May 13, 2025

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 13, 2025, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 506 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 430 CHESAPEAKE BAY LEGACY ACT

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with the Program's purpose; altering the definition of "healthy soils" for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 901 Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 431 ENVIRONMENT – PACKAGING AND PAPER PRODUCTS – PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PLANS

> Requiring certain producers of covered materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a certain covered materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before July 1, 2028, and every 5 years thereafter, in accordance with certain requirements, or to develop an alternative collection program; requiring a producer responsibility organization to pay certain costs to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 250Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment CommitteeChapter 432(By Request – Departmental – Environment)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – FEES, PENALTIES, FUNDING, AND REGULATION

Altering the authorized uses of the Maryland Clean Air Fund to include certain activities relating to mitigating and reducing air pollution in the State; authorizing the Department of the Environment to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances; requiring a holder of a license to transfer oil into the State to pay a certain fee when oil owned by the licensee is first transferred into the State; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 719Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 433Chapter 433Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – ALTERATIONS

Repealing certain advertising and public hearing requirements for proposed regulations implementing the State Boat Act; increasing certain funding thresholds for certain projects financed by the Waterway Improvement Fund; and altering the fees for manufacturer and dealer licenses, certificates of number, Maryland use stickers, and the issuance of certificates of title, transfer of title, or duplicate or corrected certificates of title. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1473 **Delegate Acevero, et al**

Chapter 434 STATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Requiring the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Disabilities to convene the Maryland Language Advisory Group, by January 1, 2026, to make findings and recommendations on oversight, monitoring, investigation, and enforcement of certain provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for certain individuals; altering provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency to include individuals with disabilities; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 930 Delegate Lopez, et al Chapter 435 PUBLIC HEALTH ABORTION GRANT PROGRAM **ESTABLISHMENT** Establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care clinical services for individuals in the State; establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care clinical services under certain circumstances. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025** SB 848 **Senator Guzzone** Chapter 436

PUBLIC HEALTH ABORTION GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care clinical services for individuals in the State; establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care clinical services under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1 Delegate Ebersole, et al

Chapter 437 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE (SEE SOMEONE, SAVE SOMEONE ACT)

> Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2027, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 37
Chapter 438Senator Hester, et alELECTRICCOMPANIES– REGIONALORGANIZATIONS– REPORT (UTILITYTRANSPARENCYAND
ACCOUNTABILITYACCOUNTABILITYACT)Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility,
by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service
Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric
company and any of State affiliate of the electric company at a
meeting of a regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 121 Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 439 ELECTRIC COMPANIES – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – REPORT (UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

> Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its State affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 707 Delegate Wilkins, et al

Chapter 440

VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATOR'S PERMITS – NOTATION OF NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC'S ID LAW)

Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that a certain license, identification card, or moped operator's permit include a notation of a nonapparent disability; requiring the immediate implementation of training for law enforcement concerning interactions with persons with nonapparent disabilities; etc.

HB 25 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By **Request – Departmental – Environment)** Chapter 441 ENVIRONMENT - RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT -ESTABLISHMENT Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment: defining "reservoir augmentation" as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility: requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; establishing an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department to make recommendations on whether the program should be extended or made permanent and any statutory or regulatory changes necessary; etc. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 SB 265** Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment) Chapter 442 ENVIRONMENT - RESERVOIR AUGMENTATION PERMIT -ESTABLISHMENT Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining "Reservoir Augmentation" as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; establishing an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department to make recommendations on whether

the program should be extended or made permanent and any

statutory or regulatory changes necessary; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 717Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 443Chapter 443Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC LANDS – ACQUISITION, STAFFING, OPERATIONS, AND FUNDING

Altering provisions of law regarding the acquisition of real property by the Department of Natural Resources; establishing a Land and Property Management Program in the Department to process certain transactions; authorizing the Department and the Natural Resources Police to establish affiliated foundations; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain Program Open Space funds to the Department under certain circumstances; altering and repealing certain provisions of law regarding the use of Program Open Space local funding; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 720Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 444Chapter 444Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – REPEAL OF SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ALTERATION OF OPERATIONS

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Somers Cove Marina Commission, the Somers Cove Marina Improvement Fund, and the operation of Somers Cove Marina; requiring the Secretary to develop a master plan for the operation and improvement of services at Somers Cove Marina by October 1, 2027; requiring all revenue received by the Department from activities associated with Somers Cove Marina be deposited in the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund; establishing the Somers Cove Marina Advisory Commission; etc.

SB 253Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment CommitteeChapter 445(By Request - Departmental - Commerce)

CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE FACILITY PERMIT – RESEARCH FACILITIES – CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes; and establishing additional requirements applicable to research, development, and demonstration permits issued for the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a research facility. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 744 Delegate Wims, et al

Chapter 446 MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

> Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 590 Senator King, et al

Chapter 447 MOTOR VEHICLES – RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT, AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (SERGEANT PATRICK KEPP ACT)

> Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

SB 618 Senator Smith, et al Chapter 448 VEHICLE LAWS - LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND **OPERATOR'S** PERMITS NOTATION MOPED OF _ NONAPPARENT DISABILITY (ERIC'S ID LAW) Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to delete a certain record about an applicant's nonapparent disability notation under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to establish public outreach efforts to educate the general public on the availability of the nonapparent disability notation; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 SB 391 Senator Smith** Chapter 449 MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND **STANDARDS** COMMISSION OF REVIEW REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to annually review a certain report published by the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Commission to make any recommendations that the Commission determines are appropriate based on its review of the report. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 SB 1028** Senator Gile Chapter 450 NATURAL RESOURCES - VESSELS - CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW'S LAW) Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline-powered vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has accommodation spaces,

manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a penalty on a person that violates the provisions of the Act.

HB 1322 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 451 NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSELS – CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING LABELS (MATTHEW'S LAW)

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline-powered vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has accommodation spaces, swim platforms, or aft lounging areas on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a penalty on a person that violates the Act. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 436 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 452 VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION

> Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions.

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SB 707 Senator Zucker

Chapter 453 VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR ENHANCED TINTED WINDOWS – TIME LIMITATION

> Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions; and requiring a certain written certification from a licensed physician who has determined the owner's medical condition is permanent.

HB 860 Delegate Buckel, et al

Chapter 454 PUBLIC NUISANCE – COMMON CARRIERS – DAMAGE TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act; and providing that a common carrier that commits a violation may be liable to the State or local government for civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for each day the public nuisance continues.

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HB 1125 Delegate Clippinger

Chapter 455 WORKGROUP ON HOME DETENTION MONITORING – REPORT ALTERATIONS AND DATA COLLECTION

Requiring the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain policies, practices, and responses when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to collect and report to the Workgroup certain data on or before September 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 658 Delegate Ebersole

Chapter 456

^{r 456} JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION BOARD – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Secretary of Higher Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to select a designee to serve on the Juvenile Services Education Board; altering the terms of membership for the Board; and altering certain requirements for meetings of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 154 **Senators Hettleman and Guzzone**

Chapter 457

ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS - TASK FORCE AND SPECIAL FUND

Extending through fiscal year 2028 distributions by the Comptroller from funds gained from abandoned property in the State to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; altering the staff and duties of the Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force; and extending through fiscal year 2028 an annual \$14,000,000 appropriation by the Governor from the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

HB 1111 **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**

Chapter 458 PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS - SYSTEMS LOCATED ON OR OVER WATER RETENTION PONDS, QUARRIES, OR BROWNFIELDS

> Providing that solar energy generating systems located on or over certain water retention ponds or quarries are eligible for the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; and authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain nonresidential solar energy generating systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1375 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 459 **VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PORTABLE VARIABLE MESSAGING** SIGNS – AUTHORIZATION

> Authorizing a tow truck to display a portable variable messaging sign mounted on the tow truck while at the scene of a crash or a disabled vehicle; and requiring the portable variable messaging sign to conform to the standards established in the manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration and display only messages approved by the Administration.

SB 117 Senator Hester

Chapter 460 ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM

Prioritizing funding first to failing sewage systems and holding tanks in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, second to those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8-digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model, third to failing systems with the 500-year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on-site and community sewage systems. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 131 Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 461 ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM

Updating the funding priorities for failing sewage systems and holding tanks; requiring as a second priority those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8-digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model; requiring as a third priority funding for failing systems within the 500-year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on-site and community sewage systems. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HB 517 Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 462 WORKGROUP ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Establishing the Workgroup on the Reorganization of the Maryland Transit Administration to study reorganizing the Maryland Transit Administration; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025; and requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House draft legislation to effectuate the recommendations of the Workgroup.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 381 Senator Love, et al

Chapter 463 MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system, subject to certain exceptions; establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the destruction of recorded images; and establishing certain requirements for privacy protection under automated enforcement programs.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 516 Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 464 MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

> Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system subject to certain exceptions; and establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the removal and destruction of recorded images and associated data produced by an automated enforcement system.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 443 Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 465

TRAFFICKING REGULATED FIREARMS – FELONY CLASSIFICATION

Requiring that the prosecution for an offense of trafficking a regulated firearm be instituted within 3 years after the offense was committed; reclassifying the prohibition against transporting a regulated firearm into the State for the purpose of unlawfully selling or trafficking the firearm to be a felony; and establishing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

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SB 390 Senator Smith

Chapter 466 MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS

Authorizing technicians, employed by or under contract with a certain agency, to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to speed monitoring systems; and defining "reasonable training" as a level of education, instruction, and practical experience sufficient to ensure competency in the inspection and interpretation of certain recorded images. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 343 Delegate Stewart

Chapter 467 MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS

Authorizing certain technicians to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation; and defining "reasonable training" as a sufficient level of education, instruction, and practical experience to ensure competency in the inspection of images generated by speed monitoring systems. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1082 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 468 HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE–BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

> Establishing the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to individuals in the State to mitigate the impact of a reduction in certain federal advance premium tax credits for calendar years 2026 through 2028; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Program under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1045 Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al Chapter 469 HEALTH INSURANCE, FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL RECORDS - CONSUMER **PROTECTIONS – UPDATES** Updating references to federal law related to family planning services, grandfathered plans, explanation of benefits, summaries of benefits and coverage, medical loss ratios, catastrophic plans, annual limits for cost sharing, prescription drugs, and rescissions; altering the definitions of "legally protected health care" and "sensitive health services" to include gender-affirming care for purposes of law governing the disclosure of information regarding sensitive health services: etc. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025** HB 809 **Delegate Griffith, et al**

Chapter 470

OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDERS – INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Authorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education or a residential vocational training program to return to an out-of-home placement provider with whom the individual was previously placed under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of social services at least 30 days before the scheduled break; requiring the local department to make a recommendation to the Department of Human Services not later than 21 days before the scheduled break; etc.

