

May 9, 2024

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 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:

SB 482 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 408

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN – ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM (ENOUGH ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Governor’s Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor’s Office for Children as the head of the Office; requiring the Special Secretary to chair the Children’s Cabinet; requiring the Office to staff the Children’s Cabinet; requiring the Children’s Cabinet to meet not less than four times each year; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board, in consultation with certain departments, to submit a certain recommendation to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1206 Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 409

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. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1524 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Maryland**
Chapter 410 **Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority)**

**HORSE RACING – RACING FACILITY OWNERSHIP AND
CONSTRUCTION – RACING OPERATIONS**

Altering the location, type, and ownership of horse racing facilities that the Maryland Stadium Authority is authorized to finance; increasing the amount of debt that the Maryland Stadium Authority may issue for certain purposes in connection with certain racing facilities; requiring the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority to prepare certain financial statements; requiring the Authority to submit a copy of any lease of the Pimlico racing facility to the Legislative Policy Committee for review and comment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 474 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 411 **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AND RELATED APPROVALS – DEFINITION OF GENERATING
STATION (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE STREAMLINING ACT
OF 2024)**

Altering and establishing the definition of “generating station” for the purpose of exempting the construction of certain generating facilities used to produce electricity for the purpose of onsite emergency backup and certain test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances; and altering the distribution of income tax revenue from corporations that is attributable to certain data centers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 581 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 412

STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND
CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each principal department and independent unit to create a catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and to submit the catalog to the Governor on or before October 1, 2024; requiring each department and independent unit to post certain completed information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of each department or independent unit by October 1, 2025; and establishing the Government Efficiency Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 472 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 413

STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND
CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each principal department and independent unit to create a catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and submit the catalog to the Governor on or before October 1, 2024; requiring each principal department and independent unit to post a completed update of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of the department or independent unit on or before October 1, 2025; and establishing the Government Efficiency Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 664 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**

Chapter 414

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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 575 **Senator Corderman (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al**

Chapter 415

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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1064 **Delegate Hartman, et al**

Chapter 416

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DEATH BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for the payment of a death benefit under a collective bargaining agreement to a spouse or beneficiary of a law enforcement officer or fire fighter whose death arises out of the course of employment; and applying the Act retroactively to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 897

Chapter 417

Senator Carozza, et al

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DEATH BENEFITS – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for the payment of a death benefit under a collective bargaining agreement from a county or municipality in the State to the surviving spouse or other beneficiary of a law enforcement officer or fire fighter whose death arises out of or in the course of employment as a law enforcement officer or fire fighter; and applying the Act retroactively to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 740

Chapter 418

Senator Gile, et al

OPERATING A VESSEL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL – ENFORCEMENT (NICK’S LAW)

Altering the time period within which a court may prohibit a person convicted under certain circumstances of operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol from operating a vessel on the waters of the State; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Natural Resources Police Force, to establish and maintain a database of persons prohibited from operating a vessel on the waters of the State due to a certain conviction for operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 109

Senator Gile

Chapter 420

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 with pay 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1128

**Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Labor)**

Chapter 421

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT –
TALENT INNOVATION PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Talent Innovation Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to increase access to high-quality job training by using innovative and sustainable talent financing mechanisms to help meet skill needs in the State’s prominent and emerging industry sectors; and requiring the Department, beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on Program activities and use of the Talent Innovation Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 250 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 422 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 258 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 423 **(By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES – ENERGY CONSERVATION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Altering the State's goals for reducing energy consumption in State buildings; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to update the High Performance Green Building Program to ensure that the Program aligns with certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; requiring the Department of General Services to identify State-owned facilities that are potential candidates for energy performance contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 233 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 424 **Request – 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.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 78 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 425 **Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**

**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – GOVERNANCE AND
REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain responsibilities to an employee of the Service; altering the obligations of the Service after receiving a request for services and after entering into a contract; requiring that an audit be made of the financial books, records, and accounts of the Service by November 15 each year; and requiring the Service to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities by November 15 each year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 183 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 426 **Departmental – Human Services)**

**HUMAN SERVICES – FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND
HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS**

Making technical and clarifying changes to the administration of certain food supplement benefits for children; authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain funding to provide certain matching funds to a county to supplement certain benefits and to offset certain administrative costs; altering certain eligibility and certain requirements for the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarships; and authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to prorate scholarship repayment under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 270 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 428 **Departmental – 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 271 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 430 **(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTION LAW – REVISIONS

Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names and addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of a felony in the respective court and sentenced to imprisonment with commitment papers; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations establishing an appeals process regarding certain requests to use public buildings as early voting centers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HB 1296 **Delegates Wilson and Crosby**
Chapter 431

ELECTRICITY – OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to open a revised Round 2 proceeding on June 1, 2024, to evaluate certain offshore wind projects; prohibiting the Commission from approving an application for an offshore wind project unless the application includes commitments for in-State expenditures and investments; requiring the Commission to develop a certain plan to include a schedule of offshore wind energy procurements and proposed amounts of offshore wind energy for procurement through 2031; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 448** **Senator Muse, et al**
Chapter 434 **COMMISSION TO STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS IN MARYLAND**
- Establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland to study the history of the African American soldiers who fought for the Union Army in Maryland and to make findings and recommendations regarding the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to the African American Civil War soldiers; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 918 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)

Chapter 435

STATE TREASURER AND COMPTROLLER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing related authority and duties; removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council; and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee as a member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 777 The President (By Request – State Treasurer)

Chapter 436

STATE TREASURER AND COMPTROLLER – MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Removing the State Treasurer from the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and repealing certain related authority and duties; removing the State Treasurer or the State Treasurer’s designee from the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council; and adding the Comptroller or the Comptroller’s designee as a member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and the Coast Smart Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 1012 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)

Chapter 437

STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS – INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED

Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

- SB 775** **The President (By Request – State Treasurer)**
Chapter 438 **STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS – INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED**
- Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 669** **Senator Charles**
Chapter 440 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 524** **Senator M. Washington**
Chapter 441 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS – GENDER–NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**
- Altering certain terminology that refers to chairs and vice chairs of committees of the General Assembly to be gender–neutral.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

- SB 1084** **Senator M. Washington**
Chapter 442 **WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING – ESTABLISHED**
- Establishing the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing to study and make recommendations regarding certain services, programs, advocacy, outreach efforts, and other items to improve the quality of life of individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 1069** **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
Chapter 443 **WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING – ESTABLISHED**
- Establishing the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing to study and make recommendations regarding certain services, programs, advocacy, outreach efforts, and other items to improve the quality of life of individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 432** **Delegate Kaufman, et al**
Chapter 444 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 808** **Senator Carozza, et al**
Chapter 445 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 840** **Delegate Hartman**
Chapter 446 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 437** **Delegate Wivell, et al**
Chapter 447 **MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**
- Codifying provisions relating to the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; altering and clarifying the composition of the Council to include certain public and private sector members; requiring the Council to submit interim reports of its work to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025; and requiring the Council to submit a final report of its work and recommendations by June 30, 2026.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 999 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 448

WORKGROUP ON ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY BEST PRACTICES AND INNOVATION
NETWORK

Establishing the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network to identify and analyze options for establishing and maintaining an open access science, technology, and innovation network or hub of citizen scientists and experts in science, technology, and industry for certain purposes; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 1203 **Delegate Smith**

Chapter 449

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 1068 **Senator Kagan**

Chapter 450

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –
EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 3–1–1 PORTAL USING
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Information Technology evaluate the feasibility of creating a 3–1–1 portal utilizing artificial intelligence and that the Department prioritize the creation of the portal if feasible.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 882 **Delegate Rosenberg**
Chapter 451 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 951 **Senator Hettleman**
Chapter 452 ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT WORKGROUP

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to report its framework for reliability and reporting standards for electric vehicle charging stations and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before November 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1028 **Delegate Allen**
Chapter 453 ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT WORKGROUP

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup to study certain standards related to EV charging stations; and requiring the Workgroup to report its framework and recommendations to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before November 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 567

Chapter 454

Delegate Love, et al

MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 541

Chapter 455

Senator Gile, et al

MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024

Regulating the manner in which a controller or a processor in possession of a consumer's personal data may process the consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller to comply with a consumer's request to exercise a certain right in a certain manner, except under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 539

Chapter 456

Senator Gile, et al

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS

Requiring the listing for a ticket and each step of a transaction to purchase a ticket to disclose certain information, including the total price of the ticket; repealing the exceptions to the prohibition against a reseller selling or offering to sell speculative tickets; prohibiting a secondary ticket exchange from providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket that violates the Act; and requiring a ticket issuer, secondary ticket exchange, or reseller to provide a refund under certain conditions.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1511

Delegate Love

Chapter 457

FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – MODIFICATIONS

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain model local government ordinance by July 1, 2025, and adopt certain regulations relating to forest conservation on or before July 1, 2026; providing that a solar voltaic facilities granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity before July 1, 2023, may not be subject to certain afforestation requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1032

Delegate Solomon, et al

Chapter 458

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1044

Delegate Solomon

Chapter 459

STATE AGENCY WORKFORCE POLICY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Repealing the requirement that an appointing authority send a copy of the selection plan and job announcement to the Secretary of Budget and Management at least 1 week before posting a job announcement; and repealing the requirement that the appointing authority wait until after the close of a position announcement to review qualified applicants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 760

Chapter 463

Senator Kramer

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES OF GIFT CARDS
(GIFT CARD SCAMS PREVENTION ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting a merchant from selling a certain open– or closed–loop gift card to a consumer unless the merchant meets certain requirements; requiring a certain merchant to provide training to all employees of the merchant on identifying and responding to gift card fraud; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection to create a certain notice and issue certain guidelines regarding gift card fraud; requiring a certain third–party gift card reseller to record and maintain a copy of certain information for at least 3 years; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 42

Senator Kelly

Chapter 466

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 113

Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 467

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 193

Delegates Lehman and Pena–Melnyk

Chapter 468

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 781

Chapter 470

Senator James

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REGIONAL ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP OF MARYLAND – ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland; altering the purposes and duties of the Partnership and composition of the Executive Board of the Partnership; and renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 178 **Delegate Griffith**

Chapter 472

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 55 **Senators Smith and James**

Chapter 473

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 960 **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 474

**MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER – CLIMATE
TECHNOLOGY FOUNDER’S FUND**

Establishing the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund in the Maryland Clean Energy Center; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to provide at least \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year for fiscal years 2025 through 2028 to the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund; authorizing the Governor, on or before June 30, 2024, to transfer up to \$2,200,000 of funds in the the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to the Climate Technology Founder’s Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 959

