



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 15, 2024
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 19 – Bill request deadline.
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 15, 2024

SB 344 **Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRESPASS – PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – EXCEPTION

Establishing exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors, and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another to practice land surveying.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-427 and CR, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 345 Senator Waldstreicher**TRANSPORTATION – VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Vision Zero Advisory Commission to develop strategies to reach a goal of zero vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries by making roadways safer for drivers and passengers of motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians; requiring the Commission to advise the Department on best practices intended to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on roadways; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31 each year on the status of Vision Zero and the recommendations of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 8-1007 - amended and § 8-1008 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 346 Senator Elfreth, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)**

Phasing in, over a period of 3 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income beginning in taxable year 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 347 Senator McKay**MEDICAL CANNABIS – EMPLOYEES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS CARING FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS**

Authorizing designated medical personnel to administer medical cannabis to qualifying patients only if the cannabis is obtained through the qualifying patients caregiver and is administered in accordance with the certifying provider's written instructions; providing that designated medical personnel are not required to register with the Maryland Cannabis Administration; and exempting designated medical personnel from civil and criminal penalties relating to the administration of medical cannabis.

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AB, §§ 36-101(l), 36-302(a) and (c), and 36-1201(6) and (7) - amended and §§ 36-302(j) and 36-1201(8) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 348 **Senator McKay****FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 5-901 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 349 **Senator McKay****STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS – RETIREES**

Authorizing certain retirees who began State service before July 1, 2011, to be eligible for prescription drug benefits in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; specifying that prescription drug benefits shall be discontinued for certain Medicare-eligible retirees who began State service on or after July 1, 2011, and their Medicare-eligible spouses and dependent children; repealing three Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug programs that provide coverage and assistance to certain retirees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 2-509.1 - amended and Chapter 767 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 2, 4, and 5 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 350 **Senator McKay****MOTOR VEHICLES – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALER AGREEMENTS**

Requiring recreational vehicle dealers to hold a dealer agreement with a manufacturer to sell the manufacturer's recreational vehicles in the State; and altering the required terms and conditions of a recreational dealer agreement, including terms and conditions related to termination and nonrenewal, transfer of dealer ownership, warranty obligations, dealer inspection and rejection of recreational vehicles, and prohibited acts, dispute resolution, and penalties.

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TR, §§ 15-201.1, 15-301.1, and 15-1001 through 15-1009 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 351 **Senator Watson****CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE ASSAULT – ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM**

Adding a certain intent requirement to the elements of the crime of first degree assault, with regard to committing an assault with a firearm.

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CR, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 352 **Senator Watson****MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – APARTMENT BUILDING HEIGHT ALLOWANCES – STUDY AND ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a workgroup to conduct a study on the maximum height restriction for an apartment building with a single-exit stairway in each state; requiring the workgroup to make certain recommendations for increasing the maximum height for those buildings in this State by July 1, 2026; and requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations based on the workgroup's recommendations by June 1, 2027.

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment