



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2024

HB 1481 Delegate A. Johnson

CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD SURCHARGES
– LIMITATION

Prohibiting a retail business from charging a consumer a certain surcharge in excess of the amount required to reimburse the retail business for the cost of processing certain credit or debit transactions; and making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-1328 - added
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1482 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND –
UNINSURED DRIVING PENALTIES

Altering penalties for failing to maintain certain required security for certain motor vehicles; and altering the amount of the penalties that are required to be paid for fiscal year 2025 to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and the base amount used to calculate the amount paid in subsequent fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR § 17-106 - amended

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HB 1483 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – ASSESSMENTS**

Requiring, before the Board of Directors of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association authorizes the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to withdraw certain amounts, that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner approve a certain certification of a certain assessment to be made on certain private passenger auto and commercial insurance carriers due to a certain loss of the Fund; and requiring the Commissioner to make a certain decision regarding certain assessment allocation percentages within 30 days.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

IN, §§ 20-404, 20-405, and 20-408 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1484 Delegate R. Lewis**CANNABIS – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND – DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FUNDS FOR BALTIMORE CITY**

Altering the process for distributing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund to Baltimore City by allocating certain funds to the Baltimore City Comptroller under certain circumstances; establishing an Equitable Community Investment Council in each Baltimore City State legislative district; requiring each council to adopt bylaws by September 1, 2024, and to develop certain plans to allocate certain funds through certain grants to community-based organizations for certain services and programs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, § 1-322(b) - amended and § 1-324 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1485 Delegate Toles**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING COURSE – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop, by July 1, 2025, curriculum content for an elective course in water safety and swimming for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12; requiring, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, county boards of education to implement the water safety and swimming curriculum content for students in kindergarten through grade 12 in public schools in the county; and authorizing a public school to partner with a local parks and recreation facility for certain purposes.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-452 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1486 Delegate Forbes**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBER MARYLAND FUND AND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Cyber Maryland Fund and Program; authorizing the Fund to be used for administrative expenses of the Program, including hiring staff, consultants and other professionals as necessary to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Fund; and requiring the Corporation to adopt certain standards.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 10-491 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1487 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**MARYLAND ENTERTAINMENT COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapter 434 of the Acts of 2023, § 2 - repealed, Chapter 434 of the Acts of 2023, § 5 - amended and EC, §§ 4-401 through 4-408 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1488 Delegate Atterbary**PROPERTY TAX – APPEALS – DEFINITION OF “TAXPAYER”**

Defining “taxpayer” for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning property tax appeals to mean a person with a legal interest in a property that is subject to an appeal; and applying the Act retroactively to affect any petition for review of an assessment of property filed after December 1, 2022.

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 14-501 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1489 Delegate Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION – SENDING TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS BEFORE PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 9-305(e) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1490 Delegate Wells

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS DIVERSITY INCUBATOR PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Business Diversity Incubator Program and Fund in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain business entities to establish diverse and effective business incubators in the State; authorizing the Governor in each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Business Diversity Incubator Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 5-2501 through 5-2506 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1491 Delegate Rogers

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – PRINCE HALL DAY

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim the second Sunday in September as Prince Hall Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

GP, § 7-416 through 7-420 - renumbered and § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1492 Delegate Rogers

EDUCATION – ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY – STUDENT INFORMATION

Requiring public schools in the State to notify students taking the ASVAB and parents or guardians of students taking the ASVAB of the option to prohibit the release of a student's ASVAB test scores to military recruiters; and repealing the requirement that certain schools provide certain notice to certain individuals regarding the release of student information and ASVAB test scores.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-111 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1493 Delegate Mangione, et al

**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CHILD SEX OFFENDERS –
PROHIBITION ON IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

Prohibiting a child from in-person attendance at a public school or a nonpublic school that receives State funds if the child has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of rape or other sexual offenses; and requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in-person attendance under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations