



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 31, 2024
Schedule 11

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 31, 2024

HB 740 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT – ALTERATIONS

Repealing certain requirements for the amount and duration of a tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain improved real property owned by the Emmitsburg Civic Association and located in a historic district in Frederick County; authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and certain other matters relating to the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-312(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 741 Delegates Phillips and White Holland**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 July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 742 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE**

Authorizing the holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and increasing the annual license fee for a stadium license in the county from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 743 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROMOTER’S LICENSE**

Altering the promoter’s permit in Frederick County to be a promoter’s (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license to a certain for-profit organization under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 20-1103 - renumbered and § 20-1011.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 744 Delegate Chang**INCOME TAX – BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES**

Allowing a qualified investor that is a pass-through entity that pays a certain income tax on behalf of its members to receive and allocate in any manner a credit or refund of a credit under the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit Program; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-725(b)(5) - added and § 10-725(d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 745 Delegate Shetty, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND STALKING**

Adding stalking to the list of offenses for which a certain individual may petition for a protective order; and altering certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of a permanent protective order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 4-501(m) - amended and § 4-506(k) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 746 Delegate Miller**EDUCATION – MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION – POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

Providing that the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education is a state educational authority under a certain federal law; providing that the Office is the State unit authorized to audit or evaluate certain education programs; prohibiting the Inspector General for Education from serving more than two full terms; requiring the Governor, the Attorney General, and the State Treasurer to provide the Inspector General with a certain notice and opportunity for a hearing before removing the Inspector General; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 9.10-102 through 9.10-104 - amended and § 9.10-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 747 Delegate Terrasa**PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – FLUORESCENT LAMPS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2025, a person from knowingly selling or distributing as a new manufactured product a screw– or bayonet–base type compact fluorescent lamp in the State; and prohibiting, on or after July 1, 2026, a person from knowingly selling or distributing as a new manufactured product a pin–base type compact fluorescent lamp or a linear fluorescent lamp in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 6-905 and 6-905.4(a) - amended and § 6-905.5 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 748 Delegate Cardin, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE AND PREVENTION – CODE OF CONDUCT**

Requiring the Attorney General to adopt and make publicly available a code of conduct for members of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention, adopt a policy for investigating violations of the code of conduct, and establish a process for members of the public to report alleged violations; and authorizing the Attorney General to suspend or remove members of the Commission after a certain investigation for violations of the code of conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 6-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 749 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

CA, §§ 1-101(w) and (x), 2-310, and 8-601.1 - amended and §§ 2-116 through 2-118 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 750 Delegate Ziegler, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – DAMAGED, OBSCURED, OR MODIFIED REGISTRATION PLATES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to offer during the registration renewal process to replace certain vehicle registration plates that are more than 15 years old; altering the prohibition against obscuring or modifying a vehicle registration plate by prohibiting such activity in a manner that may prevent identification; and altering the penalty and points assessment for obscuring or modifying a vehicle registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 16-402(a)(17) through (43) - renumbered, §§ 13-418 and 16-402(a)(17) - added, and § 21-1112.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 751 Delegate Amprey**SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – OFFERS TO PURCHASE AND TRANSFER TAX**

Authorizing a person who offers for sale to a third party improved single-family residential real property, for the first 30 days, to accept an offer to purchase the property made only by an individual, a community development organization, a nonprofit organization, or a real estate enterprise that owns an interest in less than 3% of all residential real property in the county; and altering the rate of the State transfer tax payable for an instrument of writing for a sale of certain residential real property under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

RP, § 10-804 and TP, § 13-203(c) - added and TP, § 13-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 752 Delegate Hutchinson**ENVIRONMENT – TIDAL WETLAND PERMIT – OWNERSHIP OF LAND**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer certain interest in land to a riparian landowner in fee simple if the landowner obtains a tidal wetland permit for the purpose of creating a living shoreline or other shoreline stabilization measure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 16-103 - amended and § 16-108 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 753 Delegate Young**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

EC, § 10-409(a) - amended and § 10-415(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 754 Delegate Wells**VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE – REPEAL**

Altering the calculation of the vehicle excise tax by repealing an allowance against the total purchase price of a vehicle for the value of a trade-in vehicle.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 13-809(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 755 Delegate Bhandari**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSES**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; and repealing obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HO, §§ 19-202(a), 19-302.1, and 19-309(d)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 756 Delegates Hutchinson and Anderton**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

GP, § 7-207 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 757 Delegate R. Lewis**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATES AND CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS (BRIDGE TO MEDICAL RESIDENCY ACT)**

Authorizing a supervised medical graduate to provide delegated duties under direct supervision in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Physicians; and repealing the termination of certain provisions of law relating to delegation of duties by licensed physicians to cardiovascular invasive specialists.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 14-306 and Chapter 445 of the Acts of 2019, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 758 Delegate Hutchinson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT OF A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR SUBCONTRACTOR (SCHOOL ASSAULT REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACT)**

Establishing second degree assault of an employee or a subcontractor of a public or private elementary or secondary school as a crime of violence for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 8-515 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 760 Delegate Palakovich Carr**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring county boards of education to address certain repeat findings and recommendations contained in certain annual financial audits and other audits, including audits by the Office of Legislative Audits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-109 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 761 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – DISTRIBUTION OF FINES MC 6–24**

Requiring that the fines collected by Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced on State highways by school bus monitoring cameras be distributed in a certain manner to be used only to enhance pedestrian safety at locations in Montgomery County where the violations occurred.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 762 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION MC 9–24

Authorizing the holder of a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County to sell beer and wine in sealed containers with the manufacturer’s original seal for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 25-902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 763 **Delegate Attar, et al**

COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE AND PREVENTION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS

Removing the representative of the Council on American–Islamic Relations Maryland Office from the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention; and adding two members of the Muslim community to be appointed by the Attorney General to the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 6-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 764 **Delegate Shetty, et al**

STATE LOTTERY FUND – BUS RAPID TRANSIT FUND DISTRIBUTION – ALTERATIONS

Repealing a certain limitation on the distribution of up to a certain amount of money from the State Lottery Fund to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund for certain bus rapid transit system grants; and altering the circumstances for distributions from the Bus Rapid Transit Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SG, § 9-120 and TR, § 2-802 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 765 Delegate Wells**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-268 - added and § 9-324(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-507(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 767 Delegate Kipke**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ADULT AND PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES – REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before January 1 each year, beginning in 2025, to conduct a certain review of billed charges and reimbursement rates for adult and pediatric dental services and report the findings to certain committees of the General Assembly; and requiring the Department, based on the data obtained from the review, to revise the rates for adult and pediatric dental services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to ensure sufficient access to care for Program recipients.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 15-103.5 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 768 Delegate D. Jones**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 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

SP, §§ 2-507, 27-403, and 29-201 - amended and § 29-204.3 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 769 Delegate Feldmark, et al**LOCAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – EXPANSION TO ADDITIONAL OFFICES**

Authorizing the governing body of a county to establish a system of public campaign financing for certain offices after the governing body of the county has implemented a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government for at least one complete election cycle.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 770 Delegates Schmidt and Simmons**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; and 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 8-738 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 771 Delegate Henson**PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICY REQUIREMENTS (PREGNANT AND PARENTING SUPPORT ACT)**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution to adopt a policy regarding pregnant and parenting students using certain guidelines; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the policy on the institution's website by August 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 772 Delegate Henson**INTERNET-CONNECTED DEVICES AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS – DEFAULT FILTERING OF OBSCENE CONTENT (MARYLAND ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from selling an Internet-connected device that is intended for minors unless the device is sold with a certain filter, certain privacy settings, and other features; making a violation of the prohibition an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to the enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; requiring that preference be given to certain grant applications that include the use of broadband providers that implement the use of certain filters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, Various Sections - amended and added; HS, §§ 6.5-106 and 6.5-107 - amended; and SF, § 14-419 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 773 Delegate D. Jones**HUMAN SERVICES – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS BOATING FUND**

Establishing the Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service-disabled veterans; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the Fund; establishing the qualifications for certain nonprofit organizations to receive a grant from the Fund; and authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HU, §§ 7-1101 and 7-1102 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 774 Delegate Hornberger, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEES – ZERO-EMISSION PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES**

Altering the fee charged by the Motor Vehicle Administration for the issuance of a certificate of title for zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicles to \$200.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-802 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 775 Delegate Feldmark, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES – ELECTRONIC BALLOT RETURN**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process by which an individual with disabilities may return a marked absentee ballot to a local board of elections electronically.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 9-308.1(a), 9-310(c), 11-302(a)(2) and (d)(3)(i) and (4) - amended and § 9-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 776 Delegate Feldmark**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
AUTHORITY**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, § 10-408(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 777 Delegate Boyce**BALTIMORE CITY – UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES – TAX
SALES OF NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to sell at tax sale a residential property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service if the property is not owner-occupied.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TP, §§ 14-811(b) and 14-849.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 778 Delegate Hornberger, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING – MIGRATORY GAME
BIRDS**

Authorizing a person to hunt migratory game birds on Sundays.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-410(a)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 779 Delegate Hornberger, et al**HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSES – PERSONALLY
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION – DELETION AND DESTRUCTION**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to permanently delete or destroy certain personally identifying information relating to handgun qualification licenses under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 780 Delegate Embry

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS – PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTS

Requiring competitive sealed proposals to be used as the procurement method for a contract for private security services with an expected value that is greater than \$100,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 13-104 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 781 Delegate Hornberger, et al

TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAYS – RUBBER MODIFIED ASPHALT

Requiring the State Highway Administration to use rubber modified asphalt in the construction, reconstruction, and repair of State highways; and requiring the Administration to consider different types of rubber modified asphalt, including those produced by the wet process and the dry process, when planning for the construction, reconstruction, and repair of State highways.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 8-601 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 782 Delegate Stein

VEHICLE LAWS – LIGHTING – PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

Authorizing certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and green or red and white lights or signal devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 22-218(c)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 783 Delegate Holmes**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESTRICTION ON LONG-TERM RENTALS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the governing documents of a homeowners association from restricting or prohibiting the leasing of property to an individual who is not the lot owner for a period of 6 months or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 11B-111.11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 784 Delegate Bhandari**TASK FORCE ON REDUCING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT TIMES**

Establishing the Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times to monitor, discuss, and make recommendations for reducing emergency department wait times including legislative, regulatory, or other policy initiatives; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 785 Delegate D. Jones, et al**FREEDOM TO READ ACT**

Establishing the State standards for libraries for the operation of each library that receives funding from the State; altering the duties of the State Library Board, the State Library Agency, and regional resource centers to incorporate the State standards for libraries; making funding for certain libraries contingent on adoption of a written policy consistent with the State standards for libraries; authorizing the State Comptroller to withhold funding from libraries under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 4-142 and 23-102.1 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 786 Delegate Bagnall**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE
DENTISTRY – SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 4-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 787 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

EC, §§ 12-1101 through 12-1106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 788 Delegate Alston, et al**HUMAN RELATIONS – PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION –
CRIMINAL RECORDS**

Prohibiting discrimination based on an individual's criminal record in public accommodations, commercial leasing, housing, and employment and by certain licensed or regulated persons; establishing certain exceptions to certain prohibitions established under the Act; and establishing that certain crimes are not included in the definition of "criminal record" for the purposes of certain provisions prohibiting discrimination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 20-101(d) through (i) - renumbered and § 20-101(d) and (k) - added and SG, Various Sections and SP, § 2-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 789 Delegate Feldmark, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – SALARIES**

Altering, beginning July 1, 2026, the minimum salary for certain public school employees to be \$60,000; and establishing, subject to certain conditions, certain salary increases for certain public school employees.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 790 Delegate Buckel, et al**MEDICAL CANNABIS – EMPLOYEES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS CARING FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS**

