



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 2, 2024
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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 February 2, 2024

SB 801 **Senator Jackson**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICATION–ASSISTED TREATMENT

Repealing the requirement that each local correctional facility make available at least one formulation of each FDA–approved full opioid agonist, partial opioid agonist, and long–acting opioid antagonist used for the treatment of opioid use disorders; requiring the Maryland Secretary of Health to annually provide each county a grant equal to the costs incurred by the county for the implementation of a certain medication–assisted treatment program; and expanding the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-603 and SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

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SB 802 **Senator Brooks, 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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 803 **Senator Brooks****EDUCATION – LOCAL SHARE OF MAJOR EDUCATION AID – NONRECURRING COSTS EXCLUSION**

Authorizing the exclusion of certain costs from the calculation of a county's highest local appropriation to its school operating budget if a county board of education and a county governing body agree annually to designate certain spending as nonrecurring costs; and requiring the State Department of Education to submit a certain report to certain county governing bodies under certain circumstances.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-235(c) and (n) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 804 **Senator Brooks****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: Finance

SB 805 **Senators Brooks and Klausmeier**

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 806 **Senators Zucker and Feldman**

BUSINESS REGULATION – LICENSED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS – LIABILITY INSURANCE

Increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the amount of general liability insurance that an applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home improvement contractor must maintain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 8-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 807 **Senator Carozza**

SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to enact local laws and adopt other measures to manage, direct, and regulate fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in the County; authorizing the County Commissioners to authorize or create an entity or a body to administer the County's affairs in the County relating to fire, rescue, and emergency medical services; and requiring the County Commissioners to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Council to make certain recommendations under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 4-301 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 808 **Senator Carozza, et al****ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY – COORDINATION AND GUIDANCE**

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to coordinate with the Maryland Energy Administration, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Commerce, the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and certain other stakeholders to ensure anaerobic digestion technology projects are not unduly delayed; and requiring the Department, in coordination with certain State agencies, to establish certain guidance for farmers regarding the development and implementation of anaerobic digestion technology.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, § 2-2301 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 809 **Senator Mautz****DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION**

Exempting applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with Dorchester County, as a 9–1–1 Center dispatcher at the Dorchester County 9–1–1 Center, or as a correctional officer of the Dorchester County Detention Center from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of prospective employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 3-702 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 810 **Senator Mautz****DORCHESTER COUNTY – COUNTY PROPERTY LEASES – NOTICE EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a lease of county property for a term of 5 years or less made by Dorchester County from certain notice requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 10-312(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 811 **Senator Mautz**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN
NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION –
DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS

Altering the meaning of “newspaper” or “newspaper in general circulation” when referring to the publication of a certain legal advertisement or legal notice to include certain publications that are offered in a print format or a digital format under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 812 **Senator Ellis**ELECTION LAW – PARTY AND ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICES –
PROHIBITION

Altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for, or holding, a party office and an elected public office.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 5-204 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 813 **Senator Salling**

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – ACCESS TO TELEPHONES

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2025, certain health care facilities to implement a program to provide individuals admitted to the health care facility reasonable access to a telephone.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-353.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 814 **Senator M. Washington****PUBLIC UTILITIES – DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “qualified offshore wind project” for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard and the development of offshore wind in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 7-701(k) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 815 **Senator M. Washington****CANNABIS – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT IMPACT DISTRICTS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing a county or an Equitable Community Investment Council to designate an area that meets certain criteria as a Community Reinvestment Impact District, subject to certain requirements; and requiring that a district shall receive at least 20% of the funds distributed from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund for at least 5 years.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AB, § 1-325 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 816 **Senator Hester****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBER MARYLAND FUND AND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Cyber Maryland Fund; altering the uses of the Fund; and requiring the Corporation to adopt certain standards.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 10-491 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 817 **Senators Ellis and Waldstreicher****PUBLIC SAFETY – MISSING PERSONS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT – PURPLE ALERT PROGRAM**

Establishing a Purple Alert Program to disseminate information to assist in locating a missing person who suffers a cognitive impairment, intellectual or developmental disability, or brain injury who is not eligible for the Silver Alert Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-608 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 818 **Senator Hester, et al****INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring each unit of State government to conduct certain inventories and assessments; requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct certain monitoring and adopt certain policies and procedures; prohibiting a unit of State government from implementing or using a system that employs artificial intelligence under certain circumstances; establishing the Governor's Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; allowing the Governor to appropriate up to \$3,000,000 annually for the Subcabinet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, §§ 3.5-301, 3.5-303(a), and 12-101 - amended and §§ 3.5-318, 3.5-801 through 3.5-805, and 13-116 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 819 **Senator Jennings, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – FIREARMS REQUIRED**

Requiring a Baltimore City school police officer and a school resource officer to carry a firearm while present on the premises of the school to which the officer is assigned.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 4-318(d)(3)(i) and 7-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 820 Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**HOSPITALS – CARE OF INFANTS AFTER DISCHARGE**

Requiring a hospital to provide certain oral and written instructions on safe sleep environments for infants to the parent or legal guardian of an infant before the hospital discharges an infant into the care of the parent or legal guardian; requiring a hospital before discharging an infant to ask a parent or legal guardian to describe the environment in which the infant will sleep; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain list of resources available for an infant's parent or legal guardian.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-308.10 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 821 Senator Feldman**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: Finance

SB 822 Senators Kramer and West**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State's crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(cc) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 823 **Senator Kramer, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY, PART-TIME FACULTY, POST DOCTORAL ASSOCIATES, AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty, part-time faculty, post doctoral associates, and graduate assistants at certain State institutions of higher education; establishing separate collective bargaining units for the faculty, part-time faculty, post doctoral associates, and graduate assistants; and altering the application of certain collective bargaining laws to supervisory, managerial, and confidential employees of a State institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, § 22-101(d) and SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and(12) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 824 **Senator Kramer****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 825 **Senator Kramer****HEALTH FACILITIES – DELEGATION OF INSPECTION AUTHORITY – RELATED INSTITUTIONS AND NURSING HOMES**

Requiring the Secretary of Health, on request of a unit of local government, to delegate to the unit of local government the authority to inspect and to conduct site visits and full surveys of related institutions and nursing homes; and requiring related institutions and nursing homes to report certain information to a unit of local government if the Secretary has delegated inspection authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 19-304, 19-308, 19-1406, 19-1408, 19-1413.1, and 19-1414- amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 826 **Senator Smith**

VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES – OPERATION AT INTERSECTIONS

Authorizing a person operating a bicycle that is approaching a stop sign at an intersection on a highway with two or fewer lanes for moving traffic to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the person reduces the speed of the bicycle to a reasonable rate and yields the right-of-way to certain vehicles under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 21-707 and 21-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 827 **Senator Smith**

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – JURY EXAMINATION

Specifying the purpose of jury examination in any State court is to identify and remove prospective jurors who are unable to serve fairly and impartially, and allow the parties to obtain information that may provide guidance for the use of peremptory challenges and challenges for cause.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 8-423 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 828 **Senator Benson**

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION AND FEES (CAMERON CARDEN ACT OF 2024)

Requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to authorize a student to withdraw under extenuating circumstances and reimburse the student for tuition and fees paid for the semester in which the student withdraws under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 829 **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – FIRE COMPANIES – APPROPRIATIONS**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate to certain organized volunteer fire companies in the county certain amounts for fiscal years 2025 through 2030; and requiring that the appropriations required for fiscal year 2030 remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a future enactment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-304(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 830 **Senator Klausmeier****RADIATION THERAPY, RADIOGRAPHY, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY, AND RADIOLOGY ASSISTANCE – LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of limited licensed radiologic technology under the State Board of Physicians; and altering the composition of the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiology Assistance, and Limited Licensed Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 14-5B-09.1, 14-5B-11(e), and 14-5B-17(e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 831 **Senator Klausmeier****VETERANS – PERSONS PROVIDING VETERANS BENEFITS SERVICES AND VETERANS BENEFITS APPEALS SERVICES – FEES AND COMPENSATION**

Prohibiting, except as authorized by federal law, a person from charging a fee or receiving compensation for providing or referring a certain individual to another person for the provision of veterans benefits services or veterans benefit appeals services; establishing standards for the division of attorney's fees in relation to the provision of veterans benefits services or appeals services; requiring a person who charges fees for providing certain veterans benefits services to comply with certain ethical standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 9-905.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 832 **Senator Klausmeier**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM –
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

Designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural history museum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 7-325 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 833 **Senator Klausmeier**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR OFF-
PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only in a jurisdiction where the local licensing board had adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses to sell certain alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for off-premises consumption or delivery; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 834 **Senator Hester**CONSUMER PROTECTION – SCAM AWARENESS PILOT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT (DON'T SCAM MARYLAND ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Scam Awareness Pilot Program in the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to identify common scamming methods used against individuals in the State and to develop and disseminate certain consumer safety messages; requiring the Division to engage certain stakeholders to provide input on the Pilot Program; and requiring the Division to report on the Pilot Program to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 835 **Senator Hester****ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS**

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, on or before December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for well and septic program permits to the Department for approval; and requiring certain entities to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission is approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EN, § 9-1114 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 836 **Senator McKay****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ABANDONED CEMETERY – ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to acquire by purchase or condemnation certain property on which a cemetery is located if the acquisition is for certain preservation purposes and ownership of the property cannot be determined or the organization established to operate the cemetery no longer exists; and authorizing the county commissioners to transfer the property acquired by purchase or condemnation to a nonprofit organization that agrees to preserve the historical nature of the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 12-412 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 837 **Senator McKay****DEEP CREEK LAKE – LOWER LAKE LEVELS – REQUIREMENT AND IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring the Water and Science Administration in the Department of the Environment to require Brookfield Power Piney & Deep Creek LLC to lower the level of Deep Creek Lake for at least 4 weeks between November 30 and February 28; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a certain study while the lake level is lowered to determine the impact of the lower levels on the spread of invasive plants and accumulated sediment deposits; requiring certain units of the State to consider the reports when taking certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 5-215.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 838 **Senators Gallion and Folden****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 839 **Senator Sydnor****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 840 **Senator Sydnor****PUBLIC SAFETY – AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS – CAPTURED PLATE DATA**

Altering the definition of “historical data” to include automatic license plate reader data stored by cloud computing; and establishing that certain captured automatic license plate reader data is the property of a certain law enforcement agency and may not be sold for any purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-509(a)(6) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 841 **Senator Ready, et al****TRANSPORTATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES, VEHICLE–MILES–TRAVELED TAX, AND FAREBOX RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS (TRANSPORTATION EQUITY, FAIRNESS, AND PRIVACY ACT OF 2024)**

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle–miles–traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 9-305 - amended and § 9-401 - added and TR, §§ 7-208(b-1) and 7-506(a)(1) - amended and § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 842 **Senator Ready, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, umpire, referee, or judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor of assault and is subject to certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 843 **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – HEARING LOSS**

Altering the method used to determine the percentage of hearing loss deafness for purposes of workers' compensation; altering the method used to determine the deduction required to be made to allow for the average amount of hearing loss from nonoccupational causes in the population for purposes of calculating workers' compensation benefits for occupational deafness; and requiring tinnitus to be considered part of a covered employee's hearing loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-650 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 844 **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal demonstrate disablement for purposes of workers' compensation and are deemed to have hypertension for purposes of an occupational disease presumption for hypertension if certain requirements are met.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 845 **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – TEMPORARY PARTIAL DISABILITY – CONCURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Requiring the employer at the employment where the accidental personal injury or occupational disease occurred or its insurer to pay a temporarily partially disabled covered employee who holds concurrent employment compensation that equals two-thirds of the average weekly wage of the covered employee under certain circumstances; providing that an employer may not be required to pay certain compensation for more than a 6-month period; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-615 - amended and § 9-616 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 846 **Senator Klausmeier**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE – STUDY ON ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on or before December 1, 2024, to conduct a study on the actively seeking work requirement of the unemployment insurance system in the State and other states to evaluate the effects of ghosting on actively seeking work requirements and report on the study to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

SB 847 **Senator Mautz**DORCHESTER COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – REPEAL OF TIME
RESTRICTIONS

Repealing the time restrictions that apply to Sunday hunting in Dorchester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-410(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 848 **Senator M. Washington**

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Repealing the requirement that Baltimore City must provide a 25% match to receive State funds for certain operating expenses of the Enoch Pratt Free Library; requiring an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to fund aging infrastructure construction and capital improvement expenses in excess of \$1,000,000 for all branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in fiscal years 2025 and 2026; and requiring the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library to demonstrate a 10% match for each dollar of State funds granted.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 23-402(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 849 Senator Corderman

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY, INC.

Altering the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc., in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 850 Senator Corderman

STATE PERSONNEL – LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH AND FUNERAL BENEFITS

Increasing to \$25,000 the maximum amount of funeral expenses that may be provided for a line-of-duty death of certain public safety officers and indexing the benefit to inflation; repealing an offset against certain funeral expenses for the line-of-duty death of certain public safety officers; increasing the maximum amount of line-of-duty death benefits for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; providing a funeral expense benefit for a line-of-duty death for State employees and indexing the benefit to inflation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PS, § 1-202(d) and SP, § 10-404 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 851 Senators Corderman and McKay

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY WAIVER AND SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Authorizing a county board of education to waive a certain eligibility requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics at a Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association member school for students who attend certain public high schools; and requiring a county superintendent of schools to report to the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association the school enrollment of member schools in grades 9, 10, and 11 in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 852 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that a member of the Washington County Board of Education be a resident of Washington County for at least 6 months and a resident of the State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date the member takes office; and requiring members of the county board to maintain a primary residence in Washington County during their term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-1301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 853 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Altering the stadium beer and wine license in Washington County to be a multi-use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption in the multi-use sports and events facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 31-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 854 **Washington County Senators****AGRICULTURE – NUISANCE INSECTS**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary of Agriculture to implement, under certain circumstances, a program to use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* to control or eliminate nuisance insects in the State; and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Secretary to carry out a certain project to control or eliminate nuisance insects if the county or municipality in which the nuisance insects are located agrees to pay 50% of the costs associated with the project.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AG, § 5-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 855 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring that certain numbers of members of the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County and the Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County shall belong to certain political parties based on the aggregate number of votes in the preceding election of the Board of County Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 31-202 and ED, § 16-419 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 856 **Senator McKay****EDUCATION – MINIMUM SCHOOL FUNDING – WAIVER**

Providing for a waiver from minimum school funding requirements for schools with fewer than 300 students.

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ED, § 5-234 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 857 **Senator McKay****OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAIL FUND AND OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECREATION OVERSIGHT BOARD – ALTERATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the contents and authorized uses of the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund; establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board to advise the Secretary of Natural Resources on certain matters and review and approve certain expenditures; and altering the percentages of the revenue from a certain excise tax the Comptroller is required to distribute to the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and each year thereafter.

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NR, §§ 5-209(b)(3) and 5-1011 and TR, § 13-814 - amended and NR, § 5-1011.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 858 **Senator Hester, et al****REVENGE PORN – CIVIL ACTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Authorizing a person to bring a civil action for the nonconsensual distribution of a visual representation of the person with the person's intimate parts exposed or while the person is engaged in sexual activity; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action under the Act; prohibiting visual representations in court documents under the Act from being made available for public inspection; and requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit a certain annual report to the General Assembly.

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CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2305 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 859 **Senators Zucker and Guzzone****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES – FUNDING**

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education to ensure the State match amount for the Division is met as required by certain federal acts.

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ED, § 21-302 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 860 **Senator Corderman****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STUDY ON LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING INCARCERATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

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CS, § 9-618 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 861 **Senators Lewis Young and Watson****PUBLIC UTILITIES – HIGH-ENERGY-USE FACILITIES – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS**

Requiring a person that owns, operates, or controls a high energy use facility to ensure greenhouse gas emissions associated with the electricity used by the facility are reduced by certain amounts by certain years; prohibiting a person from using certain methods to meet the emissions reduction targets established under the Act; and requiring the Public Service Commission to review and verify a certain report submitted by each person that owns, operates, or controls a high energy use facility and make a certain determination.

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PU, §§ 7-1001 through 7-1004 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 862 **Senator Carozza, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – PREGNANCY – COERCION (PROTECTING PREGNANT WOMEN AGAINST COERCIVE ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING)**

Prohibiting an individual from committing or threatening certain actions, including certain actions related to sex trafficking, with the intent of coercing a pregnant woman to have an abortion; providing that a pregnant minor is considered an emancipated minor for purposes of eligibility for public assistance if the minor is denied financial support from a parent or guardian due to the minor's refusal to have an abortion; etc.

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HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-224 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 863 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND PENALTIES**

Authorizing the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief on behalf of the State on the basis of an imminent or ongoing violation of certain rights of residents of certain health care facilities; authorizing the Attorney General to request a court to impose a certain civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 on an assisted living program for certain violations; and requiring that the resident bill of rights for assisted living program residents include certain rights.

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HG, §§ 19-345.3 and 19-1805 - amended and § 19-1805.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

