



MSBA Bill Report 1 - Criminal Law

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January 20, 2024

MD - HB5 Criminal Law - Indecent Exposure Within the Presence of a Minor

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brian M. Crosby (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from committing the common law crime of indecent exposure; prohibiting a person from, with prurient intent, committing the common law crime of indecent exposure when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present and the minor is at least 2 years old and is more than 4 years younger than the person; and establishing a penalty of 5 years of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both on conviction for a crime of indecent exposure in the presence of a minor.

Cross-filed Bill: SB130

MD - HB6 Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Quotas (Community-Oriented Policing Act)

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

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

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

Delegate Brian Chisholm (R)

Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D)

Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Delegate Kent Roberson (D)

Delegate Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (R)

Delegate Gary Simmons (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering a prohibition against using the number of arrests made, investigations conducted, citations issued, or warrants served or executed by a law enforcement officer as a criterion for the evaluation, compensation, discipline, promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer; and prohibiting law enforcement agencies from requiring, suggesting, requesting, or directing an officer to act for the

purpose of increasing the number of investigations, warrants served or executed, or citations or arrests delivered.

[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 - HB15 Police Discipline - Order to Show Cause](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Police Discipline - Order to Show Cause (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing a police officer who is denied a certain right to apply to the circuit court at a certain time for an order that directs the law enforcement agency to show cause why the right should not be granted.

[MD - HB18 Education - Reporting Arrests of Students - Alterations](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (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 law enforcement agency making an arrest of a student for a reportable offense or an offense related to the student's membership in a criminal organization to report the arrest to the Maryland Center for School Safety, the State Board of Education, and the State's Attorney; requiring the State's Attorney to notify the Maryland Center for School Safety and the State Board of the disposition of the offense; etc.

MD - HB21 Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Adding the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm to the list of crimes subject to warrantless arrest; and providing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

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 - HB31 Juvenile Law - Electronic Harassment and Bullying - Inquiry by Intake Officer

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Law - Electronic Harassment and Bullying - Inquiry by Intake Officer (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring a Department of Juvenile Services intake officer to forward a complaint that alleges a violation involving the misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service and a related case file to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances.

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)

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 - HB41 CrimesFirearmsPenalties and Procedures (Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024)

Last Action: Text - First - CrimesFirearmsPenalties and Procedures (Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024) (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nino Mangione (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing, altering, and clarifying penalties for and elements of certain firearm-related crimes; prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a certain defendant charged with a certain firearm-related crime under certain circumstances; etc.

MD - HB59 Crimes of Violence - Motor Vehicle Theft

Last Action: Text - First - Crimes of Violence - Motor Vehicle Theft (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nino Mangione (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Designating motor vehicle theft as a certain crime of violence.

MD - HB61 Correctional Services - Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Individuals on Probation - Re-Entry Services

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Individuals on Probation - Re-Entry Services (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Deni Taveras (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing a program within the Division of Correction that provides formerly incarcerated individuals and individuals on probation with certain services; requiring the facility that administers the program to be located in Prince George's County; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the program.

MD - HB70 Criminal Law - Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point - Penalties

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing penalties for certain violations of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine not to exceed \$25,000 or both.

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 - HB87 Criminal Law - Death Penalty

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Death Penalty (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nino Mangione (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Providing that a person who is convicted of first-degree murder may be sentenced to death under certain circumstances; and establishing certain procedures relating to custody, warrant of execution, incompetency, method of execution, witnesses, certificate, disposition of body, notice, trial, sentencing, review, and appeal in relation to imposition of the death penalty.

MD - HB92 Resources and Education for All Prisons (REAP) Act

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to assist incarcerated individuals in accessing federal Pell Grants for higher education; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to set goals for the number of incarcerated individuals in certain education programs, establish tracking systems relating to the number of incarcerated individuals and their progress in certain education programs, and forward certain data to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; etc.

MD - HB99 Criminal Law Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography Prohibition

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means.