Authorizing designated medical personnel to administer medical cannabis to qualifying patients only if the cannabis is obtained through the qualifying patients caregiver and is administered in accordance with the certifying provider's written instructions; providing that designated medical personnel are not required to register with the Maryland Cannabis Administration; and exempting designated medical personnel from civil and criminal penalties relating to the administration of medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, §§ 36-101(l), 36-302(a) and (c), and 36-1201(6) and (7) - amended and §§ 36-302(j) and 36-1201(8) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 791 Delegate Ghrist, et al**OPERATING BUDGET – FUNDING – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill General Fund appropriations of certain amounts for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 792 **Delegate D. Jones****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – DRAFT COMMITTEES AND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES**

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to draft committees and exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for draft and exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the draft committee or exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the draft committee or exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended and § 13-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 793 **Delegate Holmes, et al****REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING**

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association to successfully complete a training curriculum on the responsibilities of being a member or an officer in a certain manner and subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11-109 and 11B-106.1(g) - amended and § 11B-106.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 794 Delegate Moon, et al**REGULATED FIREARMS – MARYLAND VOLUNTARY DO NOT SELL FIREARM PROCESS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to create and maintain a Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Registry in which a person may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a regulated firearm by December 31, 2024; prohibiting a dealer or other person from selling, renting, loaning, or transferring a regulated firearm to a purchaser, lessee, borrower, or transferee who the dealer or other person knows or has reason to believe is registered on the registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 5-134(b) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-906 - added, GP, § 4-325.1 - added, and TG, § 13-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 795 Delegate Bhandari**EDUCATION – CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS – PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES EDUCATION ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content standards for a high school course on peace and conflict studies; requiring each county board of education to implement a course on peace and conflict studies in each public high school in the county beginning in the 2025–2026 school year; and requiring each public high school to hire a mediator to provide education and support to students and school personnel relating to conflict resolution and peaceful communications in resolving disputes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-205.5 and 7-452 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 796 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

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 797 Delegate Lopez, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – MONEY LAUNDERING**

Prohibiting a person, with the intent to promote a certain crime or with the intent to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of proceeds of a certain crime, from taking certain actions with respect to the proceeds derived from a certain crime; establishing certain penalties if the person violates the law prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with respect to the proceeds derived from a certain drug crime in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CR, § 5-623 - repealed and §§ 9-901 through 9-903 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 798 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE – FARM BREWERIES AND LIMITED WINERIES MC 17–24**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue one Class D beer and wine license to a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license and a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to sell products that the holder manufactures for on- and off-premises consumption, products manufactured by the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license, or products manufactured by the holder of another Class 8 farm brewery license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 25-401, 25-407, and 25-805 - amended and § 25-408 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 799 Delegate R. Long, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – HOME DETENTION – REMOVAL**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction or the Commissioner's designee to remove an incarcerated individual from home detention for violating a condition of the incarcerated individual's placement in home detention.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 800 Delegate Smith**MARYLAND VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2024 – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

Prohibiting local governments from denying or impairing the right of a protected class member to vote; establishing requirements on the State Board of Elections and local governments related to the provision of language-related assistance in local government elections; requiring the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to review and grant preclearance to certain policies before enactment or implementation; prohibiting acts of intimidation or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-703 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 3-119, 3-121(b), and 3-122 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 802 Delegate Vogel, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MANDATORY MEETINGS ON RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MATTERS – EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (PROTECTING WORKERS FROM CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS ACT)

Prohibiting employers from taking certain actions against an employee or applicant for employment because the employee or applicant declines to attend or participate in employer-sponsored meetings during which the employer communicates the opinion of the employer regarding religious matters or political matters.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 803 Delegate Buckel, et al

INCOME TAX – ALTERATION OF BRACKETS AND RATES (ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ACT OF 2024)

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 804 Delegate Grammer, et al

CERTIFICATE OF NEED – PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – EXEMPTION

Altering the definition of “medical service” for the purpose of providing an exemption to the certificate of need requirement by removing psychiatry and any subcategory of psychiatry; and providing that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate a psychiatric health care facility or to offer psychiatric or other mental health services at a health care facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-120(a) and (j) - amended and § 19-122.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 805 Delegate Wilson**CANNABIS – LICENSEE LOCATIONS – RESTRICTIONS**

Altering the distance restrictions applicable to a licensed cannabis dispensary; prohibiting a political subdivision from establishing certain zoning requirements for licensed cannabis dispensaries and certain licensed cannabis growers that are more restrictive than any zoning requirements that existed on June 30, 2023 governing certain hemp farms; and clarifying the authority of a political subdivision to alter certain distance requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, §§ 36-405 and 36-410 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 806 Delegate Kerr**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REVISIONS (PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2024)**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, ED, HG, HO, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 807 Delegate Stein**NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION SURVEYS**

Altering the definition of “aerial survey” for purposes of surveying submerged aquatic vegetation to include other surveys that use certain data; 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 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-1006.1 and 4-11A-01(n) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 808 Delegate Atterbearry**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL DELIVERY – LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT**

Establishing a local delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder that is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction through a third-party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a certain delivery service permit under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 4-507 - amended and § 4-1107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 809 Delegate Vogel**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; and 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 10-1701 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 810 The Speaker**CRIMINAL LAW – WEAPON CRIMES – SWITCH/AUTO-SEAR**

Authorizing a law enforcement unit to seize as contraband and dispose of a certain switch/auto-sear in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from transporting a switch/auto-sear into the State or manufacturing, possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving a switch/auto-sear; and applying certain penalties to a person who uses a switch/auto-sear in the commission of a felony or a certain crime of violence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 4-301, 4-304, and 4-306 - amended and § 4-305.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 811 Delegate Wolek, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – FINANCIAL WELL–BEING PILOT PROGRAM
– ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Financial Well–Being Pilot Program at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus and Morgan State University to provide comprehensive financial guidance and coaching to help students who may benefit from financial coaching services; requiring by August 1, 2024, each participating institution to hire one full–time financial well–being coach; requiring each financial well–being coach to create a document with best practices and guidance for other institutions to use to create a financial well–being program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 11-1901 through 11-1905 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 812 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.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EC, § 13-611(b)(3) and Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 813 Delegates Toles and Henson**DRIVER'S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – EXCEPTION**

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive if the obligor's income is at or below a certain level; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203(b), (e), and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 814 The Speaker and Delegate Clippinger**JUVENILE LAW – REFORM**

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child of a certain age alleged to have committed a certain offense; altering certain procedures relating to juvenile intake, juvenile detention, and juvenile probation; repealing certain provisions relating to the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services; altering certain provisions relating to the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit; altering certain provisions relating to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, CP, HU, and SG, Various Sections - amended and repealed and Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 815 Delegate Spiegel, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Financial Empowerment Center Network Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce; providing that the purpose of Program is to establish a statewide network of financial empowerment centers in different regions of the State; requiring each center to provide one-on-one financial counseling and coaching services free of charge; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 an appropriation to the Department sufficient to cover the costs of the Pilot Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, §§ 5-2501 through 5-2505 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 816 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE RENEWAL PG 308–24**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to extend the deadline by which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license must file an application for renewal; and extending the expiration date for certain licenses issued by the Board to July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 817 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NEAR A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL PG 307–24**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or 1000 feet of a school building if a license of the same class had been issued and was in effect for the establishment before the place of worship or school building was built.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 26-1604 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 818 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT LEAVE PG 412–24

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; requiring a certain qualified employee to obtain the signatures of a certain county board member and certain school personnel under certain circumstances; and making the credit refundable under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 819 Delegate Rogers, et al

STATE FINANCE – CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND – NONCIVILIAN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Altering the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to noncivilian federal employees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 7-324 and 7-327 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 820 Delegate Wu, et al

NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Establishing the Nuclear Energy Development Task Force to study and make recommendations on the deployment of nuclear power generation resources and other related technologies in the State and the establishment of a permanent nuclear energy commission in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report by December 30, 2025, on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 821 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STUDENT SUPPORT – SPECIALIST NETWORKS AND SUCCESS ACTION PLANS (STUDENT SUPPORTS AND SUCCESS ACT) PG 502–24

