



MSBA Bill Report 1 - Access to Justice and Public Interest Law (2024.01.20)

January 20, 2024

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

[MD - HB10 Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Eligible Individuals and Direct Reimbursement for Mental Health Services](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering which individuals are eligible to receive mental health counseling paid for by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to provide direct reimbursement to mental health professionals providing mental health services to a victim of a crime or a parent, a child, a sibling, a stepchild, or an intimate partner of a victim of a crime; and requiring the Board, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to adopt regulations to implement the reimbursement program.

[MD - HB27 No Knock Warrants](#)

Last Action: Text - First - No Knock Warrants (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gabriel Acevero (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing the authority for the issuance and execution of a no-knock search warrant; establishing that a warrant may not authorize an officer to enter a building, apartment, premises or place without first announcing the officer's purpose and authority; specifying that a warrant may be executed only between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and requiring an officer executing a search warrant, prior to entering certain areas to be searched, to give reasonable notice to alert any occupants within the officer's authority and purpose.

[MD - HB29 Real Property - Transfer to Heir - Exemption From Prepayment](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Delegate Natalie Ziegler (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: SB53

MD - HB30 Health Insurance Conformity With Federal Law

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB217

MD - HB37 Reentry Services for Women - Commission and Pilot Program - Establishment

Last Action: Text - First - Reentry Services for Women - Commission and Pilot Program - Establishment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Commission on Reentry Services for Women overseen by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to create a comprehensive reentry plan for formerly incarcerated women; requiring the Commission to study the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated women, gather data from counties, identify service gaps, and report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by June 30, 2025; establishing the Reentry Pilot Program for Formerly Incarcerated Women to connect formerly incarcerated women to supportive services; etc.

[MD - HB44 Renters' Property Tax Relief and Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Programs - Gross Income and Assessed Value Limitations - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)**Location:** House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the definition of "gross income" to exclude public assistance received in a cash grant for purposes of the renters' property tax relief program and the homeowners' property tax credit program; increasing the combined gross income limit used to determine eligibility for the tax credits; and increasing, from \$300,000 to \$450,000, the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners' property tax credit is calculated.

Cross-filed Bill: SB343

[MD - HB63 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: SB6

MD - HB73 Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Completion of Sentence

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Completion of Sentence (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

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

MD - HB83 Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Last Action: Text - First - Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Natalie Ziegler (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Malcolm Ruff (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

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

MD - HB93 Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bernice Mireku-North (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent to no more than 2 months' rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder, the management of which is substantially limited by the leased premises.

Cross-filed Bill: SB162

MD - HB115 Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Notification of Release From Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)

Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)

Delegate Edith J. Patterson (D)

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

Cross-filed Bill: SB4

MD - HB118 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

Cross-filed Bill: SB128

MD - HB123 Division of Parole and Probation - Criteria for Earned Compliance Credit - Exception for Supervision Fees

Last Action: Text - First - Division of Parole and Probation - Criteria for Earned Compliance Credit - Exception for Supervision Fees (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Committee: Judiciary (House)

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Summary:

Altering a certain condition regarding the payment of certain restitution, fines, and fees that a certain supervised individual must satisfy to accrue certain earned compliance credit while under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Cross-filed Bill: SB260

[MD - HB136 Employment Standards, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Employer Adverse Actions - Prohibition](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or hearings under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint.

Cross-filed Bill: SB233

[MD - HB139 Landlord and Tenant - Office of Home Energy Programs - Financial Assistance](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

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Summary:

Requiring a landlord to accept financial assistance from the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Services for the cost of utility services that a tenant is required to pay; requiring a landlord, under certain circumstances, to provide a tenant with utility service documentation that is necessary for the Office to determine the eligibility of the tenant for financial assistance; and authorizing the Department to impose an administrative penalty on a landlord in violation of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB171

MD - HB175 Occupational Licensing and Certification Criminal History Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to change a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB54

MD - HB181 Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Prohibition on Rent Increases and Shielding of Court Records

Last Action: Text - First - Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Prohibition on Rent Increases and Shielding of Court Records (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Committees:

Judiciary (House)

Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing a tenant's rent because a judgment was entered against the tenant in a failure to pay rent action; requiring the District Court to shield all court records within 60 days after the final resolution of a failure to pay rent proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring the District Court to shield all court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding, on motion by a tenant, under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to publish a certain form; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB19

MD - HB183 Human Services Food Supplement Program (Summer SNAP for Children Act)

Last Action: First Reading Appropriations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Appropriations Committee

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Making technical and clarifying changes to the administration of certain food supplement benefits for children; and increasing the amount the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for certain food supplement benefits for children.

Cross-filed Bill: SB213

MD - HB185 Correctional Services - Medical Parole - Life Imprisonment

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Medical Parole - Life Imprisonment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Summary:

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

Cross-filed Bill: SB132

[MD - HB191 Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support \(Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act) (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bernice Mireku-North (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for 1 year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB71

[MD - HB194 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Seniors - State Supplement](#)

Last Action: First Reading Appropriations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark Edelson (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Increasing the amount of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit that the State is required to provide for a household that includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$60 per month; and requiring the State to provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$60 per month.

[MD - HB209 Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission](#)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Last Action: Text - First - Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission to develop recommendations relating to education and its impact on the criminal justice system; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2025, and a final report by January 1, 2026.

[MD - HB218 Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums \(Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: SB86

[MD - HB226 Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing a property tax credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation real property tax on certain properties that provide permanent supportive housing; providing for the calculation of the tax credit; providing for the recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring a certain reimbursement by the State to a county or municipal

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corporation for a certain percentage of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB269

MD - HB247 Real Property - Residential Foreclosures - Procedures

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing the use of a preliminary loss mitigation affidavit in an order to docket or complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; altering certain requirements for the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property and altering certain requirements for an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust; establishing that a copy of a notice of intent to foreclose is not a public record and is not subject to the Public Information Act; etc.

MD - HB249 Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; prohibiting an individual from refusing to provide a DNA sample as required; and requiring certain DNA samples or records to be destroyed or expunged.

MD - HB253 Cannabis Reform - Alterations

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Last Action: Text - First - Cannabis Reform - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Making alterations and clarifications related to the duties of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, the Office of Social Equity, the Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis, and the Maryland Cannabis Administration; altering the composition of the Advisory Board; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Advisory Board and removing the Director of the Administration as chair; authorizing processors to provide cannabis to cannabis licensees; etc.

[MD - HB268 Criminal Procedure - Expungement of Records - Definitions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Expungement of Records - Definitions (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering certain definitions of "expunge" and "expungement".

[MD - HB269 Criminal Procedure - Disclosure of Expunged Records - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Disclosure of Expunged Records - Alterations (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Clarifying that refusal by a person to disclose information about criminal charges that have been expunged may not be the sole reason for a unit, an official, or an employee of the State or political subdivision of the State to deny the person's application for a license, permit, registration, or governmental service or for an educational institution to expel or refuse to admit the person.

[MD - HB270 Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Failure to Obey a Court Order to Report to Confinement](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Failure to Obey a Court Order to Report to Confinement (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

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Authorizing a person to file for a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement.

[MD - HB283 Housing and Community Development - Affordable Housing - Identifying Suitable Property](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development identify certain property as suitable for use or redevelopment; prohibiting the Department from identifying certain property for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring the Department to consider certain factors when identifying whether a property is suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

Cross-filed Bill: SB333

[MD - HB285 Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)

Delegate Diana M. Fennell (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 250, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Moving from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024, the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity; and extending from June 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the termination date for the Task Force.

[MD - HB290 Crimes - Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications - Exception for Imminent Danger](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person has a good faith belief that the person intercepting the communication or another person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a violation of a protective order.

[MD - HB297 Office of the Attorney General - Correctional Ombudsman Unit](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Office of the Attorney General - Correctional Ombudsman Unit (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Debra Davis (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield (D)

Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)

Committees:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Unit in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Unit to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Unit to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings as appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB134

MD - HB302 Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Employees, and Court-Ordered Services Providers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity - Penalties and Registry

Last Action: Text - First - Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Employees, and Court-Ordered Services Providers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity - Penalties and Registry (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Delegate Andre V. Johnson, Jr. (D)

Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Delegate Joe Vogel (D)

Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering penalties relating to sexual contact between a law enforcement officer, correctional employee, or court-ordered services provider and certain individuals under certain circumstances; increasing the penalties from a misdemeanor to a felony, and on conviction a person is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years instead of 3 years; and requiring a person convicted of a certain offense to register on a certain sex offender registry.

Cross-filed Bill: SB177

MD - HB303 Public Safety - Persistent Aerial Surveillance

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate Caylin Young (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

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Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a unit, an agency, or a political subdivision of the State to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation, subject to certain exceptions; and defining "persistent aerial surveillance" as the use of aircraft to record video or a concurrent series of images or pictures that when viewed in aggregate depict a person's actions over time.

MD - HB311 Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to 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 under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB174

MD - HB313 Juvenile Law - Probation

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Law - Probation (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying certain limitations on the imposition of juvenile probation; and authorizing the juvenile court to place a child on probation for a term that the court determines is appropriate to ensure that the child is able to complete any necessary services or treatment.

MD - HB314 Juvenile Law Probation Technical Violations

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Law Probation Technical Violations (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the juvenile court to order community detention and take certain other actions in response to a technical violation of probation committed by a child.

MD - HB319 Juvenile Justice Restoration Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Justice Restoration Act of 2024 (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R)
Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)
Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)
Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)
Delegate Terry L. Baker (R)
Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)
Delegate Brian Chisholm (R)
Delegate Barrie S. Ciliberti (R)
Delegate Mark N. Fisher (R)
Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist (R)
Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)
Delegate Mike Griffith (R)
Delegate Wayne A. Hartman (R)
Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)
Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger (R)
Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)
Delegate Thomas S. Hutchinson (R)
Delegate Jay A. Jacobs (R)
Delegate Robert B. Long (R)
Delegate Nino Mangione (R)
Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)
Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)
Delegate April Miller (R)
Delegate Matthew Morgan (R)

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Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)
Delegate Rachel Munoz (R)
Delegate Ryan Nawrocki (R)
Delegate Charles J. Otto (R)
Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)
Delegate Teresa E. Reilly (R)
Delegate April Rose (R)
Delegate Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (R)
Delegate Joshua J. Stonko (R)
Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)
Delegate William Valentine (R)
Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed a crime involving the use or possession of a firearm; and altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child's parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child's consultation with an attorney.

Cross-filed Bill: SB52

[MD - HB320 Criminal Procedure - Stops and Searches - Cannabis Odor and Admission of Evidence \(Drug-Free Roadways Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Stops and Searches - Cannabis Odor and Admission of Evidence (Drug-Free Roadways Act of 2024) (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)
Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)
Delegate Terry L. Baker (R)
Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)
Delegate Brian Chisholm (R)
Delegate Barrie S. Ciliberti (R)
Delegate Mark N. Fisher (R)
Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist (R)

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Delegate Mike Griffith (R)
Delegate Wayne A. Hartman (R)
Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)
Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger (R)
Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)
Delegate Thomas S. Hutchinson (R)
Delegate Jay A. Jacobs (R)
Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke (R)
Delegate Robert B. Long (R)
Delegate Nino Mangione (R)
Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)
Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)
Delegate April Miller (R)
Delegate Matthew Morgan (R)
Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)
Delegate Rachel Munoz (R)
Delegate Ryan Nawrocki (R)
Delegate Charles J. Otto (R)
Delegate Teresa E. Reilly (R)
Delegate April Rose (R)
Delegate Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (R)
Delegate Joshua J. Stonko (R)
Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R)
Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)
Delegate William Valentine (R)
Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing a certain prohibition against a law enforcement officer initiating a stop or a search of a motor vehicle based solely on the odor of burnt or unburnt cannabis; and repealing a certain provision of law rendering inadmissible certain evidence discovered or obtained in violation of a certain provision of law.

Cross-filed Bill: SB396

[MD - HB350 Budget Bill \(Fiscal Year 2025\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) (January 17, 2024)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB360

MD - HB352 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024 (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB362

MD - HB359 Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person - Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings

Last Action: Text - First - Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person - Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Kent Roberson (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Stephanie Smith (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Summary:

Requiring an automatic stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; and requiring, to effectuate service of process for certain civil actions against an alleged disabled person, the temporary or permanent guardian of the property of the disabled person to be served.

[MD - HB372 Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: SB354

[MD - HB392 Evidence - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Fair Housing Testing](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Evidence - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Fair Housing Testing (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Caylin Young (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB57

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

MD - HB404 Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements (Gabriel's Law)

Last Action: Text - First - Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements (Gabriel's Law)
(January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)
Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)
Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)
Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)
Delegate Mark S. Chang (D)
Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield (D)
Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)
Delegate Debra Davis (D)
Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)
Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)
Delegate Anne Healey (D)
Delegate Shaneka Henson (D)
Delegate Julian Ivey (D)
Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)
Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)
Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)
Delegate Aletheia McCaskill (D)
Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)
Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)
Delegate Kent Roberson (D)
Delegate Denise Roberts (D)
Delegate Karen Simpson (D)
Delegate Deni Taveras (D)
Delegate Kym Taylor (D)
Delegate Veronica Turner (D)
Delegate Kriselda Valderrama (D)
Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)
Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

Cross-filed Bill: SB190

[MD - SB2 Juvenile Law - Child in Need of Supervision - Mandatory Petition \(NyKayla Strawder Memorial Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 13 years is either delinquent or a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim; and requiring a law enforcement officer to forward a complaint alleging that a child under the age of 13 years committed an act that resulted in the death of a victim to the Department of Juvenile Services.

[MD - SB4 Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Notification of Release From Confinement \(Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Summary:

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

Cross-filed Bill: HB115

MD - SB6 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: HB63

MD - SB11 Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a person to file a petition for partial expungement for a certain eligible offense even if another charge arising out of the same incident, transaction, or set of facts is not eligible for expungement; requiring a court to make a certain order where partial expungement is impracticable; and repealing a provision of law prohibiting partial expungement.

[MD - SB19 Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Prohibition on Rent Increases and Shielding of Court Records](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing a tenant's rent because a judgment was entered against the tenant in a failure to pay rent action; requiring the District Court to shield all court records within 60 days after the final resolution of a failure to pay rent proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring the District Court to shield all court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding, on motion by a tenant, under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to publish a certain form; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB181

[MD - SB35 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Repealing the minimum age that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State-provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide from \$40 to \$95.

MD - SB36 Maryland Deaths in Custody Oversight Board

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Deaths in Custody Oversight Board within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to analyze and make findings and recommendations related to deaths of incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide specific information to the Board.

MD - SB52 Juvenile Justice Restoration Act of 2024

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Paul D. Corderman (R)

Senator Jason C. Gallion (R)

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)

Senator J. B. Jennings (R)

Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Senator Mike McKay (R)

Senator Justin Ready (R)

Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed a crime involving the use or possession of a firearm; and altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child's parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child's consultation with an attorney.

Cross-filed Bill: HB319

MD - SB53 Real Property - Transfer to Heir - Exemption From Prepayment

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: HB29

MD - SB54 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 6, 2024

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB175

[MD - SB57 Evidence - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Fair Housing Testing](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB392

[MD - SB71 Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support \(Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for up to 1 year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB191

MD - SB86 [Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums \(Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024) (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: HB218

MD - SB94 [Juvenile Law - Intake and Probation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions of law relating to the juvenile intake process such that certain complaints and case files are required to be forwarded to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances; and altering provisions of law relating to the length of juvenile probationary periods.

[MD - SB111 Criminal Procedure - Protection of Identity of Minor Victim](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring, with a certain exception, a party or nonparty making a certain filing in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case to redact certain identifying information relating to a minor victim that appears in the filing; and authorizing the Supreme Court of Maryland to adopt rules to require or authorize a person making a redacted filing under the Act to also file an unredacted copy under seal.

[MD - SB118 Criminal Procedure - Expungement and Shielding - Probation Before Judgment for Driving While Impaired or Under the Influence](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records relating to a probation before judgment for driving while impaired or driving while under the influence; and authorizing a

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certain person to petition the court to shield certain records relating to a probation before judgment for driving while impaired or driving while under the influence.

MD - SB120 Juvenile Law - Custodial Interrogation - Parental Consultation

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a child to consult with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian instead of an attorney before a law enforcement officer may conduct a custodial interrogation of the child.

MD - SB123 Criminal Procedure - Petition to Reduce Sentence

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing an individual who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to reduce the sentence if the individual has served at least 20 years of the individual's term of confinement and at least 3 years have passed since the court decided any petition previously filed by the individual for a reduced sentence; and establishing procedures for a proceeding under the Act.

MD - SB128 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

Cross-filed Bill: HB118

MD - SB132 Correctional Services Medical Parole Life Imprisonment

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

Cross-filed Bill: HB185

MD - SB134 Office of the Attorney General - Correctional Ombudsman Unit

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Unit in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Unit to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Unit to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings as appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB297

[MD - SB139 Driver's Licenses - Suspension for Child Support Arrearages - Exception](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to 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 if the obligor's income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.

[MD - SB145 Criminal Procedure Petition to Modify or Reduce Sentence \(Maryland Second Look Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing an individual serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; providing that a certain petitioner is entitled to assistance of counsel and, if indigent, representation by the Office of the Public Defender; and authorizing a certain person to apply to the Appellate Court of Maryland for leave to appeal a certain order in a certain manner and within a certain period of time after the court passes a certain order in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

[MD - SB160 Labor and Employment - Payment of Minimum Wage - Tipped Employees](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Specifying a certain tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting certain employers of tipped employees, beginning July 1, 2027, from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages and requiring the employer to pay an employee at least the State minimum wage; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish the High Road Kitchen Program as a recognition program for restaurants that do not include the tip credit as part of certain employees' wages.

[MD - SB162 Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent under a residential lease if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder and the tenant vacates the leased premises, the management of which is extremely limited by the leased premises.

Cross-filed Bill: HB93

MD - SB171 Landlord and Tenant Office of Home Energy Programs Financial Assistance

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Malcolm Augustine (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a landlord to accept financial assistance from the Office of Home Energy Programs in the Department of Human Services for the cost of utility services that a tenant is required to pay; requiring a landlord, under certain circumstances, to provide a tenant with utility service documentation that is necessary for the Office to determine the eligibility of the tenant for financial assistance; and authorizing the Department to impose on a landlord in violation of the Act certain administrative penalties.

Cross-filed Bill: HB139

MD - SB174 Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to 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 under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB311

[MD - SB177 Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Employees, and Court-Ordered Services Providers - Prohibition on Sexual Activity - Penalties and Registry](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering penalties relating to sexual contact between a law enforcement officer, correctional employee, or court-ordered services provider and certain individuals under certain circumstances; and requiring a person convicted of a certain offense to register on a certain sex offender registry.

Cross-filed Bill: HB302

[MD - SB190 Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 2:30 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

Cross-filed Bill: HB404

MD - SB213 [Human Services - Food Supplement Program \(Summer SNAP for Children Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Making technical and clarifying changes to the administration of certain food supplement benefits for children; and increasing the amount the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for certain food supplement benefits for children.

Cross-filed Bill: HB183

MD - SB217 [Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Summary:

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB30

MD - SB233 Employment Standards, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Employer Adverse Actions - Prohibition

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or hearings under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint.

Cross-filed Bill: HB136

MD - SB260 Division of Parole and Probation - Criteria for Earned Compliance Credit - Exception for Supervision Fees

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering a certain condition regarding the payment of certain restitution, fines, and fees that a certain supervised individual must satisfy to accrue certain earned compliance credit while under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Cross-filed Bill: HB123

MD - SB269 Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a property tax credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation real property tax on certain properties that provide permanent supportive housing; providing for the calculation of the tax credit; providing for the recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring a certain reimbursement by the State to a county or municipal corporation for a certain percentage of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB226

MD - SB312 Public Information Act - Personnel Records of Elected Officials and Joint Ethics Committee Records

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearings:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 25, 2024

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD
Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing that certain records of elected officials are not personnel records for the purposes of inspection under the Public Information Act; and establishing that certain records of the State Ethics Commission and Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics are available for public inspection under certain circumstances.

MD - SB333 Housing and Community Development - Affordable Housing - Identifying Suitable Property

Last Action: Text - First - Housing and Community Development - Affordable Housing - Identifying Suitable Property (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development identify certain property as suitable for use or redevelopment; prohibiting the Department from identifying certain property for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring the Department to consider certain factors when identifying whether a property is suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

Cross-filed Bill: HB283

MD - SB343 RentersProperty Tax Relief and HomeownersProperty Tax Credit ProgramsGross Income and Assessed Value LimitationsAlterations

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the definition of "gross income" to exclude certain public assistance received in a cash grant for purposes of the renters' property tax relief program and the homeowners' property tax credit program; increasing the combined gross income limit used to determine eligibility for the tax credits; and increasing, from \$300,000 to \$450,000, the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners' property tax credit is calculated.

Cross-filed Bill: HB44

[MD - SB346 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income \(Keep Our Heroes Home Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sarah K. Elfreth (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jack Bailey (R)
Senator Pamela Beidle (D)
Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)
Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)
Senator Nick Charles (D)
Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)
Senator William G. Folden (R)
Senator Jason C. Gallion (R)
Senator Mary-Dulany James (D)
Senator Nancy J. King (D)
Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)
Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)
Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)
Senator Mike McKay (R)
Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)
Senator Justin Ready (R)
Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)
Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)
Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

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

[MD - SB354 Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: HB372

[MD - SB362 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024 (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of

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certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB352

[MD - SB389 Criminal Procedure - Incarcerated Seniors - Motion to Reduce the Duration of a Sentence](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 2, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing an individual who is at least 60 years old and has been imprisoned for at least 20 years to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence, unless the court has held a hearing on a similar motion in the preceding 5 years; and requiring a court to consider certain factors in determining whether to grant a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence and to issue its decision in writing or on the record in open court.

[MD - SB396 Criminal Procedure - Stops and Searches - Cannabis Odor and Admission of Evidence \(Drug-Free Roadways Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)

Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Senator Mike McKay (R)

Interest Law (2024.01.20)

Senator Justin Ready (R)

Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 2, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing a certain prohibition against a law enforcement officer initiating a stop or a search of a motor vehicle based solely on the odor of burnt or unburnt cannabis; and repealing a certain provision of law rendering inadmissible certain evidence discovered or obtained in violation of a certain provision of law.

Cross-filed Bill: HB320