



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2024**  
**Schedule 9**

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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.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 22, 2024**

### **SB 437**    **Carroll County Senators**

#### **CARROLL COUNTY – CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING**

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment for which the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into a contract; and requiring that when the cost of a public work or improvement or the purchase price of supplies or equipment in Carroll County exceeds \$50,000 under certain conditions, the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the County Commissioner shall advertise for bids for at least 1 week in a media accessible to the general public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

#### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 438**     **Senator Ready, et al**

## FAMILY LAW – FUNDAMENTAL PARENTAL RIGHTS

Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent’s child; and prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent’s fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent’s child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 5-2B-01 through 5-2B-03 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 439**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## FAMILY LAW – VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM – CERTIFICATION AND GRANT FUND

Requiring a victims of domestic violence program to be certified by the federally recognized State domestic violence coalition as a comprehensive domestic violence program; establishing the Victims of Domestic Violence Program Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 4-515 and 4-516 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 440**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION

Allowing an individual, subject to certain requirements and limitations, to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses if the individual harvests an antlerless deer and donates the deer meat to certain organizations; and requiring by January 31 each year, each venison donation program that accepts certain donations to report to the Comptroller the name and home address of each donor and the number of deer donated by each donor who intended to claim the income tax credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 441 Senator Beidle**

JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM –  
NANCY GRASMICK PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL AWARD –  
SCHOOL NURSES

Expanding the Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award within the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include school nurses who are licensed as registered nurses, provide health services in public schools, and are employed by a county school system or a local health department to provide health services through an agreement with a county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 18-1501 through 18-1503 and 18-1506 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 442 Senator Beidle, et al**

STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS,  
ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES

Altering certain penalties and points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the public; and establishing certain affirmative defenses to a charge of exhibition driving.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 443 Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT (THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E.  
CUMMINGS AND THE HONORABLE SHANE E. PENDERGRASS ACT)

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; establishing requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying, including requirements related to requests for aid in dying, consulting physicians, mental health assessments, the disposal of drugs prescribed for aid in dying, health care facility policies, and the effect of aid in dying on insurance policies; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-16 and IN, § 27-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 444**     **Senator Zucker**

## MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT INFORMATION – UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to authorize the Center to send student information to the United States Census Bureau.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 24-703.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 445**     **Senators Zucker and Augustine**

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – 2–1–1 MARYLAND – OVERSIGHT

Defining the term “Health and Human Services Referral System” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the System to mean a certain coordinated system for health and human service resources that is accessible to State residents, rather than a certain telephone service; repealing the requirement that the Maryland Department of Health evaluate the performance of certain call centers and make certain recommendations regarding the quality of service provided by call centers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 24-1201 through 24-1204 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 446**     **Senator Muse**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – REPAIR AND REHABILITATION FUNDS

Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LG, § 1-1319 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 447**     **Senator Muse****RESIDENTIAL OWNERS IN COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES –  
BILL OF RIGHTS**

Establishing a bill of rights for unit owners of a condominium, members of a cooperative housing corporation, and lot owners of a homeowners association.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 1-105 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 448**     **Senator Muse****COMMISSION TO STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR  
SOLDIERS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland; requiring the Commission to study the history of the African American soldiers who fought for the Union Army; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations regarding the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to African American Civil War soldiers; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 449**     **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL  
DISMISSAL**

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; and authorizing a victim or victim's representative to petition the court to extend the time for dismissal of certain charges against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 3-107 and 11-506 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 450**     **Senator Brooks, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Baltimore County; requiring all speed limit signs within certain segments of certain highways in Baltimore County to include certain signs; and making placement and use of a speed monitoring system under the Act contingent on a determination by the Baltimore County Police Department that the speed monitoring system is necessary and on the approval of the Baltimore County Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii) - amended and § 21-809(b)(1)(xii) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 451**     **Senators Brooks and Hettleman****BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – NONSTUDENT MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the annual compensation of certain nonstudent members of the Baltimore County Board of Education from \$7,500 to \$16,500; providing that the chair of the county board is entitled to a certain annual compensation of \$17,500; and increasing from \$7,500 to \$10,000 the amount that a student member of the board is granted for a certain scholarship.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-2B-06(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 452**     **Senator Carter****COURTS – PROHIBITED LIABILITY AGREEMENTS – RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Establishing that a provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of a recreational facility that purports to limit the recreational facility's liability, or release the recreational facility from or indemnify or hold harmless the recreational facility against liability, for injury caused by or resulting from the negligence or other wrongful acts of the recreational facility or its agents or employees is void and unenforceable under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 5-401.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 453     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****MENTAL HEALTH – EMERGENCY EVALUATION AND INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

Requiring a peace officer, when the peace officer receives a petition for emergency evaluation for an individual, to transport the emergency evaluatee to a nearby emergency facility, rather than the nearest emergency facility; authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to evaluate an emergency evaluatee for purposes of involuntary admission; requiring each county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

