



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 29, 2024
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 8.

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 2024

HB 723 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND PENALTIES

Authorizing the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief on behalf of the State on the basis of an imminent or ongoing violation of certain rights of residents of certain health care facilities; authorizing the Attorney General to request a court to impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 on an assisted living program for certain violations; and requiring that the resident bill of rights for assisted living program residents include certain rights.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, §§ 19-345.3 and 19-1805 - amended and § 19-1805.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

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HB 724 Delegate Pasteur, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO REDUCE SENTENCE**

Authorizing an individual who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to reduce the sentence if the individual has served at least 20 years of the individual's term of confinement and at least 3 years have passed since the court decided any petition previously filed by the individual for a reduced sentence; and establishing procedures for a proceeding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 8-501 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 725 Delegate Jacobs, et al**OYSTERS, STRIPED BASS, AND CRABS – COMMERCIAL AUTHORIZATIONS – SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from revoking a person's authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs unless the person has been convicted of or entered an accepted plea of nolo contendere to a certain crime; altering and establishing certain procedures for the suspension or revocation of an authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs; and authorizing the Department to reinstate a certain authorization under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-1210 and 4-1211 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 726 Delegate Kipke**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITION OF PURCHASER AND ALTERATION OF APPLICATION OF LAW**

Altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to exclude certain nonprofit health maintenance organizations; and repealing certain provisions that restrict applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, §§ 15-1601, 15-1611, 15-1611.1, 15-1612, 15-1613, 15-1622, 15-1629, and 15-1630 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 727 Delegate Conaway

JUVENILE LAW – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION – IN-PERSON ATTORNEY CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring that the consultation with an attorney required when a law enforcement officer conducts a custodial interrogation of a child must be in person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 728 Delegate Cullison, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (ACCESS TO CARE ACT)

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 31-101(u-1), 31-123, and 31-124 - added and §§ 31-107, 31-108(b)(1), and 31-115(b)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 729 Delegate Hill, et al

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – NONTIDAL WETLANDS – PROTECTION OF VERNAL POOLS (VERNAL POOL WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to protect and preserve vernal pools; and requiring the Department to complete a plan for identifying vernal pools in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 730 Delegate Conaway**EDUCATION – PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS – COURSE ON COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum standards and county boards of education to develop and implement a curriculum for a course on the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction for public middle school students in the State, beginning in the 2025–2026 school year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 731 Delegate Embry, et al**NATURAL GAS – STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the required contents of a certain plan that a gas company may file with the Public Service Commission for proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects to include certain descriptions, demonstrations, analyses, and notifications; and altering the required findings of the Commission in considering whether to approve a certain infrastructure replacement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 4-210 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 732 Baltimore City Delegation**BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OVER POWERS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Repealing a prohibition on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of certain municipal officials from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (27) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 733 **Baltimore City Delegation****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSING FEES**

Increasing certain licensing fees for alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 734 **Delegate Mireku–North, et al****MUNICIPALITIES – VAGRANCY – REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT**

Repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 5-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 735 **Delegate Terrasa, et al****MARYLAND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a certain stewardship organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1733 through 9-1751 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 736 Delegate Vogel, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE AND MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE – OPIOID REVERSAL DRUGS AND PRODUCTS (NARCAN PRICE CAP ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to cover nonprescription naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug or product that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the complete or partial reversal of an opioid overdose without imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement that exceeds \$10 per package.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxiv) and IN, § 15-850.1 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and (xxiii) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 737 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 738 Delegate Wims, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS – LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the amount of general liability insurance that an applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home improvement contractor must maintain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 8-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 739 Delegate Vogel

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – LIST OF DIET PILLS
(WEIGHT LOSS SUPPLEMENT IDENTIFICATION)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a list of diet pills, make the list publicly accessible on or before January 1, 2025, and update the list on a quarterly basis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 21-228 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations