



**MSBA Bill Report 2A - Environment,
Energy, and Construction Law**

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January 23, 2024

[MD - HB159 Common Ownership Communities - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment \(Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marc Korman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering requirements for procedures relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment to include electric bicycles; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; and requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish certain information on its common ownership community website.

Cross-filed Bill: SB465

[MD - HB305 Outdoor Lighting - Standards and Use of State Funds](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 23, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearings:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2025, to develop outdoor lighting standards that consider energy consumption, the environment, and public health and safety; requiring the Department to consult with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland

Energy Administration, and the State Highway Administration in developing the standards; prohibiting the use of State funds for the installation or replacement of certain permanent outdoor luminaires in certain areas under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB405

[MD - HB437 Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Membership](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Membership (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate William J. Wivell (R)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Altering the composition of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to include a representative of an electric vehicle driver advocacy organization, a light-duty plug-in electric drive vehicle manufacturer, a heavy-duty plug-in electric drive vehicle manufacturer, a new vehicle dealer association in the State, the Secretary of General Services, and one additional member of the environmental community.

[MD - SB394 Catalytic Revitalization Project Tax Credit - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Catalytic Revitalization Project Tax Credit - Alterations (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

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

Summary:

Altering the amount of a certain credit against the State income tax that certain persons may claim for certain construction and rehabilitation costs for certain catalytic revitalization projects in the State; repealing a certain limitation on the number of initial tax credit certificates the Secretary may award within a two-year period; prohibiting the Secretary from accepting applications and awarding initial credit certificates for catalytic revitalization projects under certain circumstances; etc.

Statutes Amended:

6-902,

6-903,

6-904 Article - Housing and Community Development

[MD - SB401 Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation Authority - Utilities Installation - Data Submission](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation Authority - Utilities Installation - Data Submission (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Summary:

Requiring a utility owner to submit to the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority, within 60 days after completion, certain information pertaining to the installation or relocation of facilities, infrastructure, or appurtenances associated with a utility service within or on certain property; and authorizing the Department or the Authority to take certain actions if a utility owner does not comply with the requirements of the Act.

Statutes Amended:

2-901 through 2-903 Article - Transportation

MD - SB405 Outdoor Lighting - Standards and Use of State Funds

Last Action: Text - First - Outdoor Lighting - Standards and Use of State Funds (January 18, 2024)

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

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2025, to develop outdoor lighting standards that consider the impact of outdoor lighting on energy consumption, the environment, and public health and safety; requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the State Highway Administration in developing the standards; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB305

MD - SB416 Renewable Energy - Customer-Sited Solar Program

Last Action: Text - First - Renewable Energy - Customer-Sited Solar Program (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Karen Lewis Young (D)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Customer-Sited Solar Program within the Maryland Energy Administration for the purpose of increasing deployment of customer-sited solar energy generating system and providing grants to eligible customer-generators for certain solar energy generating systems; authorizing a third party to apply for a grant on behalf of an eligible customer-generator under certain circumstances; and providing for the funding of Program grants from certain compliance fee and allowance proceeds in the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

Cross-filed Bill: HB258

Statutes Amended:

9-2016,

9-20B-05 Article - State Government

MD - SB465 Common Ownership Communities - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024)

Last Action: Text - First - Common Ownership Communities - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024) (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Altering requirements for procedures relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment to include electric bicycles; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; and requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to publish certain information on its common ownership community website.

Cross-filed Bill: HB159

Statutes Amended:

11-111.4,

11B-111.8 Article - Real Property

2-303 Article - Housing and Community Development

5-6B-23.1 Article - Corporations and Associations

MD - SB472 State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)

Last Action: Text - First - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024) (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

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

Summary:

Requiring certain departments and independent units to create a certain catalog of information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates issued by the department or independent unit and submit the catalog to the Governor on or before September 1, 2024; requiring certain departments and independent units to post certain information relating to permits, licenses, and certificates on the website of the department or independent unit on or before December 1, 2024; establishing the Government Efficiency Commission; etc.

Statutes Amended:

8-506, 9-3801, 9-3802 Article - State Government

**MD - SB474 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Approvals - Definition of
Generating Station (Critical Infrastructure Streamlining Act of 2024)**

Last Action: Text - First - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Approvals -
Definition of Generating Station (Critical Infrastructure Streamlining Act of 2024) (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

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

Summary:

Altering and establishing the definition of "generating station" for the purpose of exempting the construction of certain generating facilities used to produce electricity for the purpose of onsite emergency backup and certain test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances.

Statutes Amended:

7-207,

7-207.1,

7-207.2,

7-208 Article - Public Utilities