Senator Feldman

Chapter 475

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1256

Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Chapter 476

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 323

Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 477

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 337** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 478 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 850** **Senator Corderman**
Chapter 479 STATE PERSONNEL – LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH AND FUNERAL
BENEFITS
- Increasing to \$25,000 the maximum amount of funeral expenses that may be provided for a line-of-duty death of certain public safety officers and indexing the benefit to inflation; repealing an offset against certain funeral expenses for the line-of-duty death of certain public safety officers; increasing the maximum amount of line-of-duty death benefits for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; providing a funeral expense benefit for a line-of-duty death for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024
- SB 573** **Senator Corderman**
Chapter 480 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- HB 756** **Delegate Hutchinson, et al**
Chapter 481 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 996** **Delegate White Holland**
Chapter 482 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 764** **Delegate Shetty, et al**
Chapter 483 STATE LOTTERY FUND – BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND DISTRIBUTION AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY FUND – ALTERATIONS
- Repealing a certain limitation on the State Lottery Fund distribution and allocating an amount equal to \$27,000,000 each fiscal year to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund for bus rapid transit system grants; adding an authorized use for the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund; requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority, by December 15, 2024, to submit to certain committees of the General Assembly a report on all public and private development activities currently under construction in the Blue Line Corridor; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 871 **Delegate Jackson**

Chapter 484

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 768 **Delegate D. Jones**

Chapter 485

JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Establishing a line-of-duty special death benefit for members of the Judges' Retirement System; providing for health benefits for a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent who is receiving a special death benefit for the death of a member of the Judges' Retirement System; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to any member of the Judges' Retirement System who is killed prior to the effective date of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 604 **Senator Corderman, et al**

Chapter 486

JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Establishing a line-of-duty special death benefit for members of the Judges' Retirement System; providing for health benefits for a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent who is receiving a special death benefit for the death of a member of the Judges' Retirement System; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to any member of the Judges' Retirement System who is killed prior to the effective date of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 533

Chapter 489

Senator Gallion

**FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES AND TROUT STAMPS –
COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES AND STAMP EXEMPTION –
VETERANS DETERMINED TO BE UNEMPLOYABLE**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue certain complimentary fishing and hunting licenses to certain veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable; and exempting certain veterans who the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines are unemployable from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 715

Chapter 490

Delegate Griffith, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 616 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 493

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering prohibitions on grants from the Maryland Historical Trust; authorizing the Governor, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Trust to be used to provide grants to museums under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 688 **Delegate Barnes**

Chapter 494

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering prohibitions on grants from the Maryland Historical Trust; authorizing the Governor beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Trust to be used to provide grants to museums under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1212 **Delegate J. Lewis**

Chapter 495

STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY – DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Establishing that the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency shall employ a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the State Retirement Agency; requiring the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to identify and minimize barriers to ensure access and opportunities to underrepresented groups; requiring the Executive Director to terminate the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 818

Chapter 496

Senator Hester, et al

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE –
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring each unit of State government to conduct certain inventories and a certain assessment on or before certain dates; prohibiting the Department of Information Technology from making certain information publicly available under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, in consultation with a certain subcabinet, to adopt certain policies and procedures concerning the development, procurement, deployment, use, and assessment of systems that employ artificial intelligence by units of State government; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 982

Chapter 497

Senator Hester, et al

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MODERNIZATION OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS**

Altering the duties of the Secretary of Information Technology related to modernization of information technology systems; renaming the Major Information Technology Development Fund; requiring 20% of the amount appropriated to the Fund to be set aside for expedited projects each fiscal year; requiring the Board of Public Works to expedite the placement on an agenda and approval of certain contracts; altering the name, duties, and membership of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission; and providing for the terms of certain Commission members.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 165

Chapter 498

Delegate J. Lewis

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring 20% of certain State aid for highway user revenues and disparity grants to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 2 calendar years after the deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition; and applying the Act beginning with the fiscal year 2024 audits that are required to be submitted under certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 747 **Senators Guzzone and Benson**

Chapter 499

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring 20% of State aid for the current fiscal year for highway user revenues and disparity grants to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 2 calendar years after the deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition; and applying the Act beginning with the fiscal year 2024 audits that are required to be submitted under a certain provision of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 990 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 500

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 1144 **Senators Guzzone and Elfreth**

Chapter 501

**CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACCOUNT – CONTRACTS FOR
THE PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in entering into a certain contract under the Clean Water Commerce Account for the purchase of a certain environmental outcome, to allow certain nonuniform payment schedules for certain purposes; and authorizing the Department, in order to ensure certain outcomes, to require a minimum final payment and, for a contract award greater than \$500,000, additional financial protections, including a letter of credit, insurance instrument, or performance bond.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1266

Chapter 502

Delegate Stein

CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACCOUNT – CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in entering into a certain contract under the Clean Water Commerce Account for the purchase of an environmental outcome, to allow for nonuniform payment schedules for certain purposes; and authorizing the Department to require a certain payment or certain financial protections for contracts of a certain size to ensure certain outcomes. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1509

Chapter 503

Delegate Stein, et al

BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE MODEL WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Model Workgroup to study the regional water governance approach in the Baltimore region; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before June 30, 2027, its findings to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 700

Chapter 504

Delegates D. Jones and Fair

ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – REVISIONS

Requiring the State Board to develop and implement a marketing campaign to recruit individuals to serve as election judges; authorizing a local board to supplement the marketing campaign implemented by the State Board; requiring that a county employee who serves as an election judge during hours that the employee is scheduled to work receive certain administrative leave and certain election judge compensation; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations related to service as an election judge; etc. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HB 914 **Delegates D. Jones and Pippy**

Chapter 505 **WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 746 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 506 **WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 504 **Delegate Watson**

Chapter 507 **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – APPROPRIATION TO THE MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE**

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 each year to the Department of Planning to be used as a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; and requiring the Maryland Humanities Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 596 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 508

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – APPROPRIATION TO THE MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 816 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 509

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBER MARYLAND FUND AND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Cyber Maryland Fund; altering the uses of the Fund to include administrative expenses of the Program, including hiring staff, consultants, and other professionals as necessary to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Fund; requiring the Corporation to adopt standards for awarding grants; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$99,000 for the Fund to be used for talent pipeline management.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 683 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 510

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- HB 561** **Delegate Watson**
Chapter 511 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 807** **Delegate Stein, et al**
Chapter 512 **NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION SURVEYS**
- Altering the definition of “aerial survey” for purposes of surveying submerged aquatic vegetation to include other surveys that encompass certain geographic areas and use certain methodologies; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study and report to the General Assembly on the implications and feasibility of using alternative methods other than an aerial survey to delineate SAV protection zones on or before December 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024
- HB 434** **Delegate Atterbeary**
Chapter 513 **PERSONS PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION – STATEMENT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS – EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFITS**
- Exempting nonprofit organizations qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from the requirement for a person providing lobbyist compensation to file a statement of political contributions with the State Board of Elections.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- HB 410**
Chapter 514 **Delegate Atterbeary**
MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS
- Specifying that the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation may be used only to make certain awards and to pay the costs of administering the Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 457**
Chapter 515 **Senator A. Washington**
MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS
- Specifying certain authorized uses of the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 148**
Chapter 516 **Senator A. Washington, et al**
COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM –
FUNDING FOR UNDERSERVED AND OVERBURDENED
COMMUNITIES
- Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of up to \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 449 **Delegate Ivey, et al**
Chapter 517 **COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM –
FUNDING FOR UNDERSERVED AND OVERBURDENED
COMMUNITIES**

Requiring at least 40% of funding provided under the comprehensive flood management grant program to be used for projects located in or directly benefiting underserved or overburdened communities; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of up to \$20,000,000 for the comprehensive flood management grant program in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 613 **Delegate Boyce, et al**
Chapter 518 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 512 **Delegate Boyce, et al**
Chapter 519 **NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES – REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain persons licensed or regulated with respect to fish and fisheries by the Department of Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SB 1118** **Senator Guzzone**
Chapter 520 **NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain persons licensed or regulated with respect to fish and fisheries by the Department of Natural Resources to submit reports in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 782** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 521 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 838** **Senators Gallion and Folden**
Chapter 522 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 196** **Senator Gallion, et al**
Chapter 523 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 1134

Chapter 527

Senator McKay

**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County, including athletic fields, indoor athletic facilities, and other facilities for recreational tourism; and requiring the Authority to annually report its activities to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly beginning October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 787

Chapter 528

Delegate Buckel, et al

**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County, including athletic fields, indoor athletic facilities, and other facilities for recreational tourism; and requiring the Authority to annually report its activities to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly beginning October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 738 **Delegate Wims, et al**
Chapter 530 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 991 **Delegate Love, et al**
Chapter 531 AGRICULTURE – FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS
 UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a food processing residuals utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing food processing residuals in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide a certain notice and information to certain persons in a county where food processing residuals will be stored; establishing the Food Processing Residuals Administration Fund; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where food processing residuals are utilized; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 1074 **Senator Ready, et al**
Chapter 532 AGRICULTURE – FOOD PROCESSING RESIDUALS
 UTILIZATION PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a food processing residuals utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing food processing residuals in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide a certain notice and information to certain persons in a county where food processing residuals will be stored; establishing the Food Processing Residuals Administration Fund; authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where food processing residuals are utilized; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 126

Chapter 533

Senators Augustine and Feldman

TRANSPORTATION – WMATA OPERATING ASSISTANCE –
ALTERATION (MARYLAND METRO FUNDING ACT OF 2024)

Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State’s share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State’s operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year; and requiring the Secretary to withhold 35% of the State’s share of grants for the District under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 198

Chapter 534

Delegates Korman and J. Lewis

TRANSPORTATION – WMATA OPERATING ASSISTANCE –
ALTERATION (MARYLAND METRO FUNDING ACT OF 2024)

Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State’s share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State’s operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 1

Chapter 537

Senator Augustine

ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Altering a certain charge that may be assessed to a public service company; providing for the recovery of certain costs through rates; establishing an energy salesperson license for certain persons that offer or sell electricity supply agreements or gas supply agreements to customers in the State; establishing an energy vendor license for certain persons that provide energy sales services in the State; prohibiting a certain electricity supplier from marketing electricity as green power unless certain conditions are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 659

Chapter 538

Senator Augustine

PRINCE GEORGE'S GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority to meet at least four times per year; and requiring staff of the Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority to provide support for the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 864 **Delegates Crosby and Qi**

Chapter 539

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLANS

Requiring each electric company, each gas company, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a plan for achieving certain energy efficiency, conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets through certain programs and services and superseding certain existing energy efficiency and conservation goals; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a working group to study and make recommendations on extending certain program assistance to certain moderate-income households; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1393 **Delegate Crosby**

Chapter 540

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 481 **Delegate Hutchinson, et al**

Chapter 541

NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SB 367**
Chapter 542 **Senator Mautz**
NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION
- Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 1231**
Chapter 543 **Delegate Adams, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERIES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT
- Repealing a provision of law prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from taking any action to reduce or alter the boundaries of certain oyster sanctuaries until the Department has developed a certain updated fishery management plan for oysters; requiring the fishery management plan to end the overfishing of oysters in all areas and regions of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries where overfishing has occurred; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 922**
Chapter 544 **Senators Mautz and Bailey**
NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERIES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT
- Repealing a provision of law prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from taking any action to reduce or alter the boundaries of certain oyster sanctuaries until the Department has developed a certain updated fishery management plan for oysters.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 1512**
Chapter 545 **Delegates Adams and Hutchinson**
BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES – SUNSET REPEAL
- Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law that expand the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to a certain existing municipal wastewater facility.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 256 **Delegate D. Jones, et al**

