



MSBA Bill Report 1 - State Government and Administrative Law ((2024.01.20))

January 20, 2024

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20)

[MD - HB2 Baltimore City - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Luke Clippinger (D)

Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D)

Delegate Robbyn Lewis (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB138

[MD - HB3 Land Use - Expedited Development Review Processes for Affordable Housing - Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring local jurisdictions to establish and implement an expedited development review process for certain proposed affordable housing developments; applying the process to a charitable organization seeking to develop affordable housing on its own land and a public housing authority

proposing to develop affordable housing on land owned by a charity or a government entity; and establishing a good-faith waiver for local jurisdictions that cannot implement an expedited development review process.

Cross-filed Bill: SB356

[**MD - HB7** Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund - Establishment \(Housing Innovation Pilot Program Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide loans for local housing authorities to develop mixed-income, cross-subsidized housing; establishing the Housing Innovation Fund; requiring a local housing authority to provide a dollar-for-dollar match for Program funds awarded to housing innovation projects that are part of the Program; requiring the Department to prioritize projects that do not use low-income housing tax credit equity or tax-exempt volume cap; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB203

[**MD - HB9** State Retirement and Pension System - Forfeiture of Benefits](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brian M. Crosby (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:

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Establishing that a public employee is subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System when a public employee is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the public employee's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

MD - HB11 Workforce Development and Adult Learning - Leasing Training Program - Establishment

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Leasing Training Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to train, prepare, and connect job seekers with careers in the residential rental housing industry; requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to administer the Program and award \$250,000 annually in grants to eligible designated partnerships; requiring the Governor to include \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for the program; requiring a certain report by January 1 each year; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB91

MD - HB12 Property Tax Credit - Retail Service Station Conversions

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Kris Fair (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act an amount equal to a 50% of forgone revenue.

Cross-filed Bill: SB67

MD - HB14 Election Law - Revisions

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names of persons convicted of a felony and currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain provision of law; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB271

MD - HB15 Police Discipline - Order to Show Cause

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

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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 - HB17 Charter Counties - Comprehensive Plans - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

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 the housing element of a charter county's comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025 to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB274

[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

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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 - HB40 Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

MD - HB46 Transportation Investment Program - County Referendum - Authorization

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nino Mangione (R)

Committees:

Appropriations (House)

Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the General Assembly to authorize a county referendum on a transportation investment program; requiring a transportation investment program submitted to referendum to include a list of projects that each have a cost of at least \$20,000,000 and would be located in or serve a particular

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county; requiring that the transportation investment program be submitted to the qualified voters of the appropriate county for their adoption or rejection; etc.

[MD - HB62 State Employee Rights and Protections - Personnel Actions and Harassment - Investigation of Complaints](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (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:

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the time period during which an investigation must be conducted and a written decision must be issued regarding a complaint filed by an applicant or employee alleging discrimination or harassment by an employer; and authorizing certain applicants and employees to provide written authorization to increase by an additional 30 days the time period during which an investigation of a complaint and a written decision must be completed.

Cross-filed Bill: SB133

[MD - HB80 Election Law - Party and Elected Public Offices - Prohibition](#)

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for, or holding, a party office and an elected public office.

[MD - HB81 Constitutional Amendment - Form of County Government - Requirement to Adopt Charter Home Rule](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

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:

Requiring each county to adopt a charter by December 31, 2030, using a certain procedure; altering the method by which a county shall adopt a charter under certain circumstances; requiring the charter to provide for the election of members of the county council by the voters of councilmanic districts; and limiting the applicability of certain Constitutional provisions governing code home rule counties.

MD - HB112 Persons Doing Public Business Disclosure Requirements

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB291

MD - HB114 Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2024

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearings:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the collective bargaining process for State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are advisory; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB188

[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 - HB131 Housing Development Permit Applications - Local Reporting Requirements](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

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Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring local jurisdictions with at least 250,000 residents to report certain information about housing development permit applications to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning on or before February 1 each year; and requiring a local jurisdiction to make a copy of the report publicly available on its website.

[MD - HB132 Sports Wagering Campaign Contributions Parity Act of 2024](#)

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Repealing the prohibition on applicants for and holders of video lottery operation licenses and persons who own an interest in video lottery facility operations in the State from directly or indirectly making contributions to the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State or any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State.

[MD - HB140 State Personnel - Spouses of Active Duty Service Members - Hiring Preferences](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Rogers (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring an appointing authority to apply a credit of ten points on a selection test for specified positions in the State Personnel Management System for the spouse of an active duty service member relocating to the State on military orders; etc.

[MD - HB142 Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity \(Voter Privacy Act of 2024\)](#)

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

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Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a voter to establish the voter's identity at the request of an election judge at a polling place by presenting the voter's registration card, a valid Maryland driver's license, or certain other identification that contains a photograph.

[MD - HB144 Public Employee Relations Act Alterations](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Appropriations Committee

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

Cross-filed Bill: SB232

[MD - HB164 Election Law - Voter Registration List - Absentee Voters \(Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2024\)](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

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Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections, on request of a candidate, to provide the candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and requiring that the list of absentee voters provided include the email address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.

MD - HB165 Local Government Annual Audit Reporting Requirements Alterations

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (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:

Requiring 20% of certain State aid to be discontinued if a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not submit a certain audit report within 1 calendar year after the deadline for the report, subject to a certain condition.

MD - HB170 State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Last Action: Text - First - State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committees:

Appropriations (House)

Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

Cross-filed Bill: SB79

[MD - HB172 Department of State Police - Professional Occupations - Application Process](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Department of State Police - Professional Occupations - Application Process (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to determine the manner and format for applications for certification as a private detective and security guard and for a license to provide security guard services; altering the application requirements related to security guard agency licenses and commercial general liability insurance; and requiring an applicant for a special police commission to submit two sets of fingerprints in a format approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cross-filed Bill: SB287

[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

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[MD - HB182 Districting - Single Member Districts and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Districting - Single Member Districts and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

Committee: Rules and Executive Nominations (House)

Summary:

Requiring that each legislative district established for the purpose of electing members of the House of Delegates consist of a certain number of single-member delegate districts; requiring the General Assembly to enact a law establishing and governing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention to establish legislative and congressional districts and establishing certain requirements regarding the Redistricting Convention; establishing the Redistricting Convention; etc.

[MD - HB184 Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gabriel Acevero (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care services for residents of the State by January 1, 2026; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to Healthy Maryland, including provisions regarding eligibility, participation by and payments to health care providers, benefits, payroll premiums, funding, and collective negotiations with health care providers; etc.

[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 - HB192 Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

[MD - HB200 Community Schools - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations) (January 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Committees:

Appropriations (House)

Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing each county board of education that has fewer than 40 community schools and that receives funding from the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for the personnel grant and the per pupil grant to expend no more than 10% of the funds distributed by the State under certain circumstances; providing that the per pupil grant portion of the Program prioritize funding for areas of greatest need according to the needs assessment plan; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB161

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[MD - HB202 Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and, except under certain circumstances, a witness and the local board verifies the voter's signature; and providing that the witness signature requirement does not apply to active duty uniformed services members serving overseas or their spouses or dependents who live overseas.

[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 - HB220 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit for Dwelling Purchased by First-Time Homebuyer](#)

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20))

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing certain local governments to allow, by law, a first-time homebuyer in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit for property that includes a newly purchased dwelling using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner may receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

[MD - HB225 Smart Growth Subcabinet - Membership and Duties](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the membership and duties of the Smart Growth Subcabinet.

Cross-filed Bill: SB309

[MD - HB227 State Government - Information Technology - Major Information Technology Development Projects](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the definitions of "information technology" and "major information technology development project" for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing information processing and security; requiring a unit of State government to submit certain information to the Secretary of Information Technology relating to a major information technology development project; altering certain responsibilities of the Secretary relating to major information technology development projects; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB294

[MD - HB243 Property Tax - Tax Sales - Revisions](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that certain property be withheld from tax sale; authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property designated for redevelopment purposes; altering certain provisions of law concerning abandoned property that is sold for less than the lien amount; altering certain requirements concerning the rate of redemption for properties sold at tax sale; etc.