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SB 765Senator Zucker, et alChapter 471OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDERS - INDIVIDUALS
ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL
TRAINING PROGRAMSAuthorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of
higher education or a residential vocational training program to
return to an out-of-home placement provider with whom the
individual was previously placed under certain circumstances;
requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of
social services within a certain time period to return to an

out–of–home placement provider under certain circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 572 Anne Arundel County Senators

Chapter 472 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Altering the scope of certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 453 Delegate Pruski

Chapter 473 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Altering the scope of certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1296 Delegates Pruski and Lehman

Chapter 474 ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

> Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program to regulate and evaluate the use of treated reclaimed water as a source for groundwater augmentation through managed aquifer recharge permits; requiring the demonstration facility to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 930 Senator Gile

Chapter 475 ENVIRONMENT – MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

> Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program; authorizing the Department of the Environment to review, permit, and regulate groundwater augmentation; requiring groundwater augmentation to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is occurring or reasonably anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; requiring, by December 31 each year, the Department to report on the status of the Pilot Program; etc.

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HB 249 Delegate Palakovich Carr

Chapter 476

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 125 Senator Gile

Chapter 477

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – LOCAL LIMITS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 783 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 478 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – IMPLICIT BIAS AND STRUCTURAL RACISM TRAINING

Requiring applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations allowing applicants renewing licenses to receive continuing education credits for completing certain training; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 962 Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 479

PUBLIC HEALTH – PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS AND WORKGROUP ON CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, under certain circumstances, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting when clinically indicated and when possible; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Senator Beidle SB 696

Chapter 480

PUBLIC HEALTH – PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL **OVERSTAY** PATIENTS AND WORKGROUP ON CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS AND PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes both private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting when clinically indicated and when possible: establishing the Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Overstays in the State; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 372 Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 481 PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; altering the circumstances under which health care practitioners are authorized to prescribe certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; etc. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

HB 869 Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 482 PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2025

> Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; altering the circumstances under which health care practitioners are authorized to prescribe certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; etc. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

HB 1191 Delegate McComas, et al

Chapter 483 FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 548 Senator James, et al

Chapter 484 FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1209 Delegates McComas and Grammer

Chapter 485

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – REPORTS AND RECORDS – DISCLOSURE

Requiring a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State's Attorney's office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State's Attorney's office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 411 **Delegate Korman** Chapter 486 STATE DESIGNATIONS - STATE MINERAL - CHROMITE (STATE MINERAL ACT) Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 SB 764** Senator Zucker, et al Chapter 487 STATE DESIGNATIONS - STATE COCKTAIL AND STATE MINERAL - ORIGINAL MARYLAND ORANGE CRUSH AND CHROMITE Designating the orange crush cocktail originated in 1995 at the Harborside Bar and Grill in Ocean City, Maryland as the State cocktail; and designating chromite, which reflects the nature of

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HB 163 Delegate Hartman

State mineral.

Chapter 488 MOTOR HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOWS IN WORCESTER COUNTY – PERMIT FOR OUT–OF–STATE DEALERS

Establishing the reciprocal out-of-state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit, to be issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, authorizing the holder to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County; and requiring a permit holder, after the permit is approved, to file a bond with the Administration.

Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the

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SB 896 Senator Love

Chapter 489 REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

> Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website and as part of an application form for a rental unit on the property. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1152 **Delegate Stein, et al** Chapter 490 REAL PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY - PET POLICY DISCLOSURE (PET POLICY TRANSPARENCY ACT) Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website and as part of an application form for a rental unit on the property. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 313 **Delegate Korman** Chapter 491 MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE

REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction

registration plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 54 Senator Folden

Chapter 492 MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIALLY DESIGNED VINTAGE REPRODUCTION REGISTRATION PLATES

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

SB 533Senator Folden, et alChapter 493PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – TIME LIMIT
FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

Altering the deadlines for the completion of the process of review and investigation by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; and requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day after the date that the appropriate official of the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 527 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 494 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PURPLE LINE – FREE RIDERSHIP AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES

> Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to develop and implement a program providing for the first month after transit service begins on the Purple Line, free ridership on Purple Line transit vehicles to individuals residing within a one-quarter-mile radius of the Purple Line track; and requiring the Administration to include, beginning on October 1, 2025, for 3 months after service on the Purple Lines begins promotional materials and services at no cost to small businesses located within a one-quarter-mile radius of the Purple Line track.

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Senator Hester SB 871

Chapter 495 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS - CYBERSECURITY PLANNING AND ASSESSMENTS

> Requiring the Department of the Environment to coordinate, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, cybersecurity efforts within community water systems and community sewerage systems; establishing the roles and responsibilities of various State agencies with respect to regulating, assessing, and promoting cybersecurity efforts within the water and wastewater sector; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

Delegate Charkoudian, et al HB9

Chapter 496 PUBLIC SAFETY – FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL – DEFINITIONS AND REPORTS

Altering certain definitions related to the Food Resiliency Council; defining what constitutes "healthy food priority areas" as predominantly lower-income areas that have limited access to retail outlets that sell affordable, healthy foods; defining "wasted food" as food not used for its intended purpose; requiring the Council to make recommendations to increase the availability of local foods, create market opportunities for Maryland food businesses, and expand access to small scale food production infrastructure; etc. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

SB 349 Senator Love

Chapter 497 MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS

> Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment for medical debt; defining "medical debt" as a debt owed by a consumer to a person, the person's agent or assignee for the provision of medical services, products, or devices; providing that medical debt does not include debt charged to a credit card except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.

HB 428 Delegate Embry, et al

Chapter 498 MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; defining "medical debt" as a debt owed by a consumer to a provider of medical services, products, or devices, but does not include debt charged to a credit card except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 347 Senator Love

Chapter 499 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 542 Delegate Crutchfield

Chapter 500

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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HB 243 Delegate Boyce

Chapter 501 FAMILY LAW – ADOPTION OF AN ADULT

Limiting the requirement that a petitioner's spouse join in the petition for adoption to apply only when the prospective adoptee is a minor; authorizing a petitioner's spouse to join in the petition for adoption if the prospective adoptee is an adult; establishing that certain provisions of law requiring the issuance and service of a show-cause order on a prospective adoptee's parents do not apply if the prospective adoptee is an adult; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 984 Delegate Crosby

Chapter 502

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – RATE PROCEEDINGS

Applying to electric cooperatives certain provisions of law related to rate proceedings held by the Public Service Commission to determine whether additional revenues are required to allow certain public service companies to earn the existing fair rate of return authorized in a previous base rate proceeding; and requiring the Commission to order an electric cooperative to conduct a certain public hearing. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 436 Senator Waldstreicher

Chapter 503 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – STUDY ON BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE–STAIRCASE BUILDINGS

> Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study building code requirements for single-staircase buildings in the State and other states and analyze best practices when drafting building code requirements; requiring the Department to make legislative and regulatory recommendations for the purpose of increasing the affordable housing supply by reducing barriers to multifamily housing development; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 489 Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 504 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – STUDY ON BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE–STAIRCASE BUILDINGS

> Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study building code requirements for single-staircase buildings in the State and other States and analyze best practices when drafting building code requirements; requiring the Department to make legislative and regulatory recommendations for the purpose of increasing the affordable housing supply by reducing barriers to multifamily housing development; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 182 Delegate Stewart, et al

Chapter 505

MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system; requiring the State Highway Administration to convene a workgroup to study best practices regarding speed monitoring systems in school zones; and requiring the workgroup to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 861 Delegate Stewart

Chapter 506 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – WEEKLY FARE AND EARNINGS SUMMARY AND OPERATOR DATA REPORTING

> Requiring a transportation network company to provide each operator with a weekly fare and earnings summary; requiring a transportation network company to report, on or before February 1 each year, certain information to the Public Service Commission; and providing that the report submitted to the Commission may be made available to the General Assembly on request, provided that the report remain confidential and exempt from public disclosure. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HB 1367 Delegate Rosenberg, et al Chapter 507 LEAD TESTING AND INSPECTIONS _ FALSIFYING **INFORMATION – PENALTY** Establishing a civil penalty not exceeding \$50,000 for a person who falsifies information that is submitted in a report of the results of lead-contaminated dust testing or visual inspection of an affected property. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 124 **Delegates Rosenberg and Boyce** Chapter 508 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY - ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF** SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION Authorizing a seller or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid in connection with the assignment of a contract of sale of the residential property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 SB** 160 Senator Waldstreicher Chapter 509

ter ⁵⁰⁹ RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS OF SALE – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND RESCISSION

> Authorizing a seller, buyer, or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 309 Chapter 510	Delegate Cardin
	PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS
	Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 326 Chapter 511	Senator Waldstreicher, et al
	PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS
	Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 758 Chapter 512	Senator Kagan
	CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTIONS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT
	Establishing certain requirements for elections of the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association; requiring that the governing body of a condominium accommodate unit owner organizing activities relating to the governance of the condominium; prohibiting unit owners and lot owners from being charged for examining certain records of the condominium or homeowners association in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 164 Senator Kagan

Chapter 513 TERMINOLOGY AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES – MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND RELATED TERMS

> Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 580 Delegate Hutchinson, et al

Chapter 514 TERMINOLOGY AND OBSOLETE REFERENCES – MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND RELATED TERMS

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1293 Delegate Smith, et al

Chapter 515

BALTIMORE CITY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

Establishing the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit and the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to work in partnership to enforce the alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and to enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties and funding in connection with the partnership; expanding the authorized uses of certain revenue to include the Neighborhood Services Unit; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 120 Senator Muse

