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### MD - HB1291 Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content - Required

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House) Date: February 29, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1066

Statutes Amended:

9-1E-17 Article - State Government

### MD - HB1301 Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms Business Sign Posting Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terry L. Baker (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: March 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring a business that does not want firearms on the business's property to post a clear and conspicuous sign at the main or any secondary entrance of the business at least 24 inches from the edge of the entryway and 4 feet off the ground.

Statutes Amended:

4-111 Article - Criminal Law

### MD - HB1304 Maryland Department of Health and Department of Human Services - Earned Income

Tax Credit - Distribution of Information

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

**Date:** March 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to provide information on the State's earned income tax credits to individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services administered by the departments.

Statutes Amended:

15-1001, 15-1007, 15-102.1, 15-301, 15-401, 15-408, 15-605 Article - Health - General

2-304 Article - Human Services

### MD - HB1306 Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages

Last Action: Text - First - Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kris Fair (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to impose the admissions and amusement tax on certain gross receipts derived from the sale of food or beverages; prohibiting the imposition of the admissions and amusement tax on certain sales of food or beverages; establishing a maximum tax rate of 2% that a county or a municipal corporation may set on the sale of food or beverages; and providing that a certain combined maximum tax rate does not include a tax rate on the sale of food or beverages.

Statutes Amended:

4-101.

4-102,

4-103.

4-105 Article - Tax - General

### MD - HB1314 Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Filing Fees (Right to Start Act)

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brian Chisholm (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House) **Date:** March 5, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to waive the filing fee for certain annual reports for the first year that certain business entities are in existence; requiring that 25% of the fees collected be credited to the Child Care Scholarship Program Presumptive Eligibility Fund; requiring that for fiscal year 2025 25% of the fees collected be distributed to the Department of Education to provide grants under the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program; etc. Statutes Amended:

1-203 Article - Corporations and Associations 9.5-113,

9.5-114 Article - Education

### **MD - HB1319** Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation

Last Action: Text - First - Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 26, 2024 **Time:** 11:00am (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State;

authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

Statutes Amended:

5-206 Article - Education

9-1F-01 through 9-1F-11 Article - State Government

### MD - HB1322 Sales and Use Tax - Precious Metal Bullion or Coins - Exemption

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark N. Fisher (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale price exceed \$1,000.

Statutes Amended:

11-214.1 Article - Tax - General

### MD - HB1324 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Eligible Properties - Alteration

Last Action: Text - First - Homestead Property Tax Credit - Eligible Properties - Alteration (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** March 5, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Expanding eligibility for the homestead property tax credit to include additional residences.

Statutes Amended:

9-105 Article - Tax - Property

### MD - HB1344 Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums

(2024.02.14)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering a limitation on claiming the income tax credit for eligible long-term care insurance premiums for more than 1 year with respect to the same insured individual; altering the amount of the credit from a one-time \$500 credit to a maximum of \$250 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2027, and a maximum of \$500 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2026; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024. Statutes Amended:

10-718 Article - Tax - General

### MD - HB1348 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit Percentage - Social Security Benefits

Last Action: Text - First - Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit Percentage - Social Security Benefits (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** March 5, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the calculation of the homestead property tax credit percentage if more than 50% of a homeowner's household income is composed of Social Security benefits.

Statutes Amended:

9-105 Article - Tax - Property

# MD - HB1357 Howard County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Moderate Income Housing Ho. Co. 8-24

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Moderate Income Housing Ho. Co. 8-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Delegation

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Authorizing certain owners of real property and the governing body of Howard County to enter into payment in lieu of taxes agreements for maintaining a certain number of moderate income housing units at the property; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to publish on the county's website the methodology used to calculate the negotiated payment amount under a payment in lieu of taxes agreement authorized under the Act and to reevaluate the methodology at least once every 5 years; etc.

### MD - HB1371 Of Shore Banking Zone and International Financial Center Task Force

Last Action: Text - First - Of Bhore Banking Zone and International Financial Center Task Force

(February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: March 5, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Establishing the Off-Shore Banking Zone and International Financial Center Task Force to recommend legislation to develop an off-shore special banking zone and an international financial center in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 15, 2024.

## MD - HB1372 Health and Taxation - Digital Social Media Services and the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D)

Summary:

Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth as to support improved access to mental health care services to children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual

revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the tax; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the tax in a certain manner; etc.

Statutes Amended:

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10-209 Article - Health - General 1-101,
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13-1001, 13-1002, 13-1101, 13-201, 13-402, 13-602, 13-702, 2-102,

2-4B-01, 2-4B-02, 7.7-101 through 7.7-301 Article - Tax - General

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

### 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:

Date: March 6, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### 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

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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 - HB1399 Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information

Last Action: Text - First - Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information

(February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: March 5, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include the name, physical mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number for the resident agent for each entity required to designate a resident agent as part of the publicly available information about the entity.

Statutes Amended:

1-208 Article - Corporations and Associations

### 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 - HB1420 Cybersecurity - Office of People's Counsel, Public Service Companies, Public Service Commission, and Maryland Cybersecurity Council

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

**Date:** March 5, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Office of People's Counsel to hire at least one assistant people's counsel with cybersecurity expertise to perform certain duties; requiring certain public service companies to engage with a third party to conduct an assessment that analyzes certain critical software; requiring a certain certification to be submitted to the Office of People's Counsel; requiring certain regulations adopted by the Public Service Commission to include cyber resilience; etc.

Statutes Amended:

2-203,

5-306,

7-213 Article - Public Utilities

9-2901 Article - State Government

### MD - HB1425 Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: March 5, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a certain provider of earned wage access services to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring a provider to file a certain surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit with the Commissioner in a certain manner; regulating providers and earned wage access services; authorizing a certain consumer to submit a written complaint to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; providing the Commissioner with certain investigatory and enforcement authority; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB998

Statutes Amended:

14-4601 through 14-4611 Article - Commercial Law

# MD - HB1435 Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act)

Last Action: Text - First - Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

**Date:** March 7, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the maximum generating capacity authorized for certain net metered generating facilities; authorizing an eligible customer-generator participating in certain meter aggregation to receive excess generation from more than one generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; providing that solar energy generating systems that receive a certain certification by the Commission are eligible to receive additional solar renewable energy credits; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB783

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

7-237,

7-249, 7-250, 7-522 Article - Tax - Property

7-306,

7-306.2,

7-709,

7-709.1,

7-712 Article - Public Utilities

### MD - HB1438 Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 7, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on

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vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate climate change; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB958

Statutes Amended:

14-110.4,

14-110.5 Article - Public Safety

2-1504,

2-1701 through 2-1707 Article - Environment

7-1202.

7-1203 Article - Transportation

9-2012,

9-2015.

9-20B-05 Article - State Government

### MD - HB1454 Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to grant the property tax credit to offset increases in local income tax revenues to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022, but before July 1, 2025, whether or not the homeowner has an application for the homestead property tax credit on file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, notwithstanding a certain provision of law.

Cross-filed Bill: SB340

Statutes Amended:

9-221 Article - Tax - Property

### MD - HB1467 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Summary:

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State's crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: SB822

Statutes Amended:

10-207 Article - Tax - General

### MD - HB1471 Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership

Last Action: Text - First - Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial

Ownership (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

Summary:

Altering the definition of "beneficial ownership" to mean any ownership interest of 25% rather than 5% for the purposes of certain disclosures made by certain businesses to the Secretary of State under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB363

Statutes Amended:

13-221 Article - State Finance and Procurement

# MD - HB1477 Baltimore County Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore County Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Eric Ebersole (D)

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1119

Statutes Amended:

6-302 Article - Tax - Property

MD - SB1066 Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content - Required

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Last Action: Text - First - Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content -

Required (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Craig J. Zucker (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate) Date: February 28, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

Statutes Amended:

9-1E-17 Article - State Government

### MD - SB1106 Annual Corrective Bill

Last Action: Text - First - Annual Corrective Bill (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Summary:

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

Statutes Amended:

10-1004. 5-1101 Article - Economic Development 10-103, 11-139.3, 11A-121, 3-401, 8A-1502 Article - Real Property 10-405, 10-607, 10-906, 4-1008, 8-1103.

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8-2A-02,

8-2A-04,

8-408,

8-409,

8-712.1,

8-716 Article - Natural Resources

10-902,

16-303,

18-108,

19-502,

19-706.1,

20-1302,

21-101,

21-1215,

24-2302,

24-905,

2-505,

5-301 Article - Health - General

1-204,

1-702,

1-708,

2-329,

3-801,

3-8A-01,

3-8A-17.3,

3-8A-19 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13-1401,

4-111 Article - Criminal Law

13-903 Article - Transportation

13A-604,

3-201,

5-310 Article - Public Safety

14-12B-01 Article - Commercial Law

15-114,

18-1907,

4-201.1,

5-213,

5-223, 5-239,

5-303 Article - Education

15-302,

8-101,

8-503 Article - Health Occupations

17-101,

7-304 Article - Business Regulation

17-111,

17-202 Article - Estates and Trusts

19-106 Article - Insurance

20-206 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-106 Article - Tax - Property

2-1220 Article - State Government

25-204 Article - Local Government

3-101,

3-105,

3-106,

3-108,

3-109,

3-112,

3-114,

6-220 Article - Criminal Procedure

3-302 Article - State Finance and Procurement

3-413,

9-407 Article - Labor and Employment

4-305,

9-609.1 Article - Correctional Services

4-333 Article - General Provisions

5-101,

5-201,

9-1702,

9-204,

9-2501 Article - Environment

7-207.2,

7-704.1 Article - Public Utilities

### MD - SB1113 Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Event Ticket Sales

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Event Ticket Sales (February 5, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)

Summary:

Requiring an operator, a primary ticket seller, or a ticket resale marketplace for an entertainment event to grant a ticket purchaser a refund for the purchase of a ticket under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain practices relating to the sale of event tickets; prohibiting a contract that controls the distribution of event tickets from including certain provisions; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-310.2 Article - Commercial Law

# MD - SB1119 Baltimore County - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore County - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property (February 12, 2024)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1477

Statutes Amended:

6-302 Article - Tax - Property

### 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