Cross-filed Bill: SB113

MD - HB105 Drunk Driving Offenses Ignition Interlock System Program

Last Action: Text - First - Drunk Driving Offenses Ignition Interlock System Program (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbary (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug or drug combination, or a combination of drugs and alcohol to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.

Cross-filed Bill: SB421

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)
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)

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 - HB128 Crimes - Interfering With a Legislative Proceeding

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from intentionally threatening a witness or retaliating against a witness or intentionally soliciting another to threaten a witness or retaliate against a witness to affect testimony before a legislative body in a legislative proceeding; and providing certain penalties.

[MD - HB129 Criminal Procedure - Location Information - Exigent Circumstances \(Kelsey Smith Act for Maryland\)](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring certain service providers to provide the location information for an electronic device to a law enforcement agency or public safety answering point under exigent circumstances; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from obtaining more than 48 hours of location information for an electronic device; prohibiting a person from being held civilly liable for making certain required disclosures; and requiring the Department of State Police to collect and disseminate certain information under certain circumstances.

[MD - HB134 Juvenile Law - Juvenile Court Jurisdiction - Age of Child](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Law - Juvenile Court Jurisdiction - Age of Child (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nino Mangione (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering the age, from 13 years old to 11 years old, at which a certain child is subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

[MD - HB141 Criminal Procedure - Child Abuse Victim - Testimony Taken Outside the Courtroom](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing a rebuttable presumption that the testimony of a certain child victim who is under the age of 13 years be taken outside the courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television; establishing a way for the defendant or child respondent to overcome the rebuttable presumption; and applying a certain provision of law authorizing a court to order a certain child victim to give testimony outside the courtroom to be shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television to children who are at least 13 years old.

[MD - HB145 Criminal Law - Revenge Porn - Visual Representation](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Clarifying what constitutes a visual representation for purposes of a certain prohibition against distributing a certain visual representation in a certain manner.

[MD - HB169 Custodial Interrogation of Minors - Admissibility of Statements](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Custodial Interrogation of Minors - Admissibility of Statements (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gabriel Acevero (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing a certain rebuttable presumption that a statement made by a minor during a custodial interrogation is involuntary and is inadmissible in a juvenile or criminal proceeding against the minor if the law enforcement officer intentionally used information known by the officer to be false in order to elicit the statement.

[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 - 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)

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 - HB188 Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident that led to the investigation.

[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 - HB206 Education - Student Behavior - Parent and Guardian Notice and Required Counseling \(Parent and Guardian Accountability Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing that it is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with the parent's or guardian's child after receiving a certain notice of violent and disruptive behavior; and requiring a public school principal to provide a certain written notice to the parent or guardian of a student who engages in two or more incidents of violent and disruptive behavior on school premises or during school-related activities during the school year.

[MD - HB207 Motor Vehicles - Reckless Driving and Aggressive Driving - Penalties](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark Edelson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the penalties that may be imposed for reckless driving and aggressive driving to include a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both, and for a subsequent offense occurring within 3 years of a prior conviction, a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or both.

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

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 - HB211 Business Regulation - Contractors, Subcontractors, and Brokers - Prohibited Conduct](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Deni Taveras (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:

Prohibiting a person from serving or acting as a broker between a contractor and subcontractor during the 5-year period immediately following the date the person was convicted of an offense constituting criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance under any federal or State law.

[MD - HB217 Vehicle Laws - Cannabis Use in Motor Vehicle With Minor Occupant - Prohibition](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting an individual from smoking, vaping, or consuming cannabis in the passenger area of a motor vehicle if a minor is an occupant.

[MD - HB222 Correctional Services - Division of Pretrial Detention and Services - Facilities](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Division of Pretrial Detention and Services - Facilities (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering the composition and authority of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; altering the authority of the Commissioner of the Division; establishing the Youth Detention Center in the Division; establishing the facility administrator and authorizing assistant facility administrators for the Youth Detention Center; and repealing authorization for the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Cross-filed Bill: SB251

[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 - HB264 Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Increased Penalties \(Jamari's Law\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Increased Penalties (Jamari's Law) (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brian M. Crosby (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Increasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years.

