



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 26, 2024
Schedule 9

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 26, 2024

HB 698 Delegates Bartlett and Pena–Melnyk

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON OF A
DISABLED PERSON – EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS

Requiring a court to rule on petitions to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled person in order to seek transfer or discharge of a disabled person from a hospital within 10 days; and requiring that hearings to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled person be held virtually unless the party seeking appointment requests that the hearing be held in person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 13-705 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 699 Delegate Vogel**CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – NOTICE AND REMOVAL OF ITEM OR SYMBOL (HATE CRIMES GRAFFITI REMOVAL ACT)**

Requiring law enforcement agencies to promptly notify owners of personal or real property regarding certain items or symbols being placed or inscribed on the property; requiring certain property owners to remove the items or symbols within 24 hours after the certain item or symbol is reported to a law enforcement agency or the property owner receives a certain notification, subject to certain exceptions; and establishing that a penalty for a violation of this Act may only be imposed on an owner of commercial real or personal property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 10-305.2 - added and § 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 700 Delegates D. Jones and Fair**ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – REVISIONS**

Requiring that a county employee who serves as an election judge during hours that the employee is scheduled to work for the county receive certain administrative leave and certain election judge compensation; authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service–learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EL, §§ 10-201.1 and 10-202(f) - added and §§ 10-202(d) and (e) and 10-205 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 701 Delegate Wilson**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS**

Requiring the listing for a ticket and each step of a transaction to purchase a ticket to disclose certain information including the total price of the ticket; requiring a reseller to provide the contact information of the resale ticket purchaser to the ticket issuer for a certain purpose; prohibiting a reseller from selling or offering to sell tickets for more than the total price of the initial ticket; limiting the fee that a secondary ticket exchange may charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-310.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 702 Delegate Wilson**WAGE AND HOUR LAW – MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting minor league baseball players who are compensated under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that expressly provides for the wages and working conditions of employees from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-403(14) and (15) - amended and § 3-403(16) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 703 Delegate Embry**JUVENILE LAW – POLICE RECORD CONCERNING A CHILD – CONFIDENTIALITY EXCEPTION**

Authorizing the public disclosure by the Office of the Attorney General of the name and age of a child injured or killed in a police-involved incident as well as photographic or other visual depictions or descriptions of a police-involved incident resulting in the death or injury of a child, subject to the express consent of the child's parent or guardian.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-27(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 704 Delegate Wivell, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Education Savings Account program in the State administered by the State Department of Education; providing that the State shall deposit into an account of an eligible student a certain percentage of the per pupil amount of State and local funds for each education program in the resident school district for which the eligible student would be included in the enrollment count; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 9.12-101 through 9.12-106 and TG, § 10-208(cc) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 705 Delegate Terrasa

REAL PROPERTY – COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Requiring a person conducting a meeting of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association by telephone conference, video conference, or similar electronic means to provide a participant a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting; requiring certain participants in a meeting of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association to have equal access to any available chat function; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 5-6B-25.1 and RP, §§ 11-139.3 and 11B-113.6 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 706 Delegate Cardin**DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION –
DECRIMINALIZATION**

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 5-101(h), 5-619(c) and (d), and 5-620(a), (b), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 707 Delegate Simmons, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – USE OF BODY–WORN
CAMERAS**

Altering certain provisions of law to require a certain law enforcement agency to require the use of body–worn cameras, subject to a certain policy, by each sworn law enforcement officer, regardless of rank, employed by the law enforcement agency while the officer is in uniform, in public, and conducting law enforcement related duties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-511(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 708 Delegates Lopez and Griffith**INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION –
INSTITUTIONAL DEBT – REPORT**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education to submit a report on institutional debt to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by October 1 each year, beginning in 2025; authorizing the Commission to assess a civil penalty, up to \$10,000 per violation, against an institution for failure to submit a report or knowingly including inaccurate information in a report; and establishing certain notice, appeal, and hearing procedures that the Commission must follow before assessing a civil penalty.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 11-212 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 709 Delegates Rogers and Schmidt**LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKERS – BRANCH OFFICES –
DESIGNATION OF MANAGERS**

Authorizing a licensed real estate broker to designate himself or herself as the manager of a branch office maintained by the licensed real estate broker.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 17-518 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 710 Delegate Rogers, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS – SPECIAL
FUND AND FEES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

BR, §§ 2-106.15, 2-106.16, and 8.5-105.1 - added and §§ 8.5-103 and 8.5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 711 Delegate Wilson**CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – INDIAN HEAD
HIGHWAY – CONVERSION INTO LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY**

Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to include sufficient funds in the Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal year 2025 and beyond for the planning, design, and reconstruction necessary for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County into a limited access highway; and requiring, by December 31, 2024, a report to the General Assembly on a timeline and the estimated costs for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) into a limited access highway.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 712 Delegate Rosenberg**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DENIALS – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Establishing that a custodian is required to deny inspection of certain confidential information only if the disclosure is likely to result in substantial competitive harm to the person from which the information was obtained; and establishing that a custodian may deny inspection of certain confidential information only if the disclosure is likely to result in substantial competitive harm to the entity that owns the information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 4-335 and 4-348 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 713 Delegate Griffith, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 55**

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification from \$12,500 to \$20,000 under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 55 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 714 Delegate Griffith, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing, from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 715 Delegate Griffith, et al

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-607, 4-614(a), 4-745(e), and 10-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 716 Delegate Griffith, et al

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – FEE EXEMPTION –
UNEMPLOYABLE DISABLED VETERANS

Establishing that a vehicle owned by an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-903(a)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 717 Delegate J. Long, et al

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING PARENTAL
ENGAGEMENT LEAVE

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 718 Delegate J. Long, et al**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SENIORS –
MINIMUM BENEFIT**

Requiring the State to provide a benefit of at least \$40 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to a household that includes an individual who is at least 65 years old and has a gross annual household income that does not exceed \$50,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 719 Delegate J. Long, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PARENT AND GUARDIAN
VOLUNTEERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Allowing certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in a certain elementary and secondary school a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$20 for each volunteer hour, not to exceed \$500; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain application and tax credit certificate; requiring a certain county board member or school administrator to issue tax credit certificates in a certain manner; making the credit refundable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 720 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – DEPUTY CLERK OR DEPUTY SHERIFF – OATH
OF OFFICE**

Requiring that every deputy clerk or deputy sheriff in Carroll County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by the Maryland Constitution.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 2-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 721 Delegate Boyce**BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES – OWNER–OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the collector of taxes in Baltimore City to withhold any owner–occupied residential property from tax sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TP, § 14-811(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 722 Delegate Arikan, et al**HEALTH – MINORS – GENDER AND SEX TRANSITION PROCEDURES**

Prohibiting a health care provider from knowingly engaging in or causing certain medical or surgical procedures to be performed on a minor without the consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor if performed for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of, or affirm the minor’s perception of, the minor’s gender or sex and the appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor’s sex; establishing certain penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 20-107 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations