



MSBA Bill Report 5A - Access to Justice and Public Interest Law (2024.02.14)

February 14, 2024

Interest Law (2024.02.14)

MD - HB1310 Baltimore City Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Baltimore City Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team to examine and prevent violence against youth through intensive case management; requiring that the review team be provided with access to certain information and records; establishing certain closed meeting, confidentiality, and disclosure requirements for certain information and records; etc.

Statutes Amended:

31-101,

31-111 Article - Local Government

MD - HB1325 Individuals Experiencing Homelessness - Address Requirements - Prohibition

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jackie Addison (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a public library, a recipient of a certain award from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department, a public housing agency, a county, or a municipality from requiring an individual experiencing homelessness to provide a current address in certain circumstances.

Statutes Amended:

1-103,

4-2905 Article - Housing and Community Development

1-201 Article - Local Government

23-411 Article - Education

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MD - HB1332 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate William Valentine (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB860

Statutes Amended:

9-618 Article - Correctional Services

MD - HB1359 Facilities - Disabilities and Juveniles - Community Relations Plans

Last Action: Text - First - Facilities - Disabilities and Juveniles - Community Relations Plans (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Summary:

Requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Department of Juvenile Services governing juvenile care facilities and juvenile detention facilities include a requirement for the establishment, implementation, and review of certain community relations plans that include descriptions of certain processes and procedures; and requiring certain State residential centers and private group homes to establish, implement, and revise certain community relations plans.

Statutes Amended:

7-501,

7-610 Article - Health - General

9-234,

9-237 Article - Human Services

MD - HB1364 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - People's Counsel for Land Use Planning PG/MC 112-24

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Last Action: Text - First - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - People's Counsel for Land Use Planning PG/MC 112-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Summary:

Requiring the County Executive of Montgomery County to appoint a People's Counsel for Land Use Planning to represent the public interest of county residents in land use proceedings, to ensure fairness to certain populations, and to ensure that a complete public record is established for certain proceedings; establishing the qualifications and responsibilities of the People's Counsel; prohibiting the People's Counsel from representing a private individual or group in certain proceedings; etc.

[MD - HB1375 Environmental Justice - Identification of and Investment in Overburdened and Underserved Communities - Report](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of the Environment to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024, relating to the identification of overburdened and underserved communities, the percentage of spending for certain investments that benefited overburdened and underserved communities during the prior fiscal year within certain governmental entities, and certain recommendations on improving the identification of and provision of assistance to overburdened and underserved communities.

[MD - HB1397 Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gary Simmons (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Interest Law (2024.02.14)

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability.

Cross-filed Bill: SB590

Statutes Amended:

10-304,

10-305,

2-207,

3-209 Article - Criminal Law

11-102,

12-113,

12-305,

12-503,

12-603,

12-702,

12-704 Article - Commercial Law

13-219,

19-101,

19-102,

19-103,

19-114,

19-115 Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-5F-10,

19-311 Article - Health Occupations

15-112,

27-910 Article - Insurance

16-204,

16-304 Article - Land Use

16-305 Article - Housing and Community Development

18-204,

7-507 Article - Public Utilities

19-408,

19-710,

19-725 Article - Health - General

23-605,

23-806,

6-104,
7-128 Article - Education

3-304,
3-307 Article - Labor and Employment

5-106,
8-102 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-214 Article - Tax - Property
8-707 Article - Human Services
8A-801 Article - Real Property

**MD - HB1405 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Incarcerated Individual
Apprenticeship Program**

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and offer an apprenticeship program in skilled trades for incarcerated individuals; establishing the purpose of the program is to assist incarcerated individuals to develop marketable job skills and to earn money that can be used once the individual is released from incarceration; authorizing the Department to pay all or part of an incarcerated individuals wages to a spouse, child or other dependent in need of financial support; etc.

Statutes Amended:

3-901 through 3-908 Article - Correctional Services

**MD - HB1410 Anne Arundel County Department of Housing and Community Development Anne
Arundel County Committee of Individuals With Lived Experience to Impact Policy on Homelessness**

Last Action: Text - First - Anne Arundel County Department of Housing and Community
Development Anne Arundel County Committee of Individuals With Lived Experience to Impact
Policy on Homelessness (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)

Summary:

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Establishing the Anne Arundel County Committee of Individuals With Lived Experience to Impact Policy on Homelessness to study and make recommendations that would ensure individuals with lived experiences of homelessness are able to provide input on the development of policies and services related to low-income housing and homelessness; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

Statutes Amended:

2-501 Article - Housing and Community Development

[MD - HB1411 Correctional Facilities - Correctional Nursery Program - Establishment](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Correctional Nursery Program to allow eligible incarcerated individuals and children born to them while in custody to reside together in a correctional facility.

Statutes Amended:

9-601,

9-601.2 Article - Correctional Services

[MD - HB1417 Economic Justice and Racial Reconciliation Act](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Economic Justice and Racial Reconciliation Act (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Summary:

Establishing the Commission for Economic Justice and Racial Reconciliation to study racial disparities in wealth and resources as a result of tax laws and systems in place in the State from the Reconstruction Era through the enactment of and subsequent amendments to the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2026.

[MD - HB1419 Criminal Law - Deed Fraud - Prohibition and Deed Fraud Prevention Grant Fund](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Interest Law (2024.02.14)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting the intentional fraudulent sale, conveyance, or lease or attempted sale, conveyance, or lease of real property by a person who does not own the real property; prohibiting the acquisition, sale, or conveyance or the attempted acquisition, sale, or conveyance of real property by deception, intimidation, threat, or undue influence; requiring the Department of State Police to disaggregate certain data collected for the Uniform Crime Report; and establishing the Deed Fraud Prevention Grant Fund.

Statutes Amended:

2-307,

2-901, 2-902 Article - Public Safety

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

8-601,

8-906 Article - Criminal Law

MD - HB1437 Juvenile Law - Juvenile Crime Reform

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 10, 2024)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child who is at least 13 years of age alleged to have committed a certain offense; expanding a reporting requirement by the Secretary of Juvenile Services; and expanding a certain provision relating to data collection and analysis by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.

Statutes Amended:

3-530 Article - Public Safety

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3-8A-03,

3-8A-14.2,

3-8A-30 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-204 Article - Human Services

[MD - HB1445 Landlord and Tenant - Actions for Possession - Service of Process by a Private Detective](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing service of process in an action to repossess leased residential property that also seeks a money judgment to be carried out by a private detective that is also otherwise authorized to serve process under the Maryland Rules.

Statutes Amended:

8-407 Article - Real Property

[MD - HB1457 Common Ownership Communities - Ombudsman Unit, Governing Document Database, and Local Commissions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Common Ownership Communities - Ombudsman Unit, Governing Document Database, and Local Commissions (February 12, 2024)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Common Ownership Community Ombudsman Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to receive and respond to certain complaints; requiring common ownership communities to file certain documents with the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to establish a database of governing documents accessible to the public; and establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by the local government of a county.

Statutes Amended:

11C-101 through 11C-114 Article - Real Property

13-207 Article - Commercial Law

2-304 Article - Housing and Community Development

[MD - HB1458 Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders \(Sagar Ghimire Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders (Sagar Ghimire Act) (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Harry Bhandari (D)

Summary:

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by May 1, 2025, on policy recommendations for improving the use of extreme risk protective orders in the State.

[MD - HB1470 Criminal Procedure - Incompetency to Stand Trial Dismissal](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure - Incompetency to Stand Trial Dismissal (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB449

Statutes Amended:

11-506,

3-107 Article - Criminal Procedure

[MD - SB860 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Paul D. Corderman (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and

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on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

Statutes Amended:

9-618 Article - Correctional Services

[MD - SB1142 Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Craig J. Zucker (D)

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute \$250,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund, which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

Statutes Amended:

1-207 Article - Tax - General

17-317 Article - Commercial Law