



**MSBA Bill Report 3A - Elder, Disability,  
and E&T Law (2024.01.30)**

**January 30, 2024**

(2024.01.30)

**MD - HB718 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Seniors - Minimum Benefit**

Last Action: Text - First - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Seniors - Minimum Benefit (January 26, 2024)

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

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the State to provide a benefit of at least \$40 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to a household that includes an individual who is at least 65 years old and has a gross annual household income that does not exceed \$50,000.

Statutes Amended:

5-501 Article - Human Services

**MD - SB592 Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Materials for Individualized Education Program Meetings**

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Materials for Individualized Education Program Meetings (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Craig J. Zucker (D)

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

Summary:

Requiring a local school system to provide to parents at certain individualized education program meetings for children with disabilities certain written informational materials regarding the Maryland ABLE Program in a certain manner; requiring the State Treasurer to develop informational materials about the Maryland ABLE Program that may be distributed electronically or by hand; and requiring the State Treasurer to provide informational materials to the State Board of Education and county boards of education.

Cross-filed Bill: HB336

Statutes Amended:

18-19C-03,

8-405 Article - Education

**MD - SB597 Human Services - Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund**

Last Action: Text - First - Human Services - Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Guy Guzzone (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

(2024.01.30)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Establishing the Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding opportunities for individuals with disabilities and service-disabled veterans; requiring the Department of Disabilities to administer the Fund; establishing the qualifications for certain nonprofit organizations to receive a grant from the Fund; and authorizing the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fund.

### [MD - SB599 Developmental Disabilities Community Providers Federal Participation for Local Funds](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Developmental Disabilities Community Providers Federal Participation for Local Funds (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a process to receive federal financial participation for the payment of county or municipal general funds appropriated to community providers that serve individuals with developmental disabilities; and requiring the Department to allocate the federal financial participation to the community providers to which the county or municipality general funds were appropriated.

Cross-filed Bill: HB509

Statutes Amended:

7-307 Article - Health - General

### [MD - SB622 Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund - Funding \(Maryland Reparations Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** February 14, 2024

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

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

Summary:

(2024.01.30)

Requiring that a certain amount of revenue from the State individual income tax and Maryland estate tax be distributed to the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; providing for an additional State individual income tax rate on the net capital gains of individuals; altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; increasing the rate of the sales and use tax for cannabis from 9% to 14%; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-105,

11-104,

2-605.3,

2-801,

7-309 Article - Tax - General

1-322 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

### **MD - SB631 Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study**

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Aging to contract with an independent consultant to complete an insurance study on public and private options for leveraging resources to help individuals prepare for long-term care services and support needs; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report by December 31, 2024, summarizing the progress of the study and a final report by December 31, 2025, to the Governor and General Assembly on the results of the study.

Cross-filed Bill: HB349

### **MD - SB639 Property Tax Exemption - Disabled Veterans - Service Connected Disability**

Last Action: First Reading Budget and Taxation (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with at least an 80% service connected disability; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

7-208 Article - Tax - Property