HG, §§ 10-624 and 10-625 and CP, § 16-204(b)(1) - amended and CP, § 16-204(c) and HG, §§ 10-6A-01 through 10-6A-11 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 454     Senator Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – COMPLETION OF SENTENCE**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024**

CP, §§ 10-101, 10-105(c)(6) and (8), and 10-110(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 455     Senator A. Washington****COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS – FEES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a county board from charging fees to certain students related to enrollment in or completion of The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program or a comparable program consisting of Advanced Placement courses specified by the College Board; and prohibiting public institutions of higher education from charging a graduate of an approved public high school in the State any fees associated with certain college admissions applications.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

ED, §§ 7-205.1(g)(1) and 15-101 - amended and § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 456 Senator A. Washington****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL DELIVERY – LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT**

Establishing a local delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder that is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction through a third-party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a certain delivery service permit under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 457 Senator A. Washington****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Specifying certain authorized uses of the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, § 10-488 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 458 Senator Kagan****CAMPAIGN FINANCE – POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS – PROHIBITIONS AND DISCLOSURES**

Prohibiting certain political organizations from fraudulently claiming to be acting on behalf of a candidate or political party; prohibiting certain political organizations from making expenditures or disbursements to an entity owned or controlled by certain individuals; prohibiting certain political organizations from employing certain individuals or allowing certain individuals to volunteer on behalf of the political organization; requiring certain political organizations to make certain disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EL, § 13-223 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment



**SB 459**     **Senator Kagan****GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by adding the Comptroller or a designee and the Legislative Auditor or a designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations to the Governor’s Grants Office and the Department of Budget and Management regarding the creation of a State Grants Ombudsperson by July 1, 2025; altering certain reporting requirements; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, §§ 2-209 and 2-210 and Chapters 484 and 485 of the Acts of 2020, §§ 2 and 4 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 460**     **Senator Kagan****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – BENEFITS – ELECTION JUDGES**

Altering the definition of “wages” for purposes of State unemployment insurance law to exclude compensation received for serving as an election judge for a local board of elections in the State; and prohibiting an individual from being denied unemployment benefits for failure to meet certain requirements due to service as an election judge in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 8-101(aa) and 8-907 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 461**     **Senator Watson****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – COMPLAINTS – ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS**

Providing that a complaint filed with the State Real Estate Commission alleging an advertising violation may be made anonymously but must be accompanied by documentary or other evidence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 17-323 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 462**     **Senator Watson**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 463**     **Senator Salling**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – SUBMARINE  
WARFARE

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a specially designed registration plate that features the statement “Submarine Warfare”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-619.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 464**     **Senator Jackson**

## URBAN STATE HIGHWAYS – SPEED LIMITS – EXCEPTIONS

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the maximum speed limit by 5 miles per hour on certain urban State highways without an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 465 Senator Kelly****COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT (ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2024)**

Altering requirements for procedures relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment to include electric bicycles; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; and requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish certain information on its common ownership community website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, § 5-6B-23.1 - added and HS, § 2-303 and RP, § 11-111.4(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 466 Senator Beidle****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: Finance

**SB 467 Senator McCray****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 468**     **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****CRIMINAL LAW – PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the court after a defendant subject to home monitoring as a condition of pretrial release has been missing for 24 hours; requiring a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the Division of Parole and Probation on determining that an individual subject to home monitoring as a condition of probation has been missing for 24 hours; establishing the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 20-401 and CR, § 9-405(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 469**     **Senator McCray****MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION – CANNABIS LICENSING – PROTESTS OF RENEWAL**

Authorizing certain individuals who are residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or applicants for a license, or real estate owners, and who are located within 1,000 feet of the licensed premises to file a protest with the Maryland Cannabis Administration against the renewal of a cannabis license; providing that a protest against a license renewal may be filed with the Administration by at least 10 individuals; and establishing standards and requirements for the Administration's consideration of a protest filed under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 36-411 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 470 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****GROWING APPRENTICESHIPS AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
WORKFORCE (GAPS) ACT**

Altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies; establishing the Workgroup on Growing Engagement in the Law Enforcement Workforce; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

LE, § 11-603 - amended and PS, § 3-207(m) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 471 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM COMPENSATION – ALTERATIONS  
(VICTIM COMPENSATION REFORM ACT OF 2024)**

Altering the composition of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; altering certain duties, powers, and procedures for the Board to make awards to victims of crime; altering the powers and duties of certain employees; altering the amount and types of awards the Board is authorized to make to certain victims of crime; authorizing reconsideration and judicial review of decisions of the Board; authorizing the Governor to include certain funding in the annual budget bill for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 472 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES – PROCESSING (TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2024)

Requiring certain departments and independent units to create a certain catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and submit the catalog to the Governor on or before September 1, 2024; requiring certain departments and independent units to post certain information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of the department or independent unit on or before December 1, 2024; establishing the Government Efficiency Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 8-506, 9-3801, and 9-3802 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 473 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (PAVA LAPERE LEGACY OF INNOVATION ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Pava LaPere Innovation Acceleration Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; establishing the Baltimore Innovation Initiative Pilot Program within the Maryland Innovation Initiative of the Corporation; requiring certain appropriations for the programs to be included in the annual budget bill in certain fiscal years; and repealing a mandated appropriation for a certain telework assistance program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 5-1702(f) - repealed, § 5-1702(g) - amended, and §§ 10-462 and 10-462.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 474 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND RELATED APPROVALS – DEFINITION OF GENERATING STATION (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE STREAMLINING ACT OF 2024)**

Altering and establishing the definition of “generating station” for the purpose of exempting the construction of certain generating facilities used to produce electricity for the purpose of onsite emergency backup and certain test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

PU, §§ 7-207(a)(4), 7-207.1(a), 7-207.2(a), and 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 475 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CENTER FOR FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention in the Maryland Department of Health to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence, and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State, and local agencies and affected communities to implement a public health approach to firearm violence reduction; requiring the Center, by May 1, 2025, to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a preliminary State Plan for a Public Health Approach to Reducing Firearm Violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 13-5201 through 13-5205 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 476 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – FIRST RESPONDERS (CARING FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THE SAFETY PROFESSIONS – CAPES ACT)

Providing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who have thyroid, colon, or ovarian cancer are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 477 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

TIME TO SERVE ACT OF 2024

Increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of disaster service leave for employees in the Executive Branch of State government; and increasing, from 15 to 30, the maximum number of days of paid leave the Secretary of Budget and Management may provide for uniformed services training or active uniformed services duty in a reserve unit of the armed forces or organized militia.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 9-1102 and 9-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 478 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

FAMILIES SERVE ACT OF 2024

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to spouses of eligible service members; and requiring the appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government to apply a credit of 10 points on any selection test for eligible military spouses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LE, § 3-714 and SP, § 7-207(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 479     The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

MOTOR VEHICLES – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS – REVISIONS (MARYLAND ROAD WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)

Altering the distribution of revenue from civil fines collected through the use of work zone speed control systems to include certain distributions for highway and work zone safety purposes; clarifying that a work zone speed control system may be manned or unmanned and a system operator does not need to be present when a work zone speed control system is in use; altering the maximum penalty for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a work zone speed control system; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TR, Various Sections - added and amended and Chapter 500 of the Acts of 2009, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 480     The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

PROTECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS ACT OF 2024

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EL, § 16-904 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 481 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****RENTERS' RIGHTS AND STABILIZATION ACT OF 2024**

Increasing maximum surcharges for certain eviction proceedings from \$8 to \$93 and prohibiting the District Court from assigning the surcharge against a tenant; altering the priority and criteria in the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program that are followed by the Department of Housing and Community Development and public housing agencies for providing vouchers and housing assistance payments to families; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month's rent; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

CJ, § 7-301(c) - amended and HS and RP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 482 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN – ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOUSEHOLDS (ENOUGH) GRANT PROGRAM (ENOUGH ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing the Governor's Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children as the head of the Office; requiring the Special Secretary to establish the ENOUGH grant program, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Office to assign certain staff for a certain purpose; establishing certain reporting and evaluation requirements; establishing the ENOUGH Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$15,000,000 to the fund for fiscal year 2026; etc.

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

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. and SG, §§ 9-2801 through 9-2805 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

**SB 483 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION – ESTABLISHMENT (HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCING ACT OF 2024)

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Corporation as an independent unit to make investments in certain low-income communities; requiring the Corporation to apply for an allocation of federal new markets tax credits; expanding the eligible uses of the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund to include grants and loans for debt payments and for credit enhancement for certain projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1123 - added and HS, § 4-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

**SB 484 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

LAND USE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – ZONING DENSITY AND PERMITTING (HOUSING EXPANSION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024)

Prohibiting a local legislative body from prohibiting the placement of a certain manufactured home in certain residential zoning districts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from using an element of an adequate public facilities law to deny certain permits for certain State-funded affordable housing projects or other qualified projects or to restrict or limit the development of the projects in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and §§ 4-104(c), 7-105, and 7-501 through 7-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 23, 2024****SB 485 Senator Hayes****FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM –  
MODIFICATIONS**

Modifying provisions of law governing application, administration, and enforcement of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, including provisions related to the payment of contributions, the calculation of the average weekly wage, the submission of claims for benefits, the application of the Program to self-employed individuals, the satisfaction of Program requirements through private employer plans or insurance, and the use of contributions or other funding by the Secretary of Labor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 486 Senators Hayes and M. Washington****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL  
ENTERPRISES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Correctional Enterprises Management Council to research and review certain information relating to goods and services provided by Maryland Correctional Enterprises and report to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 3-521(e) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings