

April 9, 2024

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 9, 2024, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

[HB 1526](#)

Chapter 2

Delegate Clippinger, et al

MARYLAND PROTECTING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL TRADE (PORT) ACT

Establishing the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program and the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Fund; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt an individual from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce to establish certain temporary relief programs to provide assistance to individuals and certain entities impacted by a certain closure of the Port of Baltimore; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

[SB 1188](#)

Chapter 3

Senators Ferguson and Salling

MARYLAND PROTECTING OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL TRADE (PORT) ACT

Establishing the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program and the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to a student who was a dependent or is the surviving spouse of a fallen transportation worker; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce to establish programs to assist individuals and certain entities impacted by the reduced operations of the Port of Baltimore; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to alter certain unemployment eligibility requirements; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 375**
Chapter 4 **Delegate Korman, et al**
PORT OF BALTIMORE – RENAMING
Renaming the Port of Baltimore to be the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 156**
Chapter 5 **Senator Guzzone, et al**
PORT OF BALTIMORE – RENAMING
Renaming the Port of Baltimore to be the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 478**
Chapter 6 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
FAMILIES SERVE ACT OF 2024
Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to spouses of eligible service members; and requiring the appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government to apply a credit of 10 points on any selection test for eligible military spouses and veterans of certain uniformed services.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 580**
Chapter 7 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024
Increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of disaster service leave for employees in the Executive Branch of State government; and increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of paid leave the Secretary of Budget and Management may provide for uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a reserve unit of the armed forces or organized militia.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

[SB 477](#)

Chapter 8

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024

Increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of disaster service leave for employees in the Executive Branch of State government; and increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of paid leave the Secretary of Budget and Management may provide for uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a reserve unit of the armed forces or organized militia.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

[HB 55](#)

Chapter 9

Delegate Pruski, et al

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; requiring the Commission to consult with the Office of Military and Federal Affairs and the Maryland Military Installation Council as part of the study process; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

[SB 88](#)

Chapter 10

Senator Gile, et al

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study and make recommendations for developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 411

Chapter 11

Senator Gile, et al

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – RENAMING AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF MILITARY FAMILY POLICY AND
PROGRAMS

Renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Department of Veterans and Military Families; renaming the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families; requiring the Secretary to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs; and providing that the Department of Veterans and Military Families is the successor of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 431

Chapter 12

Delegate Pruski, et al

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – RENAMING AND
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF MILITARY FAMILY POLICY AND
PROGRAMS

Renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Department of Veterans and Military Families; renaming the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families; requiring the Secretary to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs; and providing that the Department of Veterans and Military Families is the successor of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 584

Chapter 13

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE
PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS (CARING FOR PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES IN THE SAFETY PROFESSIONS – CAPES ACT)

Providing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who have thyroid, colon, or ovarian cancer are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 476

Chapter 14

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS (CARING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THE SAFETY PROFESSIONS – CAPES ACT)

Providing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who have thyroid, colon, or ovarian cancer are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers’ compensation law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 646

Chapter 15

Delegate Simmons, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARY AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$7,000, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying police auxiliary or reserve volunteer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 108

Chapter 16

Senator Bailey, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – POLICE AUXILIARY AND RESERVE VOLUNTEERS

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$7,000, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying police auxiliary or reserve volunteer; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- HB 513**
Chapter 17 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS
– REVISIONS (MARYLAND ROAD WORKER PROTECTION ACT
OF 2024)
- Altering the distribution of revenue from civil fines collected through the use of work zone speed control systems; altering the highways on which a work zone speed control system may be used; clarifying that a system operator does not need to be present when a work zone speed control system is in use; altering the maximum penalty for a civil citation issued as a result of an image from a work zone speed control system; requiring the State Highway Administration to make a certain report; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 628**
Chapter 18 **Senator Gile, et al**
STATE FINANCE – CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN EMPLOYEE
ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND – NONCIVILIAN FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES
- Altering the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to noncivilian federal employees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 819**
Chapter 19 **Delegate Rogers, et al**
STATE FINANCE – CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN EMPLOYEE
ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND – NONCIVILIAN FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES
- Altering the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to noncivilian federal employees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 480
Chapter 20

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

PROTECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 585
Chapter 21

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

PROTECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 112
Chapter 22

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)

PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 291 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 23 **(By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 231 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 24 **Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs), et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – GOLD STAR AND NEXT OF KIN FAMILIES

Authorizing the recipient of a U.S. Department of Defense Next of Kin lapel button to apply for special registration plates; and waiving the initial vehicle registration fee associated with special registration plates issued to the recipient of a Gold Star or a Next of Kin lapel button.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – GOLD STAR AND NEXT OF KIN FAMILIES

Authorizing the recipient of a U.S. Department of Defense Next of Kin lapel button to apply for special registration plates; and waiving the initial vehicle registration fee associated with special registration plates issued to the recipient of a Gold Star or a Next of Kin lapel button.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 707

Chapter 26

Senator Jackson, et al

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1026

Chapter 27

Delegate Patterson, et al

**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; 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 418

Chapter 28

Delegate Stein, et al

**GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – MARYLAND
EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by removing the Director of the Governor’s Grants Office or the Director’s designee and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management regarding the creation of a State Grants Ombudsperson by July 1, 2025; altering certain reporting requirements; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2029.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SB 459**
Chapter 29 **Senator Kagan**
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – MARYLAND
EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS
Altering the composition of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by removing the Director of the Governor’s Grants Office or the Director’s designee and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations to the Department of Budget and Management regarding the creation of a State Grants Ombudsperson; altering certain reporting requirements; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2029.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 183**
Chapter 30 **Senator Bailey**
STATE PROCUREMENT – PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS
Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor to a supplier.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 342**
Chapter 31 **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
STATE PROCUREMENT – PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS
Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor to a supplier.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 146**
Chapter 32 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION
Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 221 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**
Chapter 33

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 215 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**
Chapter 34

HUMAN SERVICES – ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM – ONGOING ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Altering the purpose of the Attendant Care Program to include the provision of financial assistance for ongoing additional supports that increase an individual’s independent performance of essential daily activities and is requested by an eligible individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 226 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**
Chapter 35

HUMAN SERVICES – ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM – ONGOING ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

Altering the purpose of the Attendant Care Program to include the provision of financial assistance for ongoing additional supports that increase an eligible individual’s independent performance of essential daily living activities and is requested by an eligible individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 60 **Delegate Guyton**
Chapter 36

REHABILITATION SERVICES – DISABILITY – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “disability” relating to the provision of rehabilitation services in the State to align with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and defining “disability” as any physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment or independent living.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- HB 662**
Chapter 37 **Delegate Guyton, et al**
LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – CHILD CARE TEACHERS – MINIMUM AGE
- Requiring that certain regulations governing the registration and operation of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers require that child care teachers be at least 18 years old.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 678**
Chapter 38 **Delegates Harris and Boafo**
PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST – TARGETED RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH EFFORTS
- Altering certain principles of public higher education in the State to include a principle that public higher education in Maryland should be committed to promoting diversity and inclusion at certain institutions by attracting and graduating a diverse student body committed to service; requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a certain written policy related to targeted recruitment and outreach efforts in certain communities of interest; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 760**
Chapter 39 **Delegates Palakovich Carr and Hornberger**
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – REPORT
- Requiring each local school system, on or before November 1 of the third year of a 6–year audit cycle, to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on the status of implementation of corrective actions to address repeat findings and recommendations identified by the Office of Legislative Audits in the most recent audit; and requiring each local school system to publish the report on its website.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 1007
Chapter 40

Senator Hayes

STATE GOVERNMENT – EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Authorizing the Governor to appoint individuals to the State Board of Elections and the Accountability and Implementation Board during the recess of the Senate under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate if the term of office will end during the next upcoming recess of the Senate; authorizing the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate more than 40 days after the commencement of the regular legislative session and before Sine Die only if the Senate consents; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1048
Chapter 41

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT AND ACCESS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the membership and terms of members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council; altering the membership of the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access; and requiring the Commission, in coordination with the Council, to make recommendations regarding the continuation of the State's behavioral health carve-out and the financing structure and quality oversight necessary to integrate somatic and behavioral health services and ensure compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 212 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 42 **Health)**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT
AND ACCESS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership and terms of members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council; altering the membership of the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access; requiring the Commission, in coordination with the Council, to make recommendations regarding the continuation of the State’s behavioral health carve-out and the financing structure and quality oversight necessary to integrate somatic and behavioral health services and ensure compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 380 **Delegate Solomon, et al**
Chapter 43 **STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – LICENSES
AND CERTIFICATES – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 374

Chapter 44

Senator Waldstreicher

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 409

Chapter 46

Senators Klausmeier and Gile

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1521 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 47 **Request – Departmental – Health)**

MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY
AND ADMINISTRATION

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Children's Health Program; and repealing the requirement that the Program be administered, based on the family income of eligible individuals, through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and managed care organizations or the MCHP premium plan.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 219 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 48 **Health)**

SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending to December 31, 2030, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 222 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 49 **Health)**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 243 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 50 **Health)**

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND
THERAPISTS – BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE –
SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Committee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 144 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 51 **Departmental – Public Employee Relations Board)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 232 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 52 **Public Employee Relations Board)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 88 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 53 **Departmental – Education)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMMEDIATE VESTING

Providing that an individual serving as the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately vest in the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 266 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 54 **Departmental – Education)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMMEDIATE VESTING

Providing that an individual serving as the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately vest in the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 825 **Delegate Adams, et al**
Chapter 55 **LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing, from one member to two members, the number of public members from each area served by the participating library systems on the governing board for each regional resource center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 248 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 56 **(By Request – Departmental – State Library)**

LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Increasing, from one member to two members, the number of public members from each area served by the participating library systems on the governing board for each regional resource center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- 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”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 284**
Chapter 59 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**
EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION
Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 122**
Chapter 60 **Senator Augustine**
EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION
Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 386
Chapter 61

Delegate Feldmark

MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)

Clarifying that secondary schools participating in the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program may serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school; and authorizing elementary schools participating in the Program, subject to certain approval and allowances, to serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school, including from “Grab and Go” carts.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 425
Chapter 62

Senator Hettleman, et al

MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)

Clarifying that secondary schools participating in the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program may serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school; and authorizing elementary schools participating in the Program, subject to certain approval and allowances, to serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school, including from “Grab and Go” carts after the arrival of students to the school, provided that students are allowed to consume the meal in the classroom after the start of the school day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

[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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

[SB 143](#)

Chapter 65

Senator Gallion

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT

Clarifying a certain exemption from a certain reemployment offset for retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System and Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by a local school system under certain conditions; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to certain retirees who were reemployed by the Harford County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

[HB 1211](#)

Chapter 66

Delegate Adams, et al

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION
SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Repealing a certain exemption from certain reemployed retiree earnings offsets for certain retirees of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; repealing certain requirements that certain participating employers pay certain offsets under certain circumstances; establishing an exemption from a reemployed retiree earnings offset for retirees of the Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by certain employers if the retiree's salary is funded from certain sources; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SB 366** **Senators Mautz and Bailey**
Chapter 67 **EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES**
- Repealing a certain exemption from certain reemployed retiree earnings offsets for certain retirees of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; repealing certain requirements that certain participating employers pay certain offsets under certain circumstances; establishing an exemption from a reemployed retiree earnings offset for retirees of the Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by certain employers if the retiree's salary is funded from certain sources; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 26** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**
Chapter 68 **SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce to allow grants of up to \$10,000 in conjunction with a loan.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 215** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**
Chapter 69 **SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1487 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 70 **Departmental – Commerce)**

MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS

Reestablishing the Maryland Entertainment Council to be the Maryland Entertainment Industry Council within the Department of Commerce to assess the State’s existing assets, study certain existing State programs, agencies, and offices, and make recommendations on the development of a strategic plan for Maryland’s future in the entertainment industry; and requiring the Council to submit an annual report by January 1 each year and a report of certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 209 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 71 **Commerce)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain requirements relating to industry representation on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the purpose of the Commission; repealing a requirement that the Office of International Trade make a certain report to the Commission; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Tourism Development Board submit certain plans to the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 214 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 72 **Commerce)**

MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION COUNCIL –
MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council to include the Maryland Secretary of Labor or a designee, the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee, and the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County; and increasing the number of members selected by the Governor from 5 to 6 and requiring that at least one is a spouse of a service member.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 229 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 73 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COMPANIES
– REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in the Motor Vehicle Administration’s online verification program for vehicle insurance policies for law enforcement and administrative purposes; and requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

SB 254 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 74 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COMPANIES
– REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in the Administration’s online verification program for vehicle insurance policies for law enforcement and administrative purposes; and requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

SB 210 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 75 **Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS –
IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE DATE**

Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2030, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and COVID–19 immunizations under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 252 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 76 **(By Request – Departmental – Maryland Emergency
Management Agency)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 TRUST FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to authorize the use of certain allocated funds for the payment of the salary of certain personnel.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 255 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 77 **(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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 216 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 78 **Uninsured Employers’ Fund)**

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO INSURE –
PENALTIES

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the cap on penalties for an employer’s failure to secure required workers’ compensation insurance or comply with an order of the State Workers’ Compensation Commission regarding an employer’s failure to secure required workers’ compensation insurance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 283 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 79 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATION –
ATTESTATION OF GROSS INCOME

Authorizing an applicant for the homeowners’ property tax credit to attest to gross income on an application in lieu of providing an income tax return to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 268 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 80 **(By 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 45 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 81 **Request – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 284 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 82 **(By Request – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 109 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 83 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 281 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 84 **(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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 117 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 85 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 305 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 86 **(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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 235 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 87 **Request – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 253 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 88 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 17 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 90 **Request – Departmental – Planning)**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SUBCABINET AND REPEAL OF THE
OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

Repealing the Office of Smart Growth; repealing the position of Special Secretary of Smart Growth; renaming the Smart Growth Subcabinet to be the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet; and altering the membership and duties of the Subcabinet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 295 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 93 **(By 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 310 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 94 **(By 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 280 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 95 **Departmental – Secretary of State)**

NOTARIAL ACTS – PROTEST FORM REQUIREMENT – REPEAL
Repealing the requirement that a notary public use a certain protest form.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 292 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 96 **(By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE – TITLE
Altering the title of the Assistant Secretary of State to be “Deputy Secretary of State”.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 123 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 97 **Public 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 260 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 98 **Departmental – Public 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 222 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 99 **Public 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 251 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 100 **Departmental – Public 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 197 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 102 **Departmental – Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SEARCH
REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES DURING A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work–attached.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 234 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 103 **Labor)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SEARCH
REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES DURING A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work–attached.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 244 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 104 **Departmental – Labor)**

MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT –
CIVIL PENALTIES – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain civil penalties for violations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to annually increase the maximum and minimum civil penalties, beginning in 2025, by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or a successor index published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 224 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 106 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 297 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 107 **(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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 298 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 108 **(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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 237 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 109 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD LICENSE – GEAR

Repealing certain buffer zones within which a commercial northern snakehead licensee may not fish using bowfishing gear; and requiring a licensee who fishes for northern snakehead to comply with Department of Natural Resources regulations governing the use of gear.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 302 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 110 **(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD LICENSE – GEAR

Repealing certain buffer zones within which a commercial northern snakehead licensee may not fish using bowfishing gear; and requiring a licensee who fishes for northern snakehead to comply with Department of Natural Resources regulations governing the use of gear.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 299 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 111 **(By 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 300 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 112 **(By 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 301 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 113 **(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AQUACULTURE – PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, AND STRUCTURES ON SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION – EXTENSION

Extending to June 30, 2027, the authorization of a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases to, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements; and requiring, on or before June 1, 2025, and each June 1 for the next 2 years thereafter, the Department to report certain information to the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 303 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 114 **(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AQUACULTURE – DEFINITION OF SHELLFISH – ALTERATION
Altering the definition of “shellfish” as it relates to certain provisions of law governing aquaculture to include live bivalves and bivalve shells.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 23 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 115 **Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance**
 Administration)

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS – DENTAL COVERAGE
Repealing a certain provision of law providing that a qualified health plan is not required under certain circumstances to provide essential benefits that duplicate the minimum benefits of qualified dental plans; and repealing the authority of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to require children enrolling in a qualified health plan to have essential pediatric dental benefits required by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

SB 228 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 116 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS – DENTAL COVERAGE
Repealing a certain provision of law providing that a qualified health plan is not required under certain circumstances to provide essential benefits that duplicate the minimum benefits of qualified dental plans; and repealing the authority of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to require children enrolling in a qualified health plan to have essential pediatric dental benefits required by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HB 30 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 117 **Request – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 67 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 119 **Departmental – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 229 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 120 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 252 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 121 **Departmental – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Sincerely,

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Executive Director