[MD - HB248 Property Tax - Assessment Appeal Boards and Supervisors - Regional Organization](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Assessment Appeal Boards and Supervisors - Regional Organization (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing certain regions for supervisors of real property assessments offices; altering the geographic jurisdiction of property tax assessment appeal boards from county to regional; establishing the membership of the regional boards; and prohibiting an employee of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from concurrently being a member of a regional board, serving as the Administrator of the regional boards, or being employed as staff for a regional board.

MD - HB260 State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Supervisory Employees

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark S. Chang (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees have separate bargaining units.

Cross-filed Bill: SB192

MD - HB279 Common Ownership Communities - Local Commissions - Requirements

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (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:

Establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by a local government.

[MD - HB280 Local Government - Condominium and Homeowners Associations - Repair and Rehabilitation Funds](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (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:

Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act.

[MD - HB289 State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in State contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a State contract; and specifying the applicable law and interpretation of State contracts.

Cross-filed Bill: SB375

[MD - HB292 State Procurement - Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals - Attorney's Fees](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Procurement - Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals - Attorney's Fees (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

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Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Board of Contract Appeals to award a prospective bidder or offeror, a bidder, or an offeror reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a protest, including attorney's fees, if an appeal is sustained and there is a violation of law or regulation; and requiring the Board of Contract Appeals to award a contractor under any State contract the reasonable costs of filing and pursuing a claim, including attorney's fees, if procurement unit personnel act in bad faith, without justification, or in violation of law or regulation.

[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 - 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)

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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 - HB329 Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer (January 17, 2024)

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

Cosponsor: Delegate Gary Simmons (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a certain retired law enforcement officer.

Cross-filed Bill: SB102

[MD - HB342 State Procurement - Prompt Payment of Suppliers](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor or subcontractor to a supplier.

Cross-filed Bill: SB183

[MD - HB347 General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees - Procedures](#)

Last Action: Text - First - General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees - Procedures (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Mike Griffith (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

Cross-filed Bill: SB140

[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 - HB368 Human Relations - Discrimination by a Place of Public Accommodation](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

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:

Authorizing certain persons or the Commission on Civil Rights to elect to have the claims asserted in a complaint alleging discrimination by a place of public accommodation determined in a civil action brought by the Commission; expanding the remedies available for certain discrimination; clarifying the remedies available for an unlawful employment practice; authorizing a complainant alleging certain discrimination to bring a civil action under certain circumstances; etc.

[MD - HB371 Election Law - Recounts - Procedures](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Recounts - Procedures (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brooke Grossman (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review.

Cross-filed Bill: SB115

[MD - HB372 Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the

General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: SB354

MD - HB373 Election Law - Voting Age - Board of Education Elections

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Voting Age - Board of Education Elections (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Joe Vogel (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment the authority of a county to lower the age at which an individual may vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; authorizing a county to enact a local law that allows an individual who is at least 16 years of age to vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; submitting the amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection; etc.

MD - HB384 Prince George County Business Improvement Districts Sale of Commercial Property PG 4024

Last Action: Text - First - Prince George County Business Improvement Districts Sale of Commercial Property PG 4024 (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Prince George's County Delegation

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development to notify and consider comments from the board of directors of a certain business improvement district corporation before the sale of certain commercial property; and providing that a certain district corporation has the preemptive right to the purchase of certain commercial property 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 - HB394 Human Relations - Commission on Civil Rights - Appeal of Final Orders

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Lanman Guzzone (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Courtney Watson (D)

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:

Providing that a certain final order of the Commission on Civil Rights on a complaint alleging a discriminatory act is appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB50

MD - SB3 Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently on its website information about the expedited licensing process and any assistance provided; etc.

[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 - SB14 Economic Development - Tourism Zones - Designation and Benefits](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Economic Development - Tourism Zones - Designation and Benefits
(January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a municipal corporation to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; authorizing Baltimore City or a municipal corporation to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

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[MD - SB16 Election Law - Campaign Finance - Draft Committees and Exploratory Committees](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to draft committees and exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for draft and exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the draft committee or exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the draft committee or exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

[MD - SB29 Special Elections - Procedures and General Assembly Vacancies and Ties](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of or resolve a tie for election as Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly unless the vacancy occurs during the year in which the General Assembly is elected; requiring that a special election to fill a vacancy or resolve a tie be conducted by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections and the local board of elections to each pay 50% of the cost of postage-paid envelopes for a special election; etc.

[MD - SB50 Human Relations - Commission on Civil Rights - Appeal of Final Orders](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that a certain final order of the Commission on Civil Rights on a complaint alleging a discriminatory act is appealable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB394

[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 - SB67 Property Tax CreditRetail Service Station Conversions

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax CreditRetail Service Station Conversions (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act an amount equal to a 50% of forgone revenue.

Cross-filed Bill: HB12

MD - SB79 State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Last Action: Text - First - State Finance - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to expenditures for the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for a magnetic levitation transportation system.

Cross-filed Bill: HB170

MD - SB91 Workforce Development and Adult Learning Leasing Training Program Establishment

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Leasing Training Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to train, prepare, and connect job seekers with careers in the residential rental housing industry; requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to administer the Program and award grants of \$250,000 annually to eligible designated partnerships; requiring the Governor to include \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for the Program; requiring a certain report by January 1 each year; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB11

MD - SB102 Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing.

Cross-filed Bill: HB329

MD - SB115 Election Law Recounts Procedures

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review.

Cross-filed Bill: HB371

MD - SB129 Election Law - Election Costs and Administration

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Election Costs and Administration (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Summary:

Requiring that each member of the State Board of Elections receive a stipend as provided in the State budget; requiring the State Administrator of Elections or the procurement officer for the State Board to disclose requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and proposed procurement contracts to

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the State Board; establishing requirements for invoices for payment sent by the State Board to a local board of elections and payments by a local board to the State Board; etc.

MD - SB133 State Employee Rights and Protections - Personnel Actions and Harassment - Investigation of Complaints

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the time period during which an investigation must be conducted and a written decision must be issued regarding a complaint filed by an applicant or employee alleging discrimination or harassment by an employer; and authorizing certain applicants and employees to provide written authorization to increase by an additional 30 days the time period during which an investigation of a complaint and a written decision must be completed.

Cross-filed Bill: HB62

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 - SB138 [Baltimore City Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore City Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: HB2

MD - SB140 [General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees - Procedures](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution

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relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

Cross-filed Bill: HB347

MD - SB150 State Government - Office of Legislative Audits - Performance Audits

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee

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:

Altering the frequency of certain performance audits of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to once every 6 years instead of 4 years, and the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to at least once every 6 years instead of 3 years that are required to be conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits.

MD - SB154 State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses

Last Action: Text - First - State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to meet federal procurement standards and to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; establishing a certain percentage price preference; and establishing certain penalties.

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[MD - SB161 Community Schools - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Community Schools - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing each county board of education that has fewer than 40 community schools and that receives funding from the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for the personnel grant and the per pupil grant to expend no more than 10% of the funds distributed by the State under certain circumstances; providing that the per pupil grant portion of the Program prioritize funding for areas of greatest need according to the needs assessment plan; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB200

[MD - SB183 State Procurement - Prompt Payment of Suppliers](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor or subcontractor to a supplier.

Cross-filed Bill: HB342

[MD - SB192 State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Supervisory Employees](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

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Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain supervisory State employees; and requiring that certain supervisory State employees who are not confidential employees have separate bargaining units.

Cross-filed Bill: HB260

[MD - SB203 Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund - Establishment \(Housing Innovation Pilot Program Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

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

Scheduled Hearings:

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Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

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Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for certain mixed-income, cross-subsidized housing; establishing the Housing Innovation Fund; requiring a local housing authority to provide a dollar-for-dollar match for Program funds awarded to housing innovation projects that are part of the Program; requiring the Department to prioritize projects that do not use low-income housing tax credit equity or tax-exempt volume cap; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB7

MD - SB232 Public Employee Relations Act - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of the Public Employee Relations Act, including adding the definition of interested employee organization, altering the timing of exclusive representative access to new employees, clarifying the responsibilities of certain deputy directors, and clarifying the process for certain investigations of unfair labor practices.

Cross-filed Bill: HB144

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 - SB271 Election Law - Revisions

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

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

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names of persons convicted of a felony and currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain provision of law; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB14

[MD - SB274 Charter Counties - Comprehensive Plans - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

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

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:

Altering requirements for the housing element of a charter county's comprehensive plan to include requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing; requiring the housing element of a comprehensive plan that is enacted or amended on or after January 1, 2025 to include an assessment of fair housing to ensure that the county is affirmatively furthering fair housing; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB17

MD - SB280 [Notarial Acts - Protest Form Requirement - Repeal](#)

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:

Repealing the requirement that a notary public use a certain protest form.

MD - SB287 [Department of State Police - Professional Occupations - Application Process](#)

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:

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to determine the manner and format for applications for certification as a private detective and security guard and for a license to provide security guard services; altering the application requirements related to security guard agency licenses and commercial general liability insurance; and requiring an applicant for a special police commission to submit two sets of fingerprints in a format approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cross-filed Bill: HB172

MD - SB291 [Persons Doing Public Business - Disclosure Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

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

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB112

[MD - SB294 State Government - Information Technology - Major Information Technology Development Projects](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/18 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

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

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

Summary:

Altering the definitions of "information technology" and "major information technology development project" for the purpose of certain provisions of law governing information processing and security; requiring a unit of State government to submit certain information to the Secretary of Information Technology relating to a major information technology development project; altering certain responsibilities of the Secretary relating to major information technology development projects; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB227

[MD - SB309 Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and Repeal of the Office of Smart Growth](#)

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

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

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing the Office of Smart Growth; repealing the position of Special Secretary of Smart Growth; renaming the Smart Growth Subcabinet to be the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet; and altering the membership and duties of the Subcabinet.

Cross-filed Bill: HB225

MD - SB310 Department of Planning - State Repository and Clearinghouse for Federal and State Financial and Technical Assistance

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

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

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:

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning serve as a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt certain regulations and publish certain information in the Maryland Register; and altering a requirement that the Department publish certain information concerning State financial and technical assistance offered through State assistance programs.

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 - 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 - SB322 Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans - Automatic Enrollment](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 9:00 a.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 9:00am (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2025; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment arrangement, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.

[MD - SB340 Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Nancy J. King (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

[MD - SB354 Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (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 the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George's County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: HB372

[MD - SB356 Land Use Expedited Development Review Processes for Affordable Housing Requirements](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring local jurisdictions to establish and implement an expedited development review process for certain proposed affordable housing developments; applying the process to a charitable organization seeking to develop affordable housing on its own land and a public housing authority proposing to develop affordable housing on land owned by a charity or a government entity; and establishing a good-faith waiver for local jurisdictions that cannot implement an expedited development review process.

Cross-filed Bill: HB3

[MD - SB363 Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership](#)

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20))

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Justin Ready (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

[MD - SB364 Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Justin Ready (R)

Cosponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from willfully or knowingly casting a ballot in a general election in more than one state in the same year.

[MD - SB372 Election Law - Deadline for Selection of Lieutenant Governor](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Deadline for Selection of Lieutenant Governor (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20))

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution by requiring a candidate for Governor in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 21 days after the primary election; requiring a candidate seeking a nomination for Governor by any method other than a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a declaration of intent to seek nomination; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2024; etc.

MD - SB375 State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Nancy J. King (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in State contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a State contract; and specifying the applicable law and interpretation of State contracts.

Cross-filed Bill: HB289

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)

Administrative Law ((2024.01.20))

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.