



MSBA Bill Report 1 - Animal and Agricultural Law (2024.01.20)

January 20, 2024

(2024.01.20)

[MD - HB22 Agriculture - Pollinator Habitat Plan - Requirements for State Highway Administration](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Eric Ebersole (D)

Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Delegate Natalie Ziegler (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Highway Administration's pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB178

[MD - HB45 Natural Resources - Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From Decedent's Estate](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

(2024.01.20)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearings:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal, from a decedent's estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

Cross-filed Bill: SB284

MD - HB57 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Dispensers Veterinarians

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "dispenser" for purposes of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include certain licensed veterinarians when dispensing controlled substances for animals in the usual course of providing professional services; and providing that the Program is not required to disclose prescription drug monitoring data to veterinarians.

Cross-filed Bill: SB235

MD - HB85 Department of Agriculture - Spay/Neuter Fund

(2024.01.20)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Delegate Natalie Ziegler (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the contents and authorized uses of the Spay/Neuter Fund; requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a process through which a person may make a voluntary donation to the Fund; requiring the Department to give additional consideration to certain competitive grant proposals that meet certain criteria; and increasing the fee on commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats and registered in the State beginning October 1, 2024.

[MD - HB94 Correctional Services - Inmate Employment - Agricultural Work](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by the State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne's County or any other county with a similar camp.

Cross-filed Bill: SB187

[MD - HB113 Vehicle Laws - Horse Riding - Helmet Requirement for Minors](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

(2024.01.20)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting an adult from allowing certain minors to ride a horse, donkey, mule, or pony on a highway, a public horse-riding path, or the grounds of a facility for which the primary purpose is recreational, educational, or competitive equestrian activities unless the minor is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials for protective headgear used in equestrian riding.

Cross-filed Bill: SB42

[MD - HB120 Economic Development Maryland Watermes Microloan Program Eligibility](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

(2024.01.20)

Summary:

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program within the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

Cross-filed Bill: SB32

MD - HB163 Food Waste and Solid Waste Reduction - Grants, Fund, and Surcharge

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the On-Farm Organic Diversion and Composting Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to assist with the costs of developing and implementing on-farm composting and compost use, food waste prevention, and food rescue projects; requiring the Department of the Environment to use funds from the Reduce, Recycle, Remanufacture Fund to support the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste; authorizing the Department to establish a statewide solid waste disposal surcharge; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB56

MD - HB171 State Board of Pharmacy - Membership - Veterinary Pharmacist

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

(2024.01.20)

Summary:

Adding a veterinary pharmacist member to the State Board of Pharmacy.

MD - HB234 [Department of Agriculture - Licensing, Registration, Fees and Penalties, and Regulation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering and establishing renewal and reinstatement processes for horse establishment licenses; establishing certain duties and administrative penalties with respect to beekeeping activities; altering the administrative penalty structure for certain violations related to nutrient management plans; and altering the renewal process and fee structure for the registration of weights and measures.

Cross-filed Bill: SB278

MD - HB345 [Fish and Wildlife - Endangered and Threatened Species - Definitions, Petitions, and Regulations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Sara Love (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Delegate Deni Taveras (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life and habitat needs of the species and relevant information about the status of a species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and altering the definitions of "fish" and "wildlife" for certain purposes.

MD - HB350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)

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

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 - HB357 Agriculture - Confinement of Egg-Laying Hens in Commercial Egg Production - Prohibitions

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D)

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Delegate Edith J. Patterson (D)

Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)

Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

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Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Delegate Melissa Wells (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Delegate Kris Fair (D)

Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)

Delegate Aletheia McCaskill (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a certain farm owner or operator from knowingly confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure in a certain manner, subject to certain exceptions, on and after January 1, 2026; prohibiting a business owner or operator or a farm owner or operator from selling shell eggs or egg products under certain circumstances on and after January 1, 2026; and specifying that a certain certification be obtained in a certain manner to sell shell eggs and egg products.

Cross-filed Bill: SB193

[MD - HB379 Wildlife - Traveling Animal Acts - Prohibition](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sara Love (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Delegate Robbyn Lewis (D)

Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

(2024.01.20)

Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from allowing for the participation of a bear, a cougar, an elephant, a jaguar, a leopard, excluding a clouded leopard, a lion, a nonhuman primate, a tiger, or a hybrid of any of these animals in a traveling animal act; and providing a civil penalty of \$2,000 per violation.

MD - HB402 Real Property - Nuisance and Breach of Lease Actions - Rodent Harborage

Last Action: Text - First - Real Property - Nuisance and Breach of Lease Actions - Rodent Harborage (January 18, 2024)

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

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Authorizing an individual to bring a nuisance action for damages caused by rodent harborage on certain real property against certain individuals and authorizing a landlord to bring a breach of lease action against a tenant for behavior that causes or contributes to rodent harborage; and providing that a nuisance action may not be brought under the Act if the rodent harborage occurs on property that is zoned for agricultural use and is actually and primarily used as agricultural property.

MD - SB17 Criminal Law - Crimes Relating to Animals - Conviction and Sentencing

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

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:

Establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense; and establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation and that a sentence imposed may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence based on the act establishing a violation.

MD - SB32 Economic Development - Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program - Eligibility

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program within the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the State and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

Cross-filed Bill: HB120

MD - SB42 Vehicle Laws - Horse Riding - Helmet Requirement for Minors

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

(2024.01.20)

Summary:

Prohibiting an adult from allowing certain minors to ride a horse, donkey, mule, or pony on a highway, a public horse-riding path, or the grounds of a facility for which the primary purpose is recreational, educational, or competitive equestrian activities unless the minor is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials for protective headgear used in equestrian riding.

Cross-filed Bill: HB113

MD - SB56 Food Waste and Solid Waste Reduction Grants, Fund, and Surcharge

Last Action: Text - First - Food Waste and Solid Waste Reduction Grants, Fund, and Surcharge (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

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

Summary:

Establishing the On-Farm Organic Diversion and Composting Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to assist with the costs of developing and implementing on-farm composting and compost use, food waste prevention, and food rescue projects; requiring the Department of the Environment to use funds from the Reduce, Recycle, Remanufacture Fund to support the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste; authorizing the Department to establish a statewide solid waste disposal surcharge; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB163

MD - SB97 Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Maryland Horse Industry

Last Action: Text - First - Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Maryland Horse Industry (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a specially designed registration plate honoring the Maryland horse industry.

MD - SB157 Domestic Animals - Penalties for Abandonment and Microchip Requirements for Dogs

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

(2024.01.20)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Increasing the penalties by including a term of imprisonment of up to 90 days and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or both for abandoning a domestic animal in certain locations; establishing requirements for the microchipping of dogs on a transfer of ownership and for the management of information relating to dogs with implanted microchips; authorizing the governing body of a county to establish reasonable penalties for a violation of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

[MD - SB178 Agriculture Pollinator Habitat Plan Requirements for State Highway Administration](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Highway Administration's pollinator habitat plan to include policies and procedures regarding the use of pollinator habitat areas along State highways; requiring the Administration to track and evaluate federal programs that provide funding for pollinator habitats, native plants, and invasive species control and to apply for any funding that the Administration determines appropriate and beneficial to pollinator habitats; requiring the Administration to update the plan by October 1 each year; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB22

[MD - SB187 Correctional Services - Inmate Employment - Agricultural Work](#)

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

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

(2024.01.20)

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 the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for inmates not needed or being used by the State Highway Administration to perform emergency road work to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year at a camp in Queen Anne's County or any other county with a similar camp.

Cross-filed Bill: HB94

[MD - SB193 Agriculture - Confinement of Egg-Laying Hens in Commercial Egg Production - Prohibitions](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Karen Lewis Young (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a certain farm owner or operator from knowingly confining egg-laying hens in an enclosure in a certain manner, subject to certain exceptions, on and after January 1, 2026; prohibiting a business owner or operator or a farm owner or operator from selling shell eggs or egg products under certain circumstances on and after January 1, 2026; and specifying that a certain certification verifying that the shell eggs and egg products are produced in a certain manner must be obtained before selling shell eggs and egg products.

Cross-filed Bill: HB357

[MD - SB235 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Dispensers - Veterinarians](#)

(2024.01.20)

Last Action: Text - First - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Dispensers - Veterinarians (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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "dispenser" for purposes of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include certain licensed veterinarians when dispensing controlled substances for animals in the usual course of providing professional services; and providing that the Program is not required to disclose prescription drug monitoring data to veterinarians.

Cross-filed Bill: HB57

[MD - SB278 Department of Agriculture - Licensing, Registration, Fees and Penalties, and Regulation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering and establishing renewal and reinstatement processes for horse establishment licenses; establishing certain duties and administrative penalties with respect to beekeeping activities; altering the administrative penalty structure for certain violations related to nutrient management plans; and altering the renewal process and fee structure for the registration of weights and measures.

Cross-filed Bill: HB234

(2024.01.20)

[MD - SB284 Natural Resources - Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From Decedent's Estate](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal from a decedent's estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

Cross-filed Bill: HB45

[MD - SB290 Certified Local Farm and Fish Program - Annual Waiver Reports - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the annual deadline, from July 31 to December 31, for the Office for the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program to submit to the Board of Public Works a report of waivers requested and waivers granted under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program; and altering the annual deadline, from October 1 to February 1, for the Board of Public Works to submit to certain standing committees a copy of a record of information regarding any waivers requested under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program.

[MD - SB311 Agriculture - Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program - Expansion](#)

(2024.01.20)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Expanding the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program by making qualified nonprofit organizations that operate a farm or community garden that is on at least 250 acres, grows between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pounds of produce annually, supplies agricultural food products to the State's food banks and emergency food providers at no cost, and is conserved in a land conservation program eligible for grant funding; and establishing the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Operating Fund.

[MD - SB367 Natural Resources - Antlerless Deer Hunting Programs - Authorization](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Natural Resources - Antlerless Deer Hunting Programs - Authorization (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.