapter 953****Delegate Taveras, et al****BABY FOOD – TOXIC HEAVY METALS – TESTING AND LABELING (RUDY’S LAW)**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, manufacturers of baby food to test a representative sample of each production aggregate of the manufacturer’s final baby food product for certain toxic heavy metals; requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, manufacturers of baby food to make certain information related to the testing and a link to certain guidance available on the manufacturer’s website; requiring a consumer to report to the Maryland Department of Health if the consumer believes that baby food is being sold with toxic heavy metals; etc.

**SB 723**  
**Chapter 954****Senator Benson****BABY FOOD – TOXIC HEAVY METALS – TESTING AND LABELING (RUDY’S LAW)**

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, manufacturers of baby food to test a representative sample of each production aggregate of baby food for toxic heavy metals; requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, manufacturers of baby food to make certain information related to the testing and a link to certain guidance and information publicly available on the manufacturer’s website; requiring a consumer to report baby food to the Maryland Department of Health if the consumer believes the baby food is being sold with toxic heavy metals; etc.

**SB 36**  
**Chapter 955****Senator Benson****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED HOMICIDE – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of State Police, on or before December 31 each year, to post on its website and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report detailing, for the preceeding calendar year, the number of investigations completed by the Department of deaths of incarcerated individuals suspected to be homicides that occur while the incarcerated individuals are in the custody of the Division of Correction and the number of cases referred to the Department for prosecution following an investigation.

**HB 565**  
**Chapter 956****Delegate Simmons, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED HOMICIDE – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of State Police to investigate any death of an incarcerated individual suspected to be a homicide that occurs while the individual is in the custody of the Division of Correction whether within or outside a correctional facility; and requiring the Department, by December 31 each year, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly the number of investigations completed and the number of cases referred by the Department for prosecution for the preceding calendar year.

**HB 328**  
**Chapter 959****Delegate Lopez, et al****HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICIES – REVISIONS**

Altering the required contents of a hospital's financial assistance policy by removing the requirement that the provision of reduced-cost medically necessary care and payment plans be in accordance with the mission and service area of the hospital; authorizing hospitals to consider only household monetary assets in excess of \$100,000 when determining eligibility for free and reduced-cost care under the hospital's financial assistance policy; and requiring that certain retirement assets be excluded from consideration.

**HB 676**  
**Chapter 960****Delegate M. Morgan, et al****RIGHT TO TRY ACT – INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL TREATMENTS**

Altering certain provisions of law authorizing certain activity by manufacturers of investigational drugs, biological products, or devices under the Right to Try Act to apply to manufacturers of certain individualized investigational treatments; altering the definition of "eligible patient" under the Right to Try Act to include individuals who have life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses, rather than only individuals who have terminal illnesses; etc.



**HB 1402**  
**Chapter 968****Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE PERSONNEL – APPLICATION OF COUNTY PERSONNEL LAWS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MC 12–24

Establishing the right of certain employees of the Office of the State’s Attorney in Montgomery County to organize and collectively bargain in accordance with certain personnel law governing county employees; establishing that employees of the Office of the State’s Attorney are subject to the county merit system law and personnel regulations; establishing certain requirements related to collective bargaining for employees of the Office; etc.

**HB 668**  
**Chapter 979****Delegate Pruski**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Making the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale, beginning in calendar year 2025.

**SB 658**  
**Chapter 980****Anne Arundel County Senators**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY

Making, beginning in calendar year 2025, the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale.

**HB 906**  
**Chapter 981****Delegate Hinebaugh**

GARRETT COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY – ALTERATION

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County; and repealing the requirement for the Garrett County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff.

**SB 521**  
**Chapter 982****Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY – ALTERATION**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County; and repealing the requirement for the Garrett County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff.

**HB 960**  
**Chapter 983****Frederick County Delegation****CITY OF FREDERICK – ASSIGNMENT OF OFFENDERS TO ROAD WORK – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law requiring a District Court judge to assign, if practicable, an offender to work the public roads of Frederick County or the City of Frederick as a penalty for a violation of a municipal law or ordinance of the City of Frederick.

**HB 975**  
**Chapter 984****Delegate Otto****SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to enact local laws and adopt other measures to manage, direct, and regulate fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the County; authorizing the County Commissioners to authorize or create an entity or a body to administer the County’s affairs in the County relating to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services; and requiring the County Commissioners to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Council to make certain recommendations under certain circumstances.

- SB 807**  
**Chapter 985**      **Senator Carozza**  
SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to enact local laws and adopt other measures to manage, direct, and regulate fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the County; authorizing the County Commissioners to authorize or create an entity or a body to administer the County’s affairs in the County relating to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services; and requiring the County Commissioners to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Council to make certain recommendations under certain circumstances.
- HB 1060**  
**Chapter 988**      **Carroll County Delegation**  
CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY
- Increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$191,078.10 beginning in 2026 and \$212,309 beginning in 2027.
- HB 1093**  
**Chapter 989**      **Delegate Bagnall**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – SUBPOENA ENFORCEMENT
- Authorizing the Human Relations Commission of Anne Arundel County to apply to a circuit court in any county to seek relief if a party fails to comply with a subpoena.
- SB 1038**  
**Chapter 990**      **Anne Arundel County Senators**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – SUBPOENA ENFORCEMENT
- Authorizing the Human Relations Commission of Anne Arundel County to seek relief if a party fails to comply with a subpoena by applying to a circuit court in any county for an order requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, electronically stored information, documents, and tangible property; etc.

- HB 1213**      **Baltimore County Delegation**  
**Chapter 991**      BALTIMORE COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY  
Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Baltimore County.
- SB 1039**      **Frederick County Senators**  
**Chapter 993**      FREDERICK COUNTY – JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION  
PILOT PROGRAM  
Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Sixth Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Frederick County.
- HB 464**      **Delegate Martinez, et al**  
**Chapter 1048**      HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY –  
DEFINITION  
Altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure and regulation of audiologists to include certain procedures that do not require anesthesia.
- SB 795**      **Senator Gile, et al**  
**Chapter 1049**      HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY –  
DEFINITION  
Altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure and regulation of audiologists to include certain procedures that do not require anesthesia and certain screenings, testing, and imaging.

## 2023 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2024

**SB 483**

**Senator Lewis Young, et al**

**Chapter 586**

PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations by December 31, 2026 to identify additional standards for water quality testing; requiring the Department, subject to certain funding, and in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to utilize an online portal to receive and upload certain information and to provide public access to the information; requiring the Department of the Environment to consistently share the information collected with the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; etc.

**HB 11**

**Delegate Stewart**

**Chapter 587**

PRIVATE WELL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations by December 31, 2026, to identify additional standards for water quality testing; requiring the Department, subject to certain funding and in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to utilize an online portal to receive and upload certain information and to provide public access to the information; requiring the Department of the Environment to consistently share the information collected with the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; etc.

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## 2020 Chapter – Effective October 1, 2024

**HB 1122**  
**Chapter 429**

**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION – PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Excluding public institutions of higher education from certain provisions of law governing protection of information by government agencies; requiring public institutions of higher education to review and designate certain systems as systems of record based on certain criteria and to develop and adopt a certain privacy governance program to govern each system of record; requiring public institutions of higher education to develop and adopt a certain information security and risk management program for certain purposes; etc.

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