



MSBA Bill Report 3A - State Government and Administrative Law (2024.01.30)

January 30, 2024

Administrative Law (2024.01.30)

[MD - HB700 Election Law - Election Judges - Revisions](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dana Jones (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that a county employee who serves as an election judge during hours that the employee is scheduled to work for the county receive certain administrative leave and certain election judge compensation; authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-201.1,

10-202,

10-205 Article - Election Law

[MD - SB590 Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics \(Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics (Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act) (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability.

Statutes Amended:

10-304,

10-305,

2-207,

3-209 Article - Criminal Law

11-102,

12-113,

12-305,

12-503,

12-603,

12-702,

12-704 Article - Commercial Law

13-219,

19-101,

19-102,

19-103,

19-114,

19-115 Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-5F-10,

19-311 Article - Health Occupations

15-112,

27-910 Article - Insurance

16-204,

16-304 Article - Land Use

16-305 Article - Housing and Community Development

18-204,

7-507 Article - Public Utilities

19-408,

19-710,

19-725 Article - Health - General

23-605,

23-806,

6-104,

7-128 Article - Education

3-304,

3-307 Article - Labor and Employment

5-106,

8-102 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-214 Article - Tax - Property

8-707 Article - Human Services

8A-801 Article - Real Property

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[MD - SB591 Education - Public Libraries - Collective Bargaining \(Library Workers Empowerment Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Education - Public Libraries - Collective Bargaining (Library Workers Empowerment Act) (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing employees of public libraries to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; requiring employers and certified exclusive representatives to engage in good faith bargaining; establishing a collective bargaining process for employees of public libraries; prohibiting employers and employee organizations from engaging in certain actions regarding the exercise of an employee's rights under the Act; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB609

Statutes Amended:

23-601 through 23-614,

23-901 through 23-913 Article - Education

[MD - SB603 Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain video lottery operators and certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.

Statutes Amended:

5-206 Article - Education

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

[MD - SB605 Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration - Alterations (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

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

Summary:

Altering automatic voter registration procedures at the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of automatic voter registration information by the Administration and the Exchange, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board and the Exchange; etc.

[MD - SB606 Police Discipline - Order to Show Cause](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Police Discipline - Order to Show Cause (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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.

Statutes Amended:

3-113.1 Article - Public Safety

[MD - SB607 Public Safety - Police Accountability and Discipline - Summary Punishment](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Police Accountability and Discipline - Summary Punishment (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the imposition of certain summary punishment of a police officer for a minor violation of law enforcement agency rules and regulations if the facts that constitute the minor violation are not in dispute.

Statutes Amended:

3-106.1 Article - Public Safety

[MD - SB608 Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges](#)

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Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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; etc.

Statutes Amended:

3-113 Article - Public Safety

[MD - SB621 County Police Accountability Boards - Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct](#)

Last Action: Text - First - County Police Accountability Boards - Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the local governing body of a county, including Baltimore City, to authorize its police accountability board to exercise investigatory and subpoena powers; and authorizing a police accountability board to conduct an investigation of police misconduct concurrently with a law enforcement agency investigating the complaint.

Cross-filed Bill: HB533

Statutes Amended:

3-102 Article - Public Safety

[MD - SB628 State Finance Catastrophic Event Account and Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund Noncivilian Federal Employees](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 29, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Administrative Law (2024.01.30)

Altering the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to noncivilian federal employees.

Statutes Amended:

7-324,

7-327 Article - State Finance and Procurement