Cross-filed Bill: SB26

[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:

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 - HB274 Intercepted Communications - Penalty

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Jackie Addison (D)

Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield (D)

Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (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:

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing any wire, oral, or electronic communications.

MD - HB288 Criminal Law - Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent - Private Place and Minor Victim

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual located in a residence or place of private use or accommodation without the consent of the individual; altering the penalties for the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent by use of a camera if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offender is at least 4 years older than the victim; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of \$2,500 or both.

[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 - HB296 Firearms - Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Firearms - Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry (January 15, 2024)

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

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

Cross-filed Bill: SB348

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 - HB301 Correctional Services - Diminution of a Term of Confinement - First-Degree Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense (Pava Marie LaPere Act)

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Diminution of a Term of Confinement - First-Degree Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense (Pava Marie LaPere Act) (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Jackie Addison (D)

Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Delegate Mark Edelson (D)

Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Delegate Andre V. Johnson, Jr. (D)

Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Delegate Stephanie Smith (D)
Delegate Joe Vogel (D)
Delegate Melissa Wells (D)
Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for first degree rape or first degree sexual offense as first degree sexual offense existed prior to October 1, 2017, from being entitled to diminution of the incarcerated individual's term of confinement.

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)

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 - HB304 Gun Theft Felony Act of 2024

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Rachel Munoz (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)

Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)

Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)

Delegate Terry L. Baker (R)

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (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 Nicholas R. Kipke (R)
Delegate Robert B. Long (R)
Delegate Nino Mangione (R)
Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)
Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)
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Delegate Matthew Morgan (R)
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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 Kathy Szeliga (R)
Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)
Delegate William Valentine (R)
Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.

Cross-filed Bill: SB39

[MD - HB308 Public Safety - Missing Person Reports - Collection and Publication](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne Healey (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:

Requiring the Department of State Police to compile and report on its website information on missing person reports that is disaggregated by age, race, and reporting county, and provide the number of resolved missing persons reports in the preceding month; requiring a local law enforcement agency to provide certain information on missing person reports as required by the Department of State Police; and requiring the Department of State Police to adopt procedures for the collection of information from local law enforcement agencies.

[MD - HB310 Safe Communities Act of 2024](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Safe Communities Act of 2024 (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)

Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)

Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)

Delegate Terry L. Baker (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 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 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 Kathy Szeliga (R)
Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)
Delegate William Valentine (R)
Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB44

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 - HB315 Regulated Firearms - Department of State Police - Reporting Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing and altering a reporting requirement to require the Department of State Police, instead of the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, to report on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for certain regulated firearm violations; and requiring by October 1, 2024 and each October 1 thereafter, that the report be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly and include information disaggregated by jurisdiction, race, and gender.

Cross-filed Bill: SB319

[MD - HB316 Crimes and Corrections - Penalties and Procedures \(Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Crimes and Corrections - Penalties and Procedures (Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024) (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate William Valentine (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)
Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)
Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)
Delegate Terry L. Baker (R)
Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (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)
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Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)
Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger (R)
Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)
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Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke (R)
Delegate Robert B. Long (R)
Delegate Nino Mangione (R)
Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)
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Delegate Rachel Munoz (R)
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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 Kathy Szeliga (R)
Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)
Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB28

[MD - HB317 Criminal Procedure - Postconviction Review - Motion for Reduction of Sentence](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicole A. Williams (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 State's Attorney to file a motion for a reduction of sentence at any time during the period of active incarceration recommending a lesser sentence if it is in the interest of justice;

authorizing an individual to file a response within 60 days after the filing of a motion to provide any additional information for the court to consider; requiring the court to hold a timely hearing on the motion; authorizing the court to consider certain factors when determining whether to reduce a certain sentence; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB318

MD - HB318 Criminal Law - Theft - Mail and Mail Depository Key

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Emily Shetty (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:

Prohibiting the theft of mail from a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of a device used to open a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of mail with intent to commit identity theft; prohibiting the theft of mail from an elderly person or a vulnerable adult with intent to commit identity theft; and establishing penalties for violations of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB373

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)
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)
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)
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Delegate Nicholas R. Kipke (R)
Delegate Robert B. Long (R)
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Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)
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Delegate Ryan Nawrocki (R)
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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 - HB321 Criminal Law - Crimes of Arson - Prohibitions and Penalties](#)

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:

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of arson that causes injury to a firefighter during the response to the fire or the efforts to suppress the fire; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.

[MD - HB322 Juvenile Law - Complaints - Forwarding to State's Attorney](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Juvenile Law - Complaints - Forwarding to State's Attorney (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing an exception to the requirement that a complaint that alleges the commission of an act by a child that would be a felony if committed by an adult must be forwarded to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances.

MD - HB338 Criminal Procedure Facial Recognition Technology Requirements, Procedures, and Prohibitions

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Procedure Facial Recognition Technology Requirements, Procedures, and Prohibitions (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Moon (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Lauren Arikan (R)

Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Delegate Rachel Munoz (R)

Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and administer a training program regarding the use of facial recognition technology in the course of criminal investigations by June 30, 2026; requiring a law enforcement agency using or contracting to use facial recognition technology to prepare and publish a certain annual report by February 1; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB182

MD - HB346 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances and Firearms

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances and Firearms (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Moon (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Luke Clippinger (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private

residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB404

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 - HB382 Criminal and Civil Trespass - Professional Land Surveyors - Exception

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal and Civil Trespass - Professional Land Surveyors - Exception (January 17, 2024)

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

Cosponsors:

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate April Miller (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors, and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another to practice land surveying.

Cross-filed Bill: SB344

MD - HB387 Public Information Act Surveillance Images Illegal Dumping in Baltimore City

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Baltimore City Delegation

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing a certain provision of law requiring a custodian to deny inspection of certain surveillance images of illegal dumping in Baltimore City except under certain circumstances.

[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

[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)

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

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 - SB7 Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Positive Community Feedback](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Adding positive community feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit positive community feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; and requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is subject to public inspection.

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

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 - 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 - SB26 Criminal Law - Manslaughter by Vehicle or Vessel - Increased Penalties (Jamari's Law)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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 maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years.

Cross-filed Bill: HB264

MD - SB28 Crimes and Corrections - Penalties and Procedures (Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 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 Mike McKay (R)

Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

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: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB316

[MD - SB34 Courts - Jury Service - Disqualification](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.

[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 - SB39 Gun Theft Felony Act of 2024

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Justin Ready (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jack Bailey (R)
Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)
Senator Paul D. Corderman (R)
Senator William G. Folden (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 Johnny Ray Salling (R)
Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)
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:

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.

Cross-filed Bill: HB304

MD - SB44 Safe Communities 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)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB310

[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)

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 - 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

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 - SB65 Criminal Law - Child Pornography - Prohibitions and Penalties

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary-Dulany James (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:

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from a minor under 13 years of age.

[MD - SB68 Reckless and Negligent Driving - Death of Another - Must-Appear Violation \(Sherry's and Christian's Law\)](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Senator J. B. Jennings (R)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Ron Watson (D)

Senator Chris West (R)

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

Summary:

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person, unless a court for good cause shown waives the requirement to appear.

[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)

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 - SB73 [Department of Juvenile Services - Firearm Offenses - Reporting](#)

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 C. Anthony Muse (D)

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:

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly, by January 1 each year, on the number of assessments completed during the intake process involving children who commit firearm offenses.

MD - SB82 [Baltimore City - Arrest Warrants for Violation of Probation - Time Frame](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a circuit court or District Court judge sitting in Baltimore City to respond to a certain request for an arrest warrant within 7 days after receiving written charges, filed under oath, that a probationer or defendant violated a condition of probation.

MD - SB87 Homicide or Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel - Parole Eligibility and Penalties

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Ron Watson (D)

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:

Specifying that certain crimes involving homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel are violent crimes for the purpose of parole eligibility; increasing penalties for certain crimes involving homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel; and establishing a subsequent offender penalty for causing life-threatening injury by operating a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner.

MD - SB89 Child Abuse and Neglect - Reports and Records - Disclosure

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary-Dulany James (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 a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a

request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State's Attorney's office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State's Attorney's office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc.

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

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 - SB100 Criminal Law - Organized Retail Theft

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 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 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any of the

thefts occurred; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over the course of 90 days with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; providing that a person who commits organized retail theft is guilty of a felony; and providing that a conviction under the Act merges with a certain other conviction.

[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 - SB113 Criminal Law - Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography - Prohibition](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (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:

Prohibiting an individual from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting a minor or law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor by a certain means.

Cross-filed Bill: HB99

[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 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)

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 - SB130 Criminal Law - Indecent Exposure Within the Presence of a Minor

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

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:

Prohibiting a person from committing the common law crime of indecent exposure; prohibiting a person from, with prurient intent, committing the common law crime of indecent exposure when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present and the minor is at least 2 years old and is more than 4 years younger than the person; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both on a conviction for a crime of indecent exposure in the presence of a minor.

Cross-filed Bill: HB5

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)

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)

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 - 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)

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 - 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)

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 - SB179 Crimes and Corrections - Penalties and Procedures (Violent Firearms Offender Act of 2024)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator C. Anthony Muse (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:

Establishing that a violation of a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision that involves the use or possession of a firearm is not a technical violation for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain reentry kit and assistance in

obtaining Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; altering the elements of certain prohibitions against using a certain firearm in the commission of a certain crime; etc.

MD - SB182 Criminal Procedure - Facial Recognition Technology - Requirements, Procedures, and Prohibitions

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

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

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop and administer a training program regarding the use of facial recognition technology in the course of criminal investigations by June 30, 2026; requiring a law enforcement agency using or contracting to use facial recognition technology to prepare and publish a certain annual report by February 1; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB338

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)

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 - SB195 [Juveniles - Arrest by Law Enforcement - Report to Local Department of Social Services](#)

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:

Requiring a law enforcement officer to make a certain report to a local department of social services after a certain arrest of a certain child under the age of 13 for purposes of a neglect investigation.

MD - SB251 [Correctional Services - Division of Pretrial Detention and Services - Facilities](#)

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)

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

Summary:

Altering the composition and authority of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; altering the authority of the Commissioner of the Division; establishing the Youth Detention Center in the Division; establishing the facility administrator and authorizing assistant facility administrators for the Youth Detention Center; and repealing authorization for the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Cross-filed Bill: HB222

MD - SB256 [Public Safety - Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Revisions](#)

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)

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

Summary:

Altering the membership and duties of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a certain period only if the individual is certified or provisionally certified by the Commission; and altering provisions of law relating to the certification and recertification of police officers.

[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)

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 - SB273 State and Local Correctional Facilities - Operation of Unmanned Aircraft - Image Recording and Delivery of Contraband](#)

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)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from intentionally using an unmanned aircraft to record images of a State or local correctional facility without the authorization of the managing official of the correctional facility or the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and prohibiting a person from using an unmanned aircraft to deliver contraband to a person detained or confined in a place of confinement.

[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

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 - SB313 Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup](#)

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (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 the Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup to study the effectiveness of Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws, examine current technologies, and examine ways to make certain audio and visual recordings more available; and requiring the Workgroup to report its final findings and recommendations regarding revisions to Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

[MD - SB314 Juvenile Law - Willful Misconduct of a Minor - Civil Liability of a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Custodian \(Parental Accountability Act\)](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (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:

Establishing the joint and several civil liability of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor who commits an act of willful misconduct that results in the death or injury of an individual or damage to property, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to periodically adjust and publish certain maximum liability amounts; and limiting the liability of an insurance provider under the Act.

[MD - SB318 Criminal Procedure - Postconviction Review - Motion for Reduction of Sentence](#)

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:

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a motion for a reduction of sentence at any time during the period of active incarceration recommending a lesser sentence if it is in the interest of justice; authorizing an individual to file a response within 60 days after the filing of a motion to provide any additional information for the court to consider; requiring the court to hold a timely hearing on the motion; authorizing the court to consider certain factors when determining whether to reduce a certain sentence; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB317

MD - SB319 Regulated Firearms - Department of State Police - Reporting Requirements

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

Primary Sponsor: 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 and altering a reporting requirement to require the Department of State Police, instead of the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, to report on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for certain regulated firearm violations; and requiring by October 1, 2024 and each October 1 thereafter, that the report be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly and include information disaggregated by jurisdiction, race, and gender.

Cross-filed Bill: HB315

MD - SB326 Juvenile Law - Questioning of a Juvenile - Crime of Violence or Crime Involving a Firearm

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Ron Watson (D)

Senator Chris West (R)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (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:

Providing that a law enforcement officer may conduct a certain interrogation of a child if probable cause exists for the law enforcement officer to believe that the child committed a certain crime of violence or a crime involving a firearm and the law enforcement officer has made an effort reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian that the child will be interrogated.

MD - SB344 Criminal and Civil Trespass - Professional Land Surveyors - Exception

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (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 exceptions to certain criminal prohibitions against trespass on property and the civil tort of trespass for professional land surveyors, and agents and employees of professional land surveyors, who enter the property of another to practice land surveying.

Cross-filed Bill: HB382

MD - SB348 Firearms - Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (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:

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

Cross-filed Bill: HB296

[MD - SB351 Criminal Law - First-Degree Assault - Assault With a Firearm](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

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:

Adding a certain intent requirement to the elements of the crime of first degree assault, with regard to committing an assault with a firearm.

[MD - SB355 Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Material to Minors - Prohibition](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Ray Salling (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:

Altering the definition of "item" relating to the prohibition against displaying or distributing obscene material to minors to include a drawing or illustration; and prohibiting certain public schools from displaying certain obscene material under certain circumstances.

[MD - SB373 Criminal Law Theft Mail and Mail Depository Key](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

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:

Prohibiting the theft of mail from a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of a device used to open a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of mail with intent to commit identity theft; prohibiting the theft of mail from an elderly or disabled person with intent to commit identity theft; and establishing penalties for violations of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB318

MD - SB378 Criminal Law - Theft of a Handgun

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Ron Watson (D)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Mary-Dulany James (D)

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:

Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

MD - SB379 Task Force to Study Crime Classification - Renaming, Membership, and Duties

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)
Senator Ron Watson (D)
Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)
Senator Mary-Dulany James (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:

Extending the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and renaming it the Task Force to Study Crime Reclassification and Penalties; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the penalties for crimes and civil offenses under State law, the potential need for reclassification of certain crimes, the alteration of penalties, and whether certain changes should be made to crimes lacking an explicit mens rea; etc.

[MD - SB380 Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)
Senator Ron Watson (D)
Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)
Senator Mary-Dulany James (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:

Establishing the Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to recruitment challenges and the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2025.

[MD - SB382 Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Materials to Minors - Age Verification](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Ray Salling (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:

Requiring a website operator or other person who displays, exhibits, sells, shows, or advertises for sale obscene material to adhere to certain age verification standards.

[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)

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

[MD - SB404 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances and Firearms](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

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 a person who is at least 21 years age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB346

MD - SB421 Drunk Driving Offenses - Ignition Interlock System Program

Last Action: Text - First - Drunk Driving Offenses - Ignition Interlock System Program (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator William G. Folden (R)

Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug or drug combination, or a combination of drugs and alcohol to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.

Cross-filed Bill: HB105