



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 12, 2024**  
**Schedule 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 19 – Bill request deadline.  
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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 12, 2024**

### **HB 257 Delegate Qi**

ELECTION LAW – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY AND VOTING – UNAFFILIATED VOTERS

Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 3-303, 3-305(a) and (e), 9-404(b), and 11-303(d)(4) - amended and § 3-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 258 Delegate Qi****RENEWABLE ENERGY – CUSTOMER–SITED SOLAR PROGRAM**

Establishing the Customer–Sited Solar Program within the Maryland Energy Administration for the purpose of increasing deployment of customer–sited solar energy generating system and providing grants to eligible customer–generators for certain solar energy generating systems; authorizing a third party to apply for a grant on behalf of an eligible customer–generator under certain circumstances; and providing for the funding of Program grants from certain compliance fee and allowance proceeds in the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-2016 and 9-20B-05(f)(13), (g-1), and (g-2) - added and § 9-20B-05(f)(12) and (13) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 259 Delegate Chang****DISTRICT COURT – TRAFFIC CASES – SURCHARGES**

Increasing from \$7.50 to \$9.50 the surcharge the District Court is required to add to any fine imposed in certain traffic cases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 7-301(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 260 Delegate Chang****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees have separate bargaining units.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 261 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – BENEFITS – ELECTION JUDGES**

Altering the definition of “wages” for purposes of State unemployment insurance law to exclude compensation received for serving as an election judge for a local board of elections in the State; 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

LE, §§ 8-101(aa) and 8-907 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

**HB 262 Delegate Palakovich Carr****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES – INFORMATION IN CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS**

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 14-1203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 263 Delegate Qi****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS – MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to maintain and repair certain sidewalks and bicycle pathways instead of the political subdivision in which the sidewalks and bicycle pathways are located; requiring the Administration to maintain and repair sidewalks adjacent to State highways; and requiring the political subdivision in which certain sidewalks and bicycle pathways are located to remove snow and ice from those sidewalks and bicycle pathways.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 8-629 and 8-630(c) - amended and § 8-631 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 264 Delegate Crosby**

CRIMINAL LAW – MANSLAUGHTER BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL – INCREASED PENALTIES (JAMARI’S LAW)

Increasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 2-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 265 Delegate Qi**

INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS – EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 10-104, 10-105, 10-108, 10-109, 10-119(b) and (h), 10-120(a), 10-122(a), 10-124(a), and 10-125(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

**HB 266 Delegate Holmes**

RESIDENTIAL OWNERS IN COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – BILL OF RIGHTS

Establishing a bill of rights for unit owners of a condominium, members of a cooperative housing corporation, and lot owners of a homeowners association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 1-105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 267 Delegate Crosby****ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Establishing an energy salesperson license for certain persons that offer or sell electricity or gas supply agreements to customers in the State; providing for the terms of electricity supplier, energy salesperson, and gas supplier licenses issued by the Public Service Commission; establishing certain licensing and renewal requirements for certain persons; providing for certain disciplinary actions by the Commission against electricity suppliers, gas suppliers, and energy salespersons for certain acts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 268 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – DEFINITIONS**

Altering certain definitions of “expunge” and “expungement”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 10-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 269 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DISCLOSURE OF EXPUNGED RECORDS – ALTERATIONS**

Clarifying that refusal by a person to disclose information about criminal charges that have been expunged may not be the sole reason for a unit, an official, or an employee of the State or political subdivision of the State to deny the person’s application for a license, permit, registration, or governmental service or for an educational institution to expel or refuse to admit the person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 10-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 270 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – FAILURE TO OBEY A COURT ORDER TO REPORT TO CONFINEMENT**

Authorizing a person to file for a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 10-110(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 271 Delegate Grammer****LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring a limited liability company to include in its articles of organization the name and home address of each member who is authorized to act on behalf of the limited liability company; requiring a limited liability company to update information required under the Act in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from filing certain documents with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the person knows or has reason to know contain false information; providing a maximum \$5,000 penalty for a violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 1-203(b)(2), 4A-204 and 4A-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 272 Delegate Grammer****CANNABIS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION – USE OF STRAW OWNERSHIP – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from applying for or holding a cannabis license or registration under certain circumstances if an ownership interest in the license or registration is for the limited purpose of satisfying certain requirements of registration or licensure; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to deny a certain application or revoke a cannabis license or registration if the applicant, licensee, or registrant is convicted of a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 36-1103 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 273 Delegate Holmes****REAL PROPERTY – REGULATION OF COMMON OWNERSHIP  
COMMUNITY MANAGERS**

Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Maryland Department of Labor to oversee the licensing of community managers who provide management services for common ownership communities; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit certain persons from providing certain services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, BR, CA, RP, SF, and SG, Various Sections - renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 274 Delegate Simpson, et al****INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTY**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 10-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 275 Cecil County Delegation****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS –  
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the Town of Charlestown, Cecil County; authorizing a person to operate a golf cart in the Town of Charlestown without registration only on a highway with a posted maximum speed limit of 30 miles per hour and requiring the golf cart to be equipped with certain lighting devices; and authorizing the Town Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in the Town of Charlestown.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.7 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 276 Delegate Grammer****HEALTH – ABORTION DATA – SUBMISSION TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention any data regarding abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unless submitting the data would violate federal or State law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 20-217 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 277 Delegate Kerr****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

CR, §§ 13-1301, 13-1304, 13-1305, and 13-1306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 278 Delegate Kerr****URBAN STATE HIGHWAYS – SPEED LIMITS – EXCEPTIONS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the maximum speed limit by 5 miles per hour on urban State highways without an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-802 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 279 Delegate Holmes****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – LOCAL COMMISSIONS – REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by a local government.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation



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

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 1-1319 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 281 Delegate Holmes****COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

Requiring that certain funds for the reserve account of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; extending from 3 to 5 years the duration to comply with a certain funding requirement related to reserve accounts; and requiring a residential condominium or a homeowners association to review the reserve study annually for accuracy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 5-6B-26.1(f) and RP, §§ 11-109.2(c) and 11B-112.2(d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 282 Delegate Kerr****SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – AGENCIES – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

Providing that a technician employed by an agency may sign the statement alleging a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system that must be included in a citation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(d)(1) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 283 Delegate Palakovich Carr****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – IDENTIFYING SUITABLE PROPERTY**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development identify certain property as suitable for use or redevelopment; prohibiting the Department from identifying certain property for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring the Department to consider certain factors when identifying whether a property is suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, § 2-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 284 Delegate Palakovich Carr****EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER – ALTERATION**

Altering the requirement that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline by instead requiring that each county board of education provide certain students with the telephone number of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-431 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 285 Delegate Holmes, et al****TASK FORCE ON PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION EQUITY – ALTERATIONS**

Moving from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024, the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity; and extending from June 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the termination date for the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Chapter 654 of the Acts of 2022, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 286 Delegate Holmes, et al****TASK FORCE ON COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES**

Establishing the Task Force on Common Ownership Communities to study the education and training needs of common ownership community boards and new and prospective owners of homes and dwelling units in common ownership communities; and requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 287 Delegate Charkoudian****TAX CREDITS – HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS – INCOME CALCULATION**

Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of “assets” for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-102(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 288 Delegate Pippy, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – PRIVATE PLACE AND MINOR VICTIM**

Prohibiting a person from conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual located in a residence or place of private use or accommodation without the consent of the individual; altering the penalties for the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent by use of a camera if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offender is at least 4 years older than the victim; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 289 Delegate Kerr****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; and specifying the applicable law and interpretation of State contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 2-901 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 290 Delegates Grammer and Bartlett****CRIMES – INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – EXCEPTION FOR IMMINENT DANGER**

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person has a good faith belief that the person intercepting the communication or another person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a violation of a protective order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 291 Delegate Palakovich Carr****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BID ADVERTISEMENT THRESHOLD AND ELECTRONIC POSTING OF HEARING NOTICES AND BID ADVERTISEMENTS**

Authorizing county boards of education to post on the websites of certain local school systems hearing notices related to preliminary approval of a school site and advertisements for bids for school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that exceed \$100,000; increasing, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the threshold amount of costs of school buildings, improvements, supplies, or equipment that trigger the requirement for county boards to advertise for bids; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 4-116(b) and 5-112(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 292 Delegate Kerr****STATE PROCUREMENT – MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS – ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Requiring the Board of Contract Appeals to award a prospective bidder or offeror, a bidder, or an offeror reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a protest, including attorney’s fees, if an appeal is sustained and there is a violation of law or regulation; and requiring the Board of Contract Appeals to award a contractor under any State contract the reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a claim, including attorney’s fees, if procurement unit personnel act in bad faith, without justification, or in violation of law or regulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 15-221.1 and 15-221.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 293 Delegate Arentz, et al****STATE BOAT ACT – ABANDONED OR SUNKEN RECREATIONAL VESSELS – IDENTIFICATION AND REMOVAL**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to remove abandoned or sunken recreational vessels secured to certain apparatuses or left anchored and unattended for more than 60 days under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to consider and document certain factors when determining whether a recreational vessel is abandoned or sunken under certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 8-721 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 294 Delegate Arentz, et al****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VESSEL TRANSFERS – EXCISE TAX AND TITLE FEE EXEMPTION**

Prohibiting the imposition of an excise tax or title fee for the transfer of certain vessels to a trust or from a trust to certain beneficiaries under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 14.5-1001 - amended and NR, § 8-716(b) and (e)(12) and (13) - amended and § 8-716(e)(14) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means