Chapter 516 RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 4 Delegate Smith

Chapter 517 RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS – ALTERATION

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 63 Senator Muse

Chapter 518

COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS

Requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; authorizing a reasonable deviation from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 292 Delegate Holmes, et al

Chapter 519 COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – FUNDING OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF FUNDING PLANS

> Requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; authorizing a reasonable deviation from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 191Delegate Foley

Chapter 520 VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 40 Senator Muse

Chapter 521 VEHICLE LAWS – TOWED, REMOVED, OR ABANDONED VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO OWNER

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 540

Senator Charles, et al

Chapter 522 COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS – SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS

> Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or medical records. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 755 **Delegate Foley, et al** Chapter 523 COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES - RECREATIONAL COMMON AREAS - SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS CONDITION FOR ACCESS Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or medical records. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 872 **Delegate Stewart** Chapter 524 **RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS' RIGHT OF FIRST** REFUSAL

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 606 Senator West

Chapter 525

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – TENANTS' RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1464 Chapter 526	Delegate Stewart MOTOR VEHICLES – RENTAL FLEET VEHICLES – REGISTRATION
	Establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and requiring, in addition to an annual registration fee, the owner of a registered rental vehicle to pay a one-time initial registration fee not to exceed \$8.50 when the new registration plates are issued. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
HB 1465 Chapter 527	Delegate Stewart, et al
	TRANSPORTATION–RELATED TOLLS – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS
	Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish programs to offer installment payment plans for the payment of certain tolls, in excess of \$300. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 833 Chapter 528	Senator Charles
	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – STUDY ON PRIVATE TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES
	Requiring the Department of Human Services to conduct a study to

determine the types of State support that would be appropriate and beneficial to assist private providers of treatment foster care homes in the provision of services; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 425 Senator M. Jackson

Chapter 529 ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY–PRODUCTS – FEES, COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND REGULATIONS

> Altering the factors that the Department of the Environment is required to consider in establishing a certain fee; requiring the Department to use certain excess fees collected from certain generators of coal combustion by-products for certain purposes; establishing the Statewide Coal Combustion By-Products Coordinating Committee to share information, monitoring results, and certain remedial actions with respect to certain coal combustion by-product sites; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 533 Delegate Crutchfield

Chapter 530 PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 273 Senator M. Jackson

Chapter 531

PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 275 Chapter 532	Delegate Crutchfield
	FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – MULTIFAMILY ADJUSTMENT
	Altering the definition of "adjusted actual income" under the State child support guidelines by requiring the deduction, from actual income, of an allowance for support for each child in the parent's home for whom the parent owes a legal duty of support but who is not subject to a support order; requiring that the amount of a certain allowance be subtracted from a parent's actual income before the court determines the amount of a child support award; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 73 Chapter 533	Senator Simonaire, et al
	CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM – RENAMING
	Renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program to be the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 103 Chapter 534	Senator Simonaire
	BOATING ACCIDENTS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT – PROPERTY DAMAGE
	Specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves any vessel subject to the State Boat Act while on the waters of the State includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 50 Chapter 535	Senator Simonaire, et al
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION
	Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
HB 469 Chapter 536	Delegate Nkongolo
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	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION
	Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 721 Chapter 537	Senator Henson
	FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT
	Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
HB 929	Delegate Simpson, et al
Chapter 538	FAMILY LAW – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – CONSENT
	Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 856 Chapter 539	Senator Henson
	MOLD – LANDLORD REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS (MARYLAND TENANT MOLD PROTECTION ACT)
	Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of General Services to develop a certain pamphlet and website; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain information at certain times and in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 15 days after receipt of a written notice regarding the detection of mold; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 513 Senator Henson, et al Chapter 540 REAL PROPERTY – UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT MODIFICATIONS – COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS Altering notice requirements relating to the recordation of a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant by authorizing a county or municipality to provide notice by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or municipality where the property is located once per week for 4 successive weeks and on the official website of a county or municipality where the property is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 858 Senator Henson

Chapter 541

STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE AND STATIONS – EXCLUSION FOR ASSAULT AND BODILY INJURY

Providing that a person alleged to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may be prohibited from using a State public transit service or entering a State public transit service station; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to create a rider code of conduct and implement a comprehensive internal safety program to strengthen protections for operators and passengers; requiring the Administration to convene a workgroup to create a rider code of conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

HB 1144 Delegate Addison, et al

Chapter 542 STATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE AND STATIONS – EXCLUSION FOR ASSAULT AND BODILY INJURY

Providing that a person alleged by a public transit operator to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may be prohibited from using a State public transit service or entering a State public transit service station; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to create a rider code of conduct and implement a comprehensive internal safety program to strengthen protection for operators and passengers; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 602 Senator Brooks, et al

Chapter 543 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS – PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally–placed private school students; and defining "parentally–placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 702 Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 544 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS – PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally–placed private school students; and defining "parentally–placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 674 Delegate Kaufman, et al

Chapter 545

CRIMINAL LAW – DISMEMBERING OR BURYING HUMAN REMAINS WITH INTENT TO CONCEAL A CRIME

Prohibiting a person, with the intent to conceal a crime, from knowingly and willfully dismembering, destroying, removing, burying, disposing of, or obliterating by any means any portion of human remains; prohibiting a person from aiding or abetting another in committing a violation of the Act; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

HB 31 Delegates Kaufman and Hornberger

Chapter 546

CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR – POWERED WHEELCHAIRS

Requiring, in order to make repairs to powered wheelchairs, that a certain manufacturer make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools to a certain independent repair provider or owner of a powered wheelchair; providing that a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 277 Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 547 ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

> Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 96 Senator Brooks

Chapter 548

ENVIRONMENT – WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS – REQUIREMENT

Requiring at least one water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 731 Delegate Ruth, et al

Chapter 549 WILDLIFE – PROTECTIONS AND HIGHWAY CROSSINGS

Establishing the Maryland Connectivity Coalition to foster collaboration among State and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders for the purpose of protecting endangered wildlife from habitat fragmentation; requiring the State Highway Administration to have final decision-making authority regarding decisions related to placement, funding, or design of wildlife crossings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 946 Senator Carozza, et al

Chapter 550 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the eastern small–footed bat, the northern long–eared bat, or the tricolored bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 894 Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 551 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – BATS

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the northern long—eared bat, the tricolor bat, or the eastern small—footed bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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HB 893 Delegate Jacobs, et al Chapter 552 TIDAL FISH LICENSES - OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS -ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years for a first violation, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations; providing for the reinstatement for certain persons of an oyster authorization and an entitlement to engage or work in the ovster fishery; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear; and repealing the 90-day time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025** HB 857 Delegate Hornberger, et al Chapter 553 NATURAL RESOURCES – PURSUING WOUNDED DEER AFTER HUNTING HOURS AND USING LIGHT LEGAL А AUTHORIZATION Authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue and kill the deer after legal hunting hours using the means authorized for the applicable hunting season or permit which may include use of a light or throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, a headlight, an artificial light, a battery, or any other device while pursuing the wounded deer. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 SB 335 Senators Bailey and Mautz** Chapter 554 NATURAL RESOURCES - CANADA GEESE - BAG LIMITS Requiring, during the migratory Canada goose (Atlantic population) hunting season, the bag limit for all Canada geese in certain areas of the State, including geese found in the Atlantic Flyway Resident Population Hunt Zone and the Atlantic Population Hunt Zone, to conform to the bag limit for Atlantic population Canada geese adopted annually by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

<mark>SB 23</mark> Chapter 555	Senator Bailey NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – AUCTIONEERS Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.
HB 425 Chapter 556	EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 Delegate T. Morgan, et al NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE BOAT ACT – AUCTIONEERS Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025
HB 1236 Chapter 557	Delegate Arentz, et al QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPALITIES – SPEED LIMITS Authorizing municipalities in Queen Anne's County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways without performing an engineering and traffic investigation. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
HB 375 Chapter 558	Delegate D. Jones, et al BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (JAY'S LAW) Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right–of–way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 865 Delegate D. Jones

Chapter 559 CATASTROPHIC EVENT ACCOUNT – TRANSFER OF FUNDS – STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

> Authorizing the transfer of funds from the Catastrophic Event Account to the State Disaster Recovery Fund if the balance of the Fund has been depleted due to use or transfer or the estimated costs for providing adequate disaster relief for a natural disaster or catastrophic situation are in excess of the Fund's balance; and providing the Legislative Policy Committee has 10 days to review and make comments before the Governor may transfer certain funds from the Account through budget amendment. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 450 Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 560 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABILITY REDUCED FARE PROGRAM – RENEWAL FOR PERMANENTLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

> Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1078 Delegate Williams, et al

Chapter 561 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS – MANDATED APPROPRIATION

> Requiring the Governor to include \$200,000,000 in the annual operating or capital budget bill for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements if the U.S. General Services Administration applies to Prince George's County or the State for a permit associated with the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Prince George's County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Senators Attar and Hettleman SB 1030

Chapter 562 BALTIMORE COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY - VEHICLE LAWS - LIGHTING ON PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

> Authorizing not more than five of the highest ranking officers under the commercial ambulance service license held by Hatzalah of Baltimore to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red or red and white lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

HB 767 Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 563 REAL PROPERTY - LANDLORD AND TENANT - PROCEDURES FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT, BREACH OF LEASE, AND TENANT HOLDING OVER

> Requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to a tenant when a court has issued a warrant of restitution for a failure of a tenant to pay rent, a breach of lease, or a tenant holding over under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession; establishing that the Act does not restrict the authority of the State or a local jurisdiction to enact or enforce certain legislation; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1076

Delegate Terrasa, et al

Chapter 564

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY - LANDLORD AND TENANT -NOTICE OF LANDLORD ENTRY

Requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain written notice in a certain manner at least 24 hours in advance of when the landlord intends to enter a leased premises, except in the event of a certain emergency; and authorizing the court to issue a certain injunction or assess certain damages under certain circumstances.

HB 1371 **Delegate Terrasa** Chapter 565 VEHICLE LAWS - DRIVER'S LICENSES - ELECTRONIC CREDENTIALS (MARYLAND MOBILE ID ENHANCEMENT ACT) Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies; and authorizing an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use a certain electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver's license, instead of a driver's license, to rent the vehicle. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 470 Delegate Ziegler, et al Chapter 566 VEHICLE LAWS - OBSCURED, MODIFIED, OR BLOCKED **REGISTRATION PLATES AND REGISTRATION PLATE COVERS** Prohibiting a person from obscuring or modifying any vehicle registration plate in a manner that may prevent identification and enforcing the prohibition as a secondary offense; prohibiting a person from advertising for or promoting the sale of an unlawful registration

plate cover by falsely claiming that the registration plate cover is lawful in the State; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 913
Chapter 567Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)BALTIMORECITY– SPEEDMONITORINGSYSTEMS–INTERSTATE 83Increasing from two to four the number of speed monitoring systems

Increasing from two to four the number of speed monitoring systems that may be placed on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; limiting to not more than one speed monitoring system in each direction that may be in operation at the same time on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; and making permanent the authorization to place speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025 Members of the General Assembly May 13, 2025 Page 47

HB 388 Chapter 568	Delegates Roberson and Crutchfield
	VEHICLE LAWS – DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – POINTS ASSESSMENTS
	Imposing assessments of 12 points for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025
<mark>SB 566</mark> Chapter 569	Senator Sydnor
	REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE – INCREASE
	Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$450. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 820 Chapter 570	Senators Watson and Rosapepe
	MUNICIPALITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
	Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
SB 600 Chapter 571	Senator McCray
	BALTIMORE CITY AND TAKOMA PARK – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROGRAM
	Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in certain school zones in Baltimore City and the City of Takoma Park under the pilot program authorized for Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; and requiring that a certain percentage of the fines collected under the Act be distributed to the local management board for Baltimore City and be used only to provide youth programming and services for youth living in or attending a school located in the 45th

or 46th legislative districts. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 Members of the General Assembly May 13, 2025 Page 48

SB 399 **Senator McKay** Chapter 572 NATURAL RESOURCES - WILDLAND AREAS - OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan's Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line; and requiring the Public Service Commission to require an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain overhead transmission line to provide wildland impact mitigation guarantees. CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 SB 396 Senator McKay, et al Chapter 573 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES – DEATH BENEFITS Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 236 Delegate Valentine, et al Chapter 574 PEACE ORDERS AND HARASSMENT CRIMINAL INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE Expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order; altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction for a first offense is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of \$500 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 180 days or a fine of \$1,000 or both. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

SB 92 Senator Corderman

Chapter 575 PEACE ORDERS AND CRIMINAL HARASSMENT – INTENTIONAL VISUAL SURVEILLANCE

Expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order; altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction for a first offense is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of \$500 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 180 days or a fine of \$1,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 814 Delegate Taylor

Chapter 576 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – REPORT ON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to submit an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1 detailing efforts by the Department to promote predelinquent programs, including youth service bureaus, efforts by the Department to collaborate with and provide technical assistance to local governments regarding the establishment of youth service bureaus, and an assessment of the programs and activities of the bureaus and any other efforts to prevent youth offenses. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1442 Delegate Edelson

Chapter 577 JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAMS – REPORT

> Requiring the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland to report annually by November 1 to the General Assembly on the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program; and requiring the report to include the number of Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs established in State, the number of participants in each pilot program; information on the outcomes of the participants in each program, and recommendations to improve the function of the current program. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 681Delegate Toles, et al

Chapter 578 CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR ARREARAGES AND COURT ORDERS

> Altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive; and requiring the court, after establishing a child support order, to send a copy of the guideline calculation and the order to the Child Support Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1126 Delegate Ruff, et al

Chapter 579 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE TO WORK PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

> Establishing a Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program within the Department of Labor to connect individuals who are unemployed and in arrears under a child support order with employment opportunities in the State; and requiring the Department to report on or before July 1, 2026, on the Department's findings and any recommendations related to the continuation of the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 273 Delegate Allen

Chapter 580

RESIDENTIAL LEASES – LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES – CALCULATION

Altering a prohibition concerning the maximum penalty for the late payment of rent that a landlord may charge in a residential lease to prohibit a penalty in excess of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due.

HB 796 Chapter 581	Delegate J. Long, et al REAL PROPERTY – FILING FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE – INCREASE Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$450. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
<mark>SB 338</mark> Chapter 582	Baltimore County Senators BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83
	Authorizing the State Highway Administration to place and use not more than four speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County and three on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County subject to notice requirements; requiring that fines collected as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County be used to recover administrative costs and assist in covering the cost of certain roadway and safety improvements; etc. CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
HB 1283 Chapter 583	Charles County Delegation
	CHARLES COUNTY – OFF–HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT
	Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 808 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 584 COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION – LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS HO. CO. 14–25

Requiring a written lease for certain residential or commercial real property in Howard County to include information on the annual charge assessed by the Columbia Association and a description of certain rights and privileges under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of certain covenants and governing documents under certain circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 813 Howard County Senators

Chapter 585 HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MEETINGS, AND CONTRACTS – ALTERATIONS HO. CO. 1–25

> Adding two members to the Board of Community College Trustees for Howard County; requiring each meeting of the Board to allow for public comment; requiring the Board to make a video or audio recording of its meetings which are to be made available on the Board's website; requiring Board members to undergo certain training specific to Board governance; and requiring the Board to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026, and every 6 months thereafter until a contract is finalized, on the status of the faculty union contract.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

SB 968

Howard County Senators

Chapter 586

HOWARD COUNTY – PATUXENT RIVER WILDLAND – USE OF MECHANICAL OR MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT HO. CO. $5{-}25$

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use mechanical or motorized equipment to retain, maintain, remove, or replace existing trails and remove, replace, or dispose of nonnative species within the Patuxent River Wildland to ensure clear and safe access to the wildland.

HB 988 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 587 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 200 (INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR) MC 10–25

> Authorizing the placement and use by the Maryland Transportation Authority of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; requiring the District Court to remit to the Authority any civil penalties collected by the District Court resulting from a citation issued using a speed monitoring system operated by the Authority; and requiring the State Highway Administration to provide the Authority with access to certain systems and contacts.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 964 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 588 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – TASK FORCE ON THE DISPLACEMENT OF RESIDENTS OF EMORY GROVE MC 5–25

Establishing the Task Force on the Displacement of Residents of Emory Grove to study how urban renewal caused the displacement of residents from the Emory Grove community and make recommendations on potential remedies to those who were displaced by urban renewal; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by December 15, 2025, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Montgomery County Council. the Montgomery County Executive, the Montgomery County Delegation, and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

HB 1227 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 589 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SCHOOL BUS STOPS ON HIGHWAYS – ALTERATIONS MC 8–25

> Applying certain provisions of law regarding school bus stops located on certain highways in Montgomery County to a school bus stop at a location for which at least 400 citations were issued in the preceding fiscal year to drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus stop; and prohibiting, beginning on December 31, 2028, locating a school bus stop on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes, except under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1173 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 590 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – HIGH–RISK HIGHWAYS MC 17–25

> Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on highways in Montgomery County that are at high risk for certain motor vehicle crashes; prohibiting the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on certain highways in Montgomery County; requiring the fines collected by Montgomery County or by a municipal government in Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system to be used to fund the study, design, and construction of certain safety-related projects; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1064Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 591Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – OPEN MEETINGS – LIVE STREAMING REQUIREMENT MC/PG 101–25

Establishing that certain project site visits and educational field tours do not constitute open meetings subject to the requirement that the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, respectively, stream live video or audio of their open meetings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1065Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 592Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF APPEALS – MEMBERSHIP MC/PG 106–25

Altering the membership of the board of appeals in Prince George's County to be at least three members; and altering the number of members of the board required to concur in any resolution to a simple majority.

HB 1195Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 593Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP, REPORTING, BILLING, AND PLANNING (WSSC PLANNING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2025) MC/PG 105–25

Requiring one of the three commissioners from Montgomery County on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection or a designee; requiring the Commission to submit a long range comprehensive financial plan in a certain manner; requiring the budget authorization for the Office of the Inspector General of the Commission to be approved independently and without involvement of Commission staff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 1230Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 594Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE – EXEMPTIONS MC/PG 107–25

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant exemptions from the system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for certain properties and projects located in Montgomery County; limiting the exemption to \$80,000; altering the method by which the county councils establish eligibility for the exemptions; prohibiting the county councils from requiring that an applicant for an exemption own the property for which the exemption is sought; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1470Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's CountyChapter 595Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – CUTTING OR CLEARING TREES MC/PG 113–25

Providing that, in Prince George's County, to enforce a certain violation involving the clearing or cutting of trees in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement must record a lien on property that is the subject of the violation in a manner: establishing certain certain limits. prohibitions. requirements. and authorizations on actions certain local jurisdictions may take if a lien is not recorded as required by the Act: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 349 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 596

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 PG 306–25

Increasing the maximum civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HB 360 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 597 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS – REGISTRATION FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCESS PG 408–25

> Altering the registration fee requirement for the Community Association Registry; permitting the County Executive to establish the registration fee; prohibiting a person or entity who fails to register from filing a dispute; and requiring the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations to provide revenue from annual community association registration fees to fund the administrative hearing process for disputes between community associations and owners in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 480 St. Mary's County Delegation Chapter 598 ST. MARY'S COUNTY - COUNTY PLANS - PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS Applying certain provisions relating to the adoption of or revision or amendment to a county plan to county plans in St. Mary's County; and repealing certain provisions relating to public sewerage systems and water supply systems in St. Mary's County. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025** HB 491 St. Mary's County Delegation Chapter 599 ST. MARY'S COUNTY - METROPOLITAN COMMISSION -DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE Authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to discontinue all or part of water or sewer service provided to an improved private property determined to be unsafe, unfit, or unsuitable for human occupancy due to an accident, artificial disaster, or natural disaster; requiring the suspension of the ready-to-serve charge on certain private properties; and authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to utilize certain remedies for a violation related to certain public water and sewer use.

HB 749 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 600 WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM

Adding Washington County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards and where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Sincerely,

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