Chapter 546

**WATERWAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS) –
STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System to notify members of the public of certain waterway emergencies; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 166 **Senator Bailey**

Chapter 547

**WATERWAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (WINS) –
STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to study issues and factors regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) to notify members of the public of certain waterway emergencies; and requiring the Department to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an interim report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 973 **Delegate Valentine, et al**

Chapter 548

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 857

Chapter 550

Delegate D. Jones

SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – HARVEST HOURS

Repealing a restriction which prohibited the harvesting of shellfish between the hours of sunset and sunrise from certain areas leased for aquaculture; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation the hours for harvesting shellfish within leased areas.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 879

Chapter 551

Senator Klausmeier, et al

SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – HARVEST HOURS

Repealing a restriction on the harvesting of shellfish between the hours of sunset and sunrise from certain areas leased for aquaculture; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation the hours for harvesting shellfish within leased areas.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 178

Chapter 552

Senator Klausmeier

AGRICULTURE – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the State Highway Administration’s pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 22

Chapter 553

Delegate Ruth, et al

AGRICULTURE – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLAN – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the State Highway Administration’s pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1153

Chapter 556

Delegate Love, et al

ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL –
PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION
(PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to identify significant industrial users that currently and intentionally use PFAS chemicals by July 1, 2026; requiring the Department to develop certain PFAS monitoring and testing criteria for certain significant industrial users by January 1, 2025; requiring the Department by June 1, 2025, to develop PFAS action levels for addressing PFAS contamination from industrial discharge for pretreatment permits; requiring the Department to develop mitigation plans by September 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 956 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 557

ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL –
PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION
(PROTECTING STATE WATERS FROM PFAS POLLUTION ACT)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to identify significant industrial users that currently and intentionally use PFAS chemicals by October 1, 2024; requiring the Department to develop certain PFAS monitoring and testing criteria for significant industrial users by January 1, 2025; requiring the Department to develop PFAS action levels for addressing PFAS contamination from industrial discharge for pretreatment permits by June 1, 2025; requiring the Department to develop certain mitigation plans by September 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1165 **Delegate Love, et al**

Chapter 558

WATERSHED, STREAM, AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION –
CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION
AND STREAM AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION FUNDING
(WHOLE WATERSHED ACT)

Requiring, in each fiscal year from 2026 through 2030, up to \$100,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used to fund certain operations grants at a rate of \$20,000 per project sponsor each fiscal year; authorizing the use of the Waterway Improvement Fund for projects that involve the beneficial use of dredged material and for certain water quality monitoring; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from reducing certain monitoring requirements for certain projects; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 969

Chapter 559

Senator Elfreth, et al

**WATERSHED, STREAM, AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION –
CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS RESTORATION
AND STREAM AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION FUNDING
(WHOLE WATERSHED ACT)**

Requiring, in each fiscal year from 2026 through 2030, up to \$100,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used to fund certain operations grants at a rate of \$20,000 per project sponsor each fiscal year; establishing the Whole Watershed Restoration Partnership to accelerate restoration of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays and their watersheds; authorizing the use of the Waterway Improvement Fund for projects that involve the beneficial use of dredged material and for certain water quality monitoring; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 674

Chapter 560

Senator Elfreth, et al

**ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS AND WATERWAY
IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS**

Requiring the owner of a vessel that is required to be numbered to include certain contact information for each owner of the vessel with the application for a certificate of number; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, before and after seizing, removing, or taking an abandoned or sunken vessel into custody, to attempt to contact certain individuals in a certain manner; requiring the Department to distribute at least \$250,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund each fiscal year to a certain organization for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 835

Senator Hester

Chapter 561

ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, on or before December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits for approval; and requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 992

Delegate Stein

Chapter 562

ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, by December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits for approval; and requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 570 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 563

PUBLIC UTILITIES – THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK SYSTEMS
– AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT (WORKING FOR
ACCESSIBLE RENEWABLE MARYLAND THERMAL HEAT
(WARMTH) ACT)

Requiring certain gas companies and authorizing certain gas companies to develop a plan for a pilot thermal energy network system or systems by October 1, 2024; requiring a gas company that serves at least 75,000 customers in its distribution territory to submit either one or two proposals for a pilot system to the Public Service Commission for approval by July 1, 2025; authorizing a municipal corporation, county, or community organization to submit neighborhoods to gas companies for consideration as part of a pilot system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 397 **Delegate Charkoudian**

Chapter 564

PUBLIC UTILITIES – THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK SYSTEMS
– AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT (WORKING FOR
ACCESSIBLE RENEWABLE MARYLAND THERMAL HEAT
(WARMTH) ACT)

Requiring gas companies serving at least 75,000 customers in their distribution territories and authorizing gas companies serving fewer than 75,000 customers to develop a plan for a pilot thermal energy network system or systems on or before October 1, 2024; requiring certain gas companies to submit a certain proposal or proposals to the Public Service Commission for approval on or before July 1, 2025; authorizing certain entities or a community organization to submit neighborhoods for consideration as part of a pilot system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 710

Chapter 565

Delegate Rogers, et al

**BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS –
SPECIAL FUND AND FEES**

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing annually by more than 12.5% of certain existing and corresponding fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 559

Chapter 566

Senator Beidle

**BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS –
SPECIAL FUND AND FEES**

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing by more than a certain amount each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- HB 420** **Delegate Lehman, et al**
Chapter 568 **STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – PLAY AREA ACCESSIBILITY – RECREATION COMMUNICATION BOARDS PILOT PROGRAM**
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct communication boards in certain newly constructed public play areas; defining “communication board” as a device that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to communicate; establishing the Maryland Recreation Communication Boards Pilot Program, subject to funding, to improve play area accessibility by covering the cost of purchasing and installing communication boards at State and local parks; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 601** **Delegate Lehman, et al**
Chapter 569 **STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES**
- Altering certain penalties and points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the public; establishing certain affirmative defenses to a certain charge of exhibition driving; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024
- SB 442** **Senator Beidle, et al**
Chapter 570 **STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES**
- Altering certain penalties and points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the public; and establishing certain affirmative defenses to a certain charge of exhibition driving.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

- SB 207** **Senators Bailey and Jennings**
Chapter 571 NATURAL RESOURCES – NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD – COMMON
NAME

Establishing the common name of the northern snakehead as the
“Chesapeake Channa”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 19** **Delegate T. Morgan, et al**
Chapter 572 NATURAL RESOURCES – NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD – COMMON
NAME

Establishing the common name of the northern snakehead as the
“Chesapeake Channa”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 32** **Senators Bailey and Klausmeier**
Chapter 573 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL
AND RESOURCE–BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION – LOANS

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland
Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation
to provide loans not exceeding \$10,000 for each seasonal full–time job;
expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan
Program within the Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025,
individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial
fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the
Potomac River Fisheries Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 120 **Delegate T. Morgan, et al**

Chapter 574

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL
AND RESOURCE–BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION – LOANS**

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans of up to \$10,000 for each seasonal full–time job; expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program within the Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 589 **Senator Bailey, et al**

Chapter 575

**TRI–COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –
SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION – FUNDING**

Increasing, from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; and repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 812

Chapter 576

Delegate J. Long, et al

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –
SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION – FUNDING

Increasing from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 417

Chapter 579

Senator Hayes

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION – STATE ADMINISTRATOR,
LOCAL BOARDS, AND ELECTION DIRECTORS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to evaluate the performance of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the State Administrator to provide a performance evaluation of the election director of each local board of elections to the local board; requiring each local board to confer with the State Administrator in appointing an election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 877

Chapter 580

Delegate Phillips, et al

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPARENCY DATA
DASHBOARD**

Requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Board of Public Works' website a procurement transparency data dashboard; establishing a governance committee composed of the liaisons to the Board from the offices of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to review the contents of the dashboard for accuracy and completeness; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill such sums as are necessary for one full-time position and data dashboard development software. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 703

Chapter 581

Senators Hayes and Charles

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPARENCY DATA
DASHBOARD**

Requiring the Comptroller to develop and maintain on the Board of Public Works' website a procurement transparency data dashboard; establishing a governance committee composed of the liaisons to the Board from the offices of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to review the contents of the dashboard for accuracy; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill an amount necessary for one full-time position and software needed to develop and maintain the dashboard; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 672** **Senator Charles**
Chapter 585 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 552** **Delegate Boyce**
Chapter 586 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 1** **Delegate Boyce, et al**
Chapter 587 **MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP**
- Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment by July 1, 2025, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint beginning January 1, 2026 unless an approved Paint Stewardship Program has been implemented by certain producers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 325 **Senators Brooks and West**

Chapter 588 **MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP**

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment by July 1, 2025, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint beginning January 1, 2026 unless an approved Paint Stewardship Program has been implemented by certain producers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 915 **Senator Brooks**

Chapter 589 **AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – REGULATION
(BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State, including repealing certain provisions of law relating to a two-tiered regulatory approach and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation in a certain manner on or before October 1, 2024; establishing certain protocols for assessing certain nonnative plants and determining whether those plants are invasive or whether the plants may be placed on a certain watch list; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 979 **Delegate Foley, et al**

Chapter 590 **AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – REGULATION
(BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State, including repealing certain provisions of law relating to a two-tiered regulatory approach and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation in a certain manner on or before October 1, 2024; establishing certain protocols for assessing certain nonnative plants and determining whether those plants are invasive or whether the plants may be placed on a certain watch list; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

- SB 508** **Senators Bailey and Hester**
Chapter 591 HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE
ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$200.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 497** **Delegate Hornberger, et al**
Chapter 592 HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE
ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$200.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 562** **Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones**
Chapter 593 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 507** **Senators Bailey and Hester**
Chapter 594 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 783

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 595

PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS, MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND, AND PREVAILING WAGE (BRIGHTER TOMORROW ACT)

Requiring that certain home improvement contracts for the installation of a solar energy generating system on the roof of a building include the installation of a certain wildlife barrier under certain circumstances; requiring a county or municipality to implement certain software for features supporting the tracking and approval of residential building permits for residential solar energy and energy storage systems and main electric panel upgrades and derates on or before August 1, 2025, except under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 547

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 596

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 379

Delegate Love, et al

Chapter 597

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 368** **Senators Waldstreicher and Gile**
Chapter 598 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY**
- Repealing a limitation for members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive certain service credit for active duty with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 1028** **Senator Waldstreicher**
Chapter 599 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 1168** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 600 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 149** **Senator Waldstreicher**
Chapter 601 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 176** **Delegate Foley**
Chapter 602 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 345** **Senator Waldstreicher**
Chapter 603 **TRANSPORTATION – VISION ZERO – IMPLEMENTATION**
- Establishing certain standards and requirements for implementing the Vision Zero program under the Maryland Department of Transportation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 544** **Senators Waldstreicher and West**
Chapter 604 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 780 **Delegate Embry, et al**
Chapter 612 **COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS – SECURITY CONTRACTS**
Providing that competitive sealed proposals is the preferred procurement method for a contract for security services with an expected value that is greater than \$1,000,000.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1451 **Delegate Embry**
Chapter 613 **ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED**
Establishing the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists; requiring the Workgroup to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2025, a preliminary report on its findings, including research, case studies, and examples of approaches used to support artists in other areas; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report by October 1, 2025, with recommendations on any necessary budget, facilities, or in-kind services to support local artists.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 764 **Senators Hayes and Kagan**
Chapter 614 **ARTS INCUBATOR WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHED**
Establishing the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists; and requiring the Workgroup to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a preliminary report on its findings, including research, case studies, and examples of approaches used to support artists in other areas, by January 1, 2025, and a final report on its recommendations, including any necessary budget, facilities, or in-kind services that are needed or could be used to support local artists, by October 1, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 804

Chapter 615

Senator Brooks

NORTHWEST BALTIMORE COUNTY SPORTS TOURISM FACILITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority to conduct a certain feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a sports tourism facility at Reisterstown Regional Park in northwest Baltimore County; requiring the Authority to consult with certain governments, stakeholders and entities in conducting the study; and requiring the Authority to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 741

Chapter 616

Baltimore County Delegation

NORTHWEST BALTIMORE COUNTY SPORTS TOURISM FACILITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority to conduct a certain feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a sports tourism facility at Reisterstown Regional Park in northwest Baltimore County; requiring the Authority to consult with certain governments, stakeholders, and entities; and requiring the Authority to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 262 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

Chapter 618

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 41

Senator Lam

Chapter 619

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 345

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

Chapter 620

FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – DEFINITIONS, PETITIONS, AND REGULATIONS

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life needs, habitat requirements, and status of the species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and altering the definitions of “fish” and “wildlife” for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 916

Senator Brooks

Chapter 621

FISH AND WILDLIFE – ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – DEFINITIONS, PETITIONS, AND REGULATIONS

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life, and habitat needs of the species and relevant information about the status of a species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and defining “fish” and “wildlife” for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 685 **Delegates Harris and Chang**

Chapter 622

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 516 **Senator A. Washington**

Chapter 623

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 212 **Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**

Chapter 624

VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS – PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; requiring a county, before activating a noise abatement monitoring system, to publish notice of the locations of the systems on its website; requiring a county that authorizes a noise abatement monitoring program to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on the implementation and costs of the program and revenues collected; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- SB 155** **Senator A. Washington**
Chapter 625 **VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS
– PILOT PROGRAM**
- Establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to enforce certain motor vehicle noise requirements; requiring a county that authorizes a program of noise abatement monitoring systems to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025, on the effectiveness, performance, appropriate locations, costs and revenues, and citations issued in relation to the program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 634** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 626 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 776** **Delegate Feldmark**
Chapter 627 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1192

Chapter 628

Delegate Feldmark, et al

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY OPERATIONS – CRIMES OF MORAL TURPITUDE AND VALUE OF TABLE GAME CHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission is required to disqualify an applicant who committed a certain crime involving moral turpitude from holding a video lottery employee license; and altering the definition of “value” as it relates to crimes involving theft to include the face value of a chip designated for use in table games.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 633

Chapter 629

Senator Klausmeier

MARYLAND SELF-SERVICE STORAGE ACT – SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN SATISFACTION OF LIENS – MEANS OF ADVERTISING

Authorizing an operator or a manager of a self-service storage facility to advertise in a newspaper, by electronic mail, or on a website the sale of the personal property in a self-service storage unit to satisfy a certain lien without the occupant’s prior written authorization in the storage agreement; and altering a certain statement that must be contained in a self-service storage facility rental agreement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 1080

Chapter 630

Senator McCray, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PAY RATES

Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain employees of the Department who are in certain bargaining units and who work at certain facilities be equal to certain pay rates for employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- HB 983** **Delegate Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 631 STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 – PAY RATES
- Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain Department employees who are in certain bargaining units and who work at certain facilities be equal to certain pay rates of the employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 587** **Senator McCray**
Chapter 632 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 753** **Delegate Young**
Chapter 633 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPLICATION AND
 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the geographic area of the applicant’s primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 358

Chapter 634

Senator McCray

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the geographic area of the applicant's primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 896

Chapter 635

Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CONVENTION AND TOURISM REDEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AUTHORITY TASK FORCE

Establishing the Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the membership, purpose, and function of an entity or strategy to govern the renovation, revitalization, financing, and ongoing maintenance and management of the Baltimore Convention site and certain surrounding areas; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 102 **Delegate Miller**

Chapter 637

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 211 **Delegate Taveras**

Chapter 638

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 648 **Senator Ellis**

Chapter 639

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- SB 135** **Senators Ellis and McKay**
Chapter 640 **WORKGROUP TO STUDY FUNDING FOR THE WESTERNPORT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing the Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility to identify and examine existing funding sources that support the Facility and study whether increased funding could enhance operations at the Facility, the funding sources of comparable facilities in the region, and available and potential federal, State, and local funding sources for the Facility; and requiring the Workgroup to report, on or before December 1, 2024, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 1116** **Delegate Harrison**
Chapter 641 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 611** **Delegate Harrison**
Chapter 642 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL**
- Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 534** **Senator Jackson**
Chapter 643 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL**
- Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 680

Chapter 644

Delegates T. Morgan and J. Long

ENVIRONMENT – NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (RADIATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to serve as an offsite response organization and the lead State agency for all nuclear incidents within the State; requiring the Department to prepare a technical emergency radiation response plan, respond to emergencies involving a nuclear power plant, participate in a certain federal program, and procure certain specialized equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 536

Chapter 645

Senator Jackson

ENVIRONMENT – NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (RADIATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to serve as an offsite response organization and the lead State agency for all nuclear incidents within the State; requiring the Department to prepare a technical emergency radiation response plan, respond to emergencies involving a nuclear power plant, participate in a certain federal program, and procure certain specialized equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 1199

Chapter 646

Delegate Edelson, et al

TRANSPORTATION – MOBILITYLINK PARATRANSIT SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration's ADA MobilityLink paratransit service; requiring the Institute to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain officials by July 1, 2025; and authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill at least \$150,000 for the study.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 891 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 647

**TRANSPORTATION – MOBILITYLINK PARATRANSIT SERVICE
IMPROVEMENTS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration’s ADA MobilityLink paratransit service; authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$150,000 for the study; and requiring the Institute to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain officials on or before July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 332 **Delegate Addison, et al**

Chapter 648

**OUT-OF-STATE MOTOR VEHICLES – IMPROPER
REGISTRATION – REPORT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with Baltimore City and other interested jurisdictions, to prepare a report on motor vehicles owned by Maryland residents that are improperly titled or registered in another state; requiring the Administration to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 1507 **Delegate Addison, et al**

Chapter 649

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 950

Chapter 652

Delegate Edelson, et al

**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LOCALLY
OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS – MANDATORY FUNDING**

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- HB 1013** **Delegate Wolek, et al**
Chapter 657 STATE EMPLOYEES – PAID SICK LEAVE – CERTIFICATE OF ILLNESS OR DISABILITY SIGNED BY A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR
- Authorizing a licensed clinical professional counselor to sign a certificate of illness or disability when a State employee uses sick leave for 5 or more consecutive workdays.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 1273** **Delegate Pruski**
Chapter 658 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- SB 1003** **Senator Folden**
Chapter 659 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 1501** **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee**
Chapter 660 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 150 **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee**

Chapter 661

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 415 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 662

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATION AND TECHNICAL
CORRECTION**

Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; and correcting a certain incorrect reference of an age restriction applying to certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System who participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 320 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 663

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATION AND TECHNICAL
CORRECTION**

Clarifying that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may pay certain incentive compensation to the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System if the Chief Investment Officer retires from the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner; and correcting a certain incorrect reference of an age restriction applying to certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System that participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 489 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 664 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

Clarifying the topics that may be included in certain training required for each trustee on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and providing that the Board of Trustees may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member’s or retiree’s benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 625 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 665 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

Clarifying the topics that may be included in certain training required for each trustee on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; providing that the Board of Trustees may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member’s or retiree’s benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 629 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 666 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 490 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 667 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SB 491 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 668 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SERVICE
CREDIT**

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; and providing for eligibility and service credit in the Employee’s Pension System for certain contractual employment by certain members.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 630 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 669 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SERVICE
CREDIT**

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; and providing for eligibility and service credit in the Employees’ Pension System for certain contractual employment by certain members.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

- HB 1004** **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 673 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION – COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS**
- Establishing that certain adjustments to compensation may not be considered an extraordinary salary increase when determining the average final compensation of a member in the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring a member to submit certain information to the State Retirement Agency in a certain manner at the time of retirement.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 690** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 674 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 1321** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 675 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 761** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 676 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 306 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 677

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 364 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 678

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION PG 301–24

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a stop sign monitoring system; requiring the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to make a certain report by December 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 1024 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 679

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – CONNECTION PIPE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT LOAN PROGRAM – EXPANSION PG/MC 101–24

Expanding the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include certain sewer pipes and diagnostic actions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the Program from \$5,000 to \$10,000; altering the total amount of loans that the Program may provide or have outstanding from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000; and increasing to \$200,000 the amount of funding through fiscal year 2034 which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission must include for the Program in the Commission's budget.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HB 929 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 680

AGRICULTURE – NUISANCE INSECTS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 854 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 681

AGRICULTURE – NUISANCE INSECTS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HB 766 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 682

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 835 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 683

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

[HB 796](#)
Chapter 684

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$29,800,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

[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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

[SB 437](#)
Chapter 686

Carroll County Senators

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

[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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 594 **Dorchester County Delegation**

Chapter 688

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 277 **Delegate Kerr**

Chapter 689

FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GAMING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR DISPENSERS

Authorizing, subject to certain provisions of law, a person that operates a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar dispenser that does not connect to the Internet or to a server; altering certain obsolete language in provisions of law governing gaming in Frederick County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SB 415 **Senator Lewis Young**

Chapter 690

FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GAMING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR DISPENSERS

Authorizing, subject to certain provisions of law, a person that operates a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar dispenser that does not connect to the Internet or to a server; altering certain obsolete language in provisions of law governing gaming in Frederick County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 989 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 695 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1003 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 696 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1023 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 697 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

- HB 977** **Delegate Otto**
Chapter 698 SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD
- Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- SB 763** **Senator Carozza**
Chapter 699 SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF PROPERTY – REVELLS NECK ROAD
- Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the property at Map 32, Parcel 149 on Revells Neck Road under terms considered appropriate by the county commissioners.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024
- HB 967** **Delegates Wivell and Valentine**
Chapter 700 TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE – PARKING OF VEHICLES – RESTRICTIONS
- Prohibiting a person from parking certain vehicles in the Town of Keedysville, Washington County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024
- HB 928** **Washington County Delegation**
Chapter 701 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HB 1021 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 702

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Washington County to borrow not more than \$50,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Washington County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

On May 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 joint resolution(s), which you passed:

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Senator Kelly, et al

Res. No. 1

AFFIRMING THE FEDERAL EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Urging the Administration of President Joseph R. Biden to publish, without delay, the federal Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and for the U.S. Congress to pass a joint resolution affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director