Establishing a Student Support Specialist Network consisting of certain school-based personnel at each public high school in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop a certain template using certain guidelines by August 31, 2024; and requiring each Student Support Specialist Network in the county to develop, approve, and implement a certain plan subject to review and approval by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-452 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 822 Delegate Cullison

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 15-138 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 823 Delegate Charkoudian

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – REQUIREMENTS (MELANIE NICHOLLE DIAZ FIRE SAFETY ACT)

Establishing certain requirements relating to the installation of certain fire safety equipment in residential rental high-rise buildings and certain other property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit; establishing the Workgroup to Develop Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre-1974 High-Rise Buildings; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2024; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PS, §§ 9-102, 9-105, 9-403, and 9-405 - amended and PS, § 9-406 and TP, § 9-268 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 824 Delegate A. Johnson

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 certain manner 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, §§ 18-503(b)(4) and 18-504(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 825 Delegate Adams, et al

LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 23-202.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 826 Delegate Stewart**REAL PROPERTY – TAXATION OF VACANT PROPERTY, CERTIFICATION OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set a special property tax rate for improved residential property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use; establishing a subclass of real property consisting of certain vacant residential property; requiring an entity that owns residential real property in the State to make a certain certification to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 6-302 and 8-101(b) - amended and CA, § 1-407 and LG, § 13-1002 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 827 Delegate Qi**MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to study professional employer organizations in the State to review regulations, history, health plans, membership requirements, regulatory structures in other states, and determine the potential impact of proposed statutory changes in the State relating to the offering of health coverage by professional employer organizations on the small group market in the State; and requiring the Administration to report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 828 Delegate Adams**ABANDONED CEMETERIES FUND – ESTABLISHMENT AND INCOME TAX CHECKOFF**

Establishing the Abandoned Cemeteries Fund to provide for the care, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of abandoned cemeteries in the State; establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Abandoned Cemeteries Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund and to include certain information in each individual income tax return package.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

BR, § 5-805, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191., and TG, §§ 2-118 and 10-804(m) - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 829 Delegate Alston, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – SERVICE SECTOR EMPLOYEES – MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, subject to the limitations of its budget, to provide a virtual mental health first aid training program for service sector employees; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health, subject to the limitations of its budget and in coordination with the Maryland Department of Labor and the Public Service Commission, to develop a public awareness campaign related to the training program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5203 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 830 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICES RECYCLING PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Covered Electronic Device Recycling Program in the Department of the Environment; repealing certain provisions of law relating to existing covered electronic takeback programs; repealing a certain provision of law authorizing a county to address methods for the separate collection and recycling of covered electronic devices in a certain recycling plan; requiring a separate covered electronic device recycling account within the State Recycling Trust Fund; altering the uses of the Trust Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, Various Sections - amended and §§ 9-1728.3 and 9-1728.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 831 Delegate Feldmark, et al**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES AND ZONING AUTHORITIES – OPERATION OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES – LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting a provision in certain documents of a cooperative housing corporation from prohibiting or restricting the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes; prohibiting a provision in certain documents of a cooperative housing corporation from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child care below a certain number; repealing the authority of condominium and homeowners associations to prohibit the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 5-6B-22.1 - added, LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-216 - added, and RP, §§ 11-111.1 and 11B-111.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 832 Delegate Stewart**GENERAL PROVISIONS – DAMAGES OR LOSSES – DEFINITION**

Defining “damages” or “losses” in statutory causes of action to protect civil rights or consumer rights and providing that “damages” or “losses” includes reasonable nominal damages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 1-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 833 Delegates Williams and Wilkins**CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – PARENTS IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT**

Establishing a presumption that placement with a child's parent is in the best interest of the child, the child is receiving proper care and attention, and there is not a certain emergency situation if the child's parent is receiving certain substance use disorder treatment; and requiring a local department of social services to file a report with a court if the child was not placed with the parent, describing any difficulties in placing the child with the parent, and efforts by the local department to find a placement for the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-815 and 3-818 and FL, § 5-525(e)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 834 Delegates Fisher and T. Morgan**CALVERT COUNTY – ETHICS – CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST VIOLATIONS**

Requiring that the conflict of interest provisions enacted by Calvert County include certain provisions relating to judicial relief for certain violations of the county's conflict of interest provisions; and requiring Calvert County to enact a law or regulation to require removal of a county elected official from office for violations of certain conflict of interest provisions.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 5-811.1 - added and LG, § 12-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 6-105 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 836 Delegate Edelson, et al

MAJOR HIGHWAY CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECTS – IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND MITIGATION PLANS (TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ALIGNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process for performing major highway capacity expansion project impact assessments; requiring the Department and a metropolitan planning organization to perform an impact assessment under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to use the impact assessment to determine whether a project meets certain requirements; requiring the Department and a metropolitan planning organization to develop a certain mitigation plan under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-907 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 837 Delegate Wu, et al

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER-FOCUSED STUDENTS ACT OF 2024

Requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education and provide a method for a student or a student's parent or guardian to authorize the release of the student's personal information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring each public high school to inform students of certain employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added and § 7-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

Establishing the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program in the Division of Early Childhood Education in the State Department of Education; and requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 9.5-117 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 839 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 Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing 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

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-401 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 840 Delegate Hartman**VEHICLE LAWS – ANNUAL VEHICLE SHOWS – MOTOR AND TRAILER HOMES**

Repealing a certain limitation on an exemption for motor or trailer home dealers, and salesmen employed by dealers, from restrictions on the number of annual vehicle shows in which dealers or salesmen may participate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 15-304(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 841 Delegate Ruth, et al**ENVIRONMENT – PLASTIC BOTTLE WASTE REDUCTION – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS AND REPORTING**

Requiring that a water bottle filling station be installed in certain new construction beginning October 1, 2024; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain survey, gather certain data, and identify alternative methods for providing drinking water on or before October 1, 2025; and requiring the Department, on or before December 1, 2025, to submit the survey and alternative methods to the Governor and General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, §§ 9-2601 through 9-2603 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 842 Delegate Taveras, et al**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Requiring a State agency, in administering certain federal funds, to allocate 40% of those funds to infrastructure construction projects in overburdened communities and underserved communities and an additional 40% of those funds to infrastructure construction projects in communities of color and communities with a high percentage of low- to moderate-income households in the State; establishing the Justice40 Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, § 1-701(a)(1) - amended and § 1-703 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 843 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – INSPECTIONS OF LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

Authorizing an inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners in Cecil County to enter a licensed cannabis business for the purpose of observing whether the requirements of the license are being met, provided that the inspector makes a certain announcement and the inspector does not take any action against the licensee or an employee of the licensee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 17-205 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 844 Delegate Boafu

BUSINESS REGULATION – CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT, AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE RETAILERS – NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY PRODUCTS (MAKE QUITTING CONVENIENT ACT)

Requiring licensees that sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices at retail to keep in stock and offer for sale at retail at least one kind of nicotine replacement therapy product and to post certain signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, §§ 16-209, 16.5-214.1, and 16.7-204.1 - amended and §§ 16-209.1, 16.5-214.2, and 16.7-204.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 845 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)

INCOME TAX – INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 2-116.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 846 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT STANDARDS

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain assets in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations, on or before December 1, 2024, that specify asset classes in which the Treasurer may invest; and requiring the Treasurer to notify the governing body of each local governmental unit required to have a local investment policy of the updated State investment policy in a certain manner.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 6-222 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 2024**HJ 3 Delegate Williams, et al****USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Stating that the General Assembly joins seven other state legislative bodies and over 75 municipalities and counties in passing a Back from the Brink resolution on reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons; urging members of the State's Congressional Delegation who have not yet done so to cosponsor House Resolution 77 relating to the use of nuclear weapons; and urging the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations