



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 24, 2024
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5.

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

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 24, 2024

SB 487 **Senator Lam**

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PAYMENTS TO
NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS – REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay nonparticipating health care providers for services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-710.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 488 **Senators Waldstreicher and Smith****CIVIL ACTIONS – PUBLIC NUISANCES – FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS (GUN INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting firearm industry members from knowingly creating, maintaining, or contributing to a public nuisance through the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, or marketing of a firearm-related product under certain circumstances; requiring a firearm industry member to establish and implement certain reasonable controls regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession, or use of certain firearm-related products; authorizing certain civil actions for violations of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2304 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 489 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – PERSONAL STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – AUTHORIZED FORMAT**

Providing that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System may satisfy a requirement to provide each member and retiree in the several systems with a personal statement that includes certain information about the several systems and the member's or retiree's benefits by providing each member and retiree the information through an online portal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 21-112 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 490 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DEFINITION**

Updating the definition of "Consumer Price Index" to replace the 1967 index with the 1982–1984 index as the reference used by the State Retirement and Pension System for certain calculations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 29-401(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 491 **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS OF SERVICE**

Repealing a requirement for certain transfers of service to be calculated under a certain formula; and correcting a reference to a contribution rate for transfers of service into the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 37-203(f) and 37-203.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 492 **Senator Kagan****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS – POLICY AND ACCESS**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to accommodate students who need to participate in telehealth appointments during the school day; requiring each public middle and high school to designate a space that meets certain requirements for student telehealth appointments; and requiring the Department, on request, to provide technical assistance to a county board to establish the student telehealth policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 4-142 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 493 **Senator Kagan****ELECTIONS – RANKED-CHOICE VOTING – CONTESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 2028**

Requiring that, in the 2028 statewide primary election, each contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States be conducted using ranked-choice voting; and requiring the State Board of Elections to develop and pay the cost of a certain voter education campaign and conduct and pay the cost of a survey of voters after the primary election to gauge the satisfaction of the voters with ranked-choice voting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EL, § 8-206 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 494 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION PROCEDURES

Altering the records and documents that a board of canvassers is required to investigate under certain circumstances; altering the responsibilities of the State Board of Elections and the Board of State Canvassers regarding the certification of election results; authorizing the members of the Board of State Canvassers to appoint certain designees to serve on the Board of State Canvassers; and altering the responsibilities of the Governor regarding election results.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 11-307, 11-501, 11-502, 11-503, and 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 495 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – PLAIN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Requiring that a certain statement included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained not higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 6-103(b), 6-201(c), and 7-103(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 496 **Senator Kagan**

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing penalties for certain violations of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine not to exceed \$25,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-302(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 497 **Senator Gile****HEALTH INSURANCE AND MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE – OPIOID REVERSAL DRUGS AND PRODUCTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 498 **Senator Gile****INCOME TAX – SENIOR TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the calculation of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-754 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 499 **Senator M. Washington****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**

Establishing the School Psychologist Recruitment Program within the State Department of Education to provide professional development programs and aid for a certification fee to school psychologists and individuals seeking to become school psychologists and to reimburse school psychologists for professional conference expenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 6-129 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 500 **Senator M. Washington****EDUCATION – CHILD CARE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for an award from the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund to include a service obligation to work in an approved child care setting for at least 20 hours per week; requiring the Office of Child Care to prioritize grant awards to certain applicants; requiring award recipients who do not perform the service obligation to repay certain award funding except under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 9.5-905 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 501 **Senator McKay****HANDGUNS – WEAR, CARRY, AND TRANSPORT LAWS – HANDBOOK PUBLICATION**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to annually publish, beginning on October 1, 2024, a handbook summarizing State laws relating to wearing, carrying, and transporting a handgun in public; and requiring the Secretary to make copies of the handbook available to members of the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 5-306(a-3) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 502 **Senator McKay****ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER**

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned by the Evergreen Heritage Center.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-302(b)(16) and (17) - amended and § 9-302(b)(18) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 503 **Senator McKay, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION (IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARY “PAPPY” BOWARD)**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years of age who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual’s passenger.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 504 **Senator McKay****MOTOR VEHICLES – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALER AGREEMENTS**

Requiring recreational vehicle dealers to hold a dealer agreement with a recreational vehicle manufacturer to sell the manufacturer’s recreational vehicles in the State; establishing licensing requirements for a recreational vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch; altering the required terms and conditions of a recreational dealer agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 15-201.1 and 15-1001 through 15-1015 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 505 **Senator Kramer****PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE – ASSESSMENT CAP INCREASE**

Increasing the cap on the assessment a county or municipal corporation may impose on each transportation network service from 25 cents per trip to 50 cents per trip.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 10-406(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 506 **Senator West**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DISCIPLINE – ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPUNGEMENT

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations authorizing a licensed physician to file an application for administrative expungement of a disciplinary record with the Board and establishing a process for the grant or denial of an administrative expungement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, § 14-417 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 507 **Senator Bailey**SPECIAL CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING
LICENSE – NONRESIDENTS – LICENSE FEE

Increasing the license fee for a special Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license for nonresident license applicants from \$50 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 4-745(d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 508 **Senator Bailey**

HUNTING – NONRESIDENT SIKA DEER STAMP – FEE ALTERATION

Altering the fee for nonresident sika deer stamps from \$25 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-301(g)(5)(ix) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 509 **Senator Kramer**COMMERCIAL FINANCING – SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN LENDING
ACT

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FI, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1214 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 510 **Senators Hershey and Mautz**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES
– NONESCHEAT CAPITAL CREDITS

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or donate to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 17-304(g) - amended and CA, § 5-650.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 511 **Senator A. Washington**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS –
RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYPERSONS

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt regulations establishing a ratio of three apprentices to one journeyman for each nontraditional trade occupation and newly registered occupation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 11-410 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 512 **Senator A. Washington**EDUCATION – PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND
PROPERTY – APPLICATION

Specifying that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing certain disruptive and threatening behavior on certain school grounds and property do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program sponsored at that institution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 26-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 513 **Senator A. Washington****EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – USE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS**

Prohibiting an employer from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's use of cannabis products under certain circumstances; establishing that certain provisions prohibiting employment discrimination do not prohibit an employer from taking certain actions against an employee under certain circumstances or authorize certain behaviors by an employee; and requiring certain employers to issue a drug policy under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-718 - added and SG, §§ 20-601, 20-604, 20-605, and 20-606 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 514 **Senator A. Washington****STATE HIGHWAYS – SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS – MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

Repealing a requirement that a political subdivision maintain and repair certain sidewalks constructed by any developer of an industrial, commercial, or apartment area along a highway maintained by the State Highway Administration; and repealing a requirement that a political subdivision maintain and repair sidewalks and bicycle pathways constructed or reconstructed as part of the construction or reconstruction of an urban highway or in response to the request of a local government.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 8-629(c) - repealed and § 8-630(c)(6) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 515 **Senator A. Washington****ELECTIONS – VOTER REGISTRATION AGE – ALTERATION**

Altering, from 16 years old to 15 years and 9 months old, the age at which an individual may register to vote.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 516 **Senator A. Washington****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission to promote innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace opportunities, including the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation industries into the economy of the State; establishing the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Fund; requiring the Commission by October 1 each year to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1115 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 517 **Senator A. Washington****NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND PROGRAM – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the administrator of the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program to be the Maryland Higher Education Commission rather than the State Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 18-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 518 **Senator A. Washington****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 519 **Senator McCray****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 520 **Senator McCray****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: Finance

SB 521 **Senator McKay****GARRETT COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY – ALTERATION**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County; and repealing the requirement for the Garrett County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 2-325(b)(1) and PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 32.43 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 522 **Senator Augustine****CHARTER COUNTIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS**

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a civil or criminal fine that may be imposed by a charter county to enforce certain local laws enacted by the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 10-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 523 Senator M. Washington**ELECTION LAW – POSTELECTION TABULATION AUDITS – RISK–LIMITING AUDITS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk–limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EL, § 11-309 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 524 Senator M. Washington**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS – GENDER–NEUTRAL LANGUAGE**

Altering certain terminology that refers to chairs and vice chairs of committees of the General Assembly to be gender–neutral.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 525 Senators Kelly and Gile**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – WAGE RANGE TRANSPARENCY**

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; prohibiting an employer from taking a certain retaliatory action; and requiring each employer to keep a record of compliance with certain provisions of the Act for at least 3 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 3-301, 3-304.2, 3-305, 3-307, and 3-308(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 526 **Senator Lam****HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –
SPECIALTY DRUGS DISPENSED BY A PHYSICIAN**

Prohibiting certain pharmacy benefits managers from requiring a beneficiary to use a specific pharmacy or entity for a specialty drug if the drug is dispensed by a physician, used in the treatment of a certain condition, and meets other requirements; and altering the application to specialty drugs of the prohibition on certain pharmacy benefits managers reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist in an amount less than the amount the pharmacy benefits manager reimburses itself or an affiliate for providing the same product or service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 15-1611.1 and 15-1612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 527 **Senators Kelly and Kagan****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring on or before December 1, 2024, each community college to develop and implement a plan to provide students with access to over-the-counter contraception; requiring each community college to submit a certain report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before September 1 each year; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General Assembly by October 1 each year; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide certain assistance to a community college.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 16-111 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 528 **Senator Hettleman, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT BUS
TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**

Providing a refundable credit against the State income tax for nonpublic school student bus transportation expenses paid by an individual resident who is the parent or guardian of the student during the taxable year; prohibiting a tax credit from exceed \$1,500 per school student; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 529 **Caroline County Senators****CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Altering the 1–day beer and wine tasting (BWT) license in Caroline County to be a 1–day beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWL) license; altering certain qualifications for the license; and altering the amounts of alcoholic beverages an individual may consume at a tasting.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 15-1304 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 530 **Cecil County Senators****CECIL COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE**

Altering the date by which Cecil County is required to file a certain financial report with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 16-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 531 **Caroline County Senators****CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to a holder of a certain barbershop or beauty salon permit; establishing a licensing fee of \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 15-1001 and 15-1001.1 - renumbered and § 15-1001 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 532 **Senator Gallion****COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland; and requiring the Commission to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, and other recommendations and, on or before December 1, 2025, report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 533 **Senator Gallion****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 534 **Senator Jackson****ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS PROTECTION ACT – REPEAL**

Repealing the Electronic Transactions Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 6-201 through 6-203 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 535 **Senator Ready, et al**

HEALTH INSURANCE – LABOR AND DELIVERY SERVICES – COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for labor and delivery services without certain cost-sharing requirements.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

IN, § 15-811.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 536 **Senator Jackson**

ENVIRONMENT – NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (RADIATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION ACT)

Establishing the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to serve as an offsite response organization and the lead State agency for all nuclear incidents within the State; requiring the Department to prepare a technical emergency radiation response plan, respond to emergencies involving a nuclear power plant, participate in a certain federal program, and procure certain specialized equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EN, §§ 8-101 and 8-102 - amended and §§ 8-701 through 8-704 - added and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 537 **Senator Feldman**

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 certain zoning restrictions applicable to certain other entities; 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: Finance

SB 538 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – PERSONAL INJURY
AND WRONGFUL DEATH

Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 11-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 539 **Senator Gile, et al**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: Finance

SB 540 **Senator Gile, et al**

EDUCATION – SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the State Department of Education to provide funds to county Boards to produce school mapping data for each public school and public charter school in the county to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at a school; and authorizing the School Safety Subcabinet within the Maryland Center for School Safety to use the Safe Schools Fund to provide funding to the Department for grants under the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-452 - added and § 7-1512 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 541 Senator Gile, et al

MARYLAND ONLINE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2024

Establishing generally the manner in which a controller or a processor may process a consumer's personal data; authorizing a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; requiring a controller of personal data to establish a method for a consumer to exercise certain rights in regards to the consumer's personal data; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, § 13-301(14)(xl) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xlii) and 14-4601 through 14-4613 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 24, 2024**SJ 1** Senator Kelly, et al

AFFIRMING THE FEDERAL EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Urging the Administration of President Joseph R. Biden to publish the federal Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and for the U.S. Congress to affirm, by joint resolution, the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment.

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings