



MSBA Bill Report 5A - State Government and Administrative Law (2024.02.14)

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[MD - HB900 Employment Standards - Firefighters - Payment of Overtime and Payroll Information](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay in a certain manner; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each firefighter employed by the county or municipality; and authorizing a firefighter or the firefighter's exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance if a county or municipality does not provide the payroll information as required.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1117

Statutes Amended:

1-207 Article - Local Government

3-420 Article - Labor and Employment

[MD - HB1291 Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content - Required](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1066

Statutes Amended:

9-1E-17 Article - State Government

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[MD - HB1303 Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Compensation](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Compensation (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brooke Grossman (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that regular and substitute members of local boards of elections be paid certain amounts per day served for the canvass, election day, and in connection with a contested election; and requiring, if the amount of compensation paid to a regular member is less than a certain minimum amount at the end of a fiscal year, the county to pay the regular member the difference between the amount paid and the minimum annual amount.

Statutes Amended:

2-204 Article - Election Law

[MD - HB1305 State Personnel - Correctional Services - Employee Pay and Benefits](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Personnel - Correctional Services - Employee Pay and Benefits (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Washington County Delegation

Summary:

Requiring that employees of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services supporting a State correctional facility who serve in the classification of lieutenant, captain, major, or case management supervisor or manager receive proportionate pay increases that are otherwise limited to certain bargaining unit employees; and requiring that these employees of the Department receive retention and longevity benefits that are limited to other classifications if the employee would otherwise be eligible for the benefits.

Statutes Amended:

8-204 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

[MD - HB1306 Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kris Fair (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Administrative Law (2024.02.14)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to impose the admissions and amusement tax on certain gross receipts derived from the sale of food or beverages; prohibiting the imposition of the admissions and amusement tax on certain sales of food or beverages; establishing a maximum tax rate of 2% that a county or a municipal corporation may set on the sale of food or beverages; and providing that a certain combined maximum tax rate does not include a tax rate on the sale of food or beverages.

Statutes Amended:

4-101,

4-102,

4-103,

4-105 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1310 Baltimore City Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Baltimore City Coordinated Youth Violence Review and Response Team to examine and prevent violence against youth through intensive case management; requiring that the review team be provided with access to certain information and records; establishing certain closed meeting, confidentiality, and disclosure requirements for certain information and records; etc.

Statutes Amended:

31-101,

31-111 Article - Local Government

[MD - HB1319 Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 26, 2024

Time: 11:00am (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to 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; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

Statutes Amended:

5-206 Article - Education

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

[MD - HB1321 Land Use - Southern Maryland Code Counties - Subdivision Regulations - Property Dedication and Fee](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Land Use - Southern Maryland Code Counties - Subdivision Regulations - Property Dedication and Fee (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Charles County Delegation

Summary:

Authorizing a Southern Maryland code county to provide in the county's subdivision regulations for a dedication of real property for recreation, or the payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, to be used by the county for the purchase, development, and improvement of real property for recreational facilities.

Statutes Amended:

1-403 Article - Land Use

[MD - HB1328 Solar Energy and Energy Storage - Development and State Procurement](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Solar Energy and Energy Storage - Development and State Procurement (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Natalie Ziegler (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a county to enact a local law creating a conservation and restoration fund for a certain purpose; establishing the Utility-Scale Solar Design and Siting Commission in the Power Plant Research Program to provide recommendations related to solar energy development and land conservation and preservation; requiring the owner or operator of a certain solar energy generating station to plant and maintain a certain cover crop on certain land and submit a certain vegetation management plan to a certain entity; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1082

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government
3-306.2 Article - Natural Resources
4-325 Article - State Finance and Procurement
7-215.1, 7-216.2 Article - Public Utilities
9-2016 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1337 Health Insurance - Appeals and Grievances Process - Reporting Requirements and Establishment of Workgroup](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring carriers to report additional data on the number of members entitled to health care benefits under a policy, plan, or certificate and the number of claims for reimbursement processed by a carrier to Maryland Health Commissioner; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Health Education and Advocacy Unit of the Office of the Attorney General jointly to establish a workgroup to study the appeals and grievances process of health insurance claims and submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

15-10A-06 Article - Insurance

[MD - HB1342 Elections Ballot Questions Publication of Proposed Laws and Plain Language](#)
[Summary](#)

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Last Action: Text - First - Elections Ballot Questions Publication of Proposed Laws and Plain Language Summary (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each applicable local board of elections to post the complete text and a plain language summary of certain proposed language or enactments relating to certain ballot questions for at least 65 days before the general election; requiring that a statement of purpose of a ballot question be written in plain easily understandable language; and prohibiting the questions from appearing on the ballot unless the proposed language or the enactment has been written.

Statutes Amended:

7-102,

7-103,

7-105 Article - Election Law

[MD - HB1343 Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that a certain statement included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained not higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension.

Cross-filed Bill: SB495

Statutes Amended:

6-103,

6-201,

7-103 Article - Election Law

[MD - HB1348 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit Percentage - Social Security Benefits](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit Percentage - Social Security Benefits (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the calculation of the homestead property tax credit percentage if more than 50% of a homeowner's household income is composed of Social Security benefits.

Statutes Amended:

9-105 Article - Tax - Property

[MD - HB1353 Howard County - Board of Education Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting Ho. Co. 6-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County - Board of Education Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting Ho. Co. 6-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Delegation

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the Howard County Council to adopt a ranked-choice voting method for elections for the Howard County Board of Education.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1129

[MD - HB1357 Howard County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Moderate Income Housing Ho. Co. 8-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Moderate Income Housing Ho. Co. 8-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Delegation

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing certain owners of real property and the governing body of Howard County to enter into payment in lieu of taxes agreements for maintaining a certain number of moderate income housing units at the property; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to publish on the county's website the methodology used to calculate the negotiated payment amount under a payment in lieu of taxes agreement authorized under the Act and to reevaluate the methodology at least once every 5 years; etc.

[MD - HB1364 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - People's Counsel for Land Use Planning PG/MC 112-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Montgomery County - People's Counsel for Land Use Planning PG/MC 112-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Summary:

Requiring the County Executive of Montgomery County to appoint a People's Counsel for Land Use Planning to represent the public interest of county residents in land use proceedings, to ensure fairness to certain populations, and to ensure that a complete public record is established for certain proceedings; establishing the qualifications and responsibilities of the People's Counsel; prohibiting the People's Counsel from representing a private individual or group in certain proceedings; etc.

[MD - HB1365 State and Private Construction Contracts and State Procurement Contracts - Prompt Payment and Interest Requirements](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State and Private Construction Contracts and State Procurement Contracts - Prompt Payment and Interest Requirements (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kriselda Valderrama (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a private construction contract to include a provision requiring the owner to pay the contractor within 45 days after the receipt of a proper invoice following completion of the work or, if the owner withholds all or part of an amount invoiced, to send a certain notification to the contractor; requiring a contract between a contractor and a subcontractor on a private or State construction contract to include a provision requiring the contractor to pay the subcontractor within 7 days after receipt of payment; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB715

Statutes Amended:

13-228,

15-103,

15-104 Article - State Finance and Procurement

17-601,

17-604 Article - Business Regulation

[MD - HB1383 Howard County Board of Education - Liquidated Damages - Policy and Requirements Ho. Co. 3-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County Board of Education - Liquidated Damages - Policy and Requirements Ho. Co. 3-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Delegation

Summary:

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to publish a policy on or before January 1, 2025, concerning the inclusion and use of liquidated damages provisions in procurement contracts; requiring each student transportation procurement contract entered into by the Howard County Board of Education and valued at \$1,000,000 or more to include a liquidated damages clause consistent with the policy, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain documentation of a decision not to pursue certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-218,

15-114 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1384 Calvert County - County Treasurer - Removal From Office](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Calvert County - County Treasurer - Removal From Office (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Calvert County Delegation

Summary:

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to remove the County Treasurer from office under certain circumstances; and providing that actions taken or not taken by the County Treasurer within 1 year before the effective date of the Act may provide a basis for the County Commissioners to remove the County Treasurer from office after the effective date of the Act.

Statutes Amended:

3-101, 3-103 Article - Calvert County

[**MD - HB1395 Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Ombudsman - Establishment**](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Seth A. Howard (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire an ombudsman before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year; requiring the president of the county board, in consultation with counsel for the county board, to negotiate the terms of the employment agreement for the ombudsman; providing that the ombudsman is subject to removal by the president of the county board under certain circumstances; requiring the ombudsman to provide certain services; and providing that the salary of the ombudsman is \$120,000.

Statutes Amended:

3-2A-09 Article - Education

[**MD - HB1402 Montgomery County State Attorney's Office Personnel Application of County Personnel Laws and Collective Bargaining MC 124**](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Montgomery County State Attorney's Office Personnel Application of County Personnel Laws and Collective Bargaining MC 124 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Montgomery County Delegation

Summary:

Requiring that certain employees of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office be subject to the Montgomery County personnel laws governing county employees; authorizing certain employees of the Office to organize and bargain collectively for terms and conditions of employment; requiring, for purposes of collective bargaining, the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County

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State's Attorney to be considered the employer of certain employees of the Office for certain purposes; etc.

MD - HB1407 County Tier 1 Renewable Sources Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation Prohibition, Studies, and Plans

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate C. T. Wilson (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting counties from establishing zoning laws or other regulations that restrict or prohibit the construction or operation of Tier 1 renewable source generating systems or facilities; requiring the Public Service Commission to study the electricity demand in each county and determine the amount of capacity of, and energy generation from, Tier 1 renewable sources needed in each county for the State to meet certain renewable energy portfolio standard requirements; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-103,

1-401,

4-211.1 Article - Land Use

7-703.1 Article - Public Utilities

MD - HB1413 Prince George's County - Development Authority - Established

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Summary:

Establishing the Prince George's Development Authority in Prince George's County to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; and requiring, on or before October 31, 2026, the Authority to report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

Statutes Amended:

12-1101 through 12-1106 Article - Economic Development

MD - HB1420 Cybersecurity - Office of People's Counsel, Public Service Companies, Public Service Commission, and Maryland Cybersecurity Council

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Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Office of People's Counsel to hire at least one assistant people's counsel with cybersecurity expertise to perform certain duties; requiring certain public service companies to engage with a third party to conduct an assessment that analyzes certain critical software; requiring a certain certification to be submitted to the Office of People's Counsel; requiring certain regulations adopted by the Public Service Commission to include cyber resilience; etc.

Statutes Amended:

2-203,

5-306,

7-213 Article - Public Utilities

9-2901 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1425 Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a certain provider of earned wage access services to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring a provider to file a certain surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit with the Commissioner in a certain manner; regulating providers and earned wage access services; authorizing a certain consumer to submit a written complaint to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; providing the Commissioner with certain investigatory and enforcement authority; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB998

Statutes Amended:

14-4601 through 14-4611 Article - Commercial Law

MD - HB1427 Economic Development - West North Avenue Development Authority - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Summary:

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of law; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1005

Statutes Amended:

12-701,

12-702,

12-703,

12-703.1,

12-704,

12-705,

12-706,

12-710 through 12-714 Article - Economic Development

2021 Article - Chapter of the Acts

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

MD - HB1436 Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Steve Johnson (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a certain organizing committee to make certain determinations and provide a certain report to the county commissioners or county council of a certain county regarding a proposed municipal incorporation; requiring the county commissioners or county council to approve a certain referendum request in a certain manner if a valid petition to incorporate an area as a municipality is presented by at least 40% of the registered voters who are residents of the area proposed to be incorporated; etc.

Statutes Amended:

4-201 through 4-204,

4-205 through 4-207 Article - Local Government

[MD - HB1454 Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbear (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, 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.

Cross-filed Bill: SB340

Statutes Amended:

9-221 Article - Tax - Property

[MD - HB1457 Common Ownership Communities - Ombudsman Unit, Governing Document Database, and Local Commissions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Common Ownership Communities - Ombudsman Unit, Governing Document Database, and Local Commissions (February 12, 2024)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Common Ownership Community Ombudsman Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to receive and respond to certain complaints; requiring common ownership communities to file certain documents with the Department of Housing

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and Community Development; requiring the Department to establish a database of governing documents accessible to the public; and establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by the local government of a county.

Statutes Amended:

11C-101 through 11C-114 Article - Real Property

13-207 Article - Commercial Law

2-304 Article - Housing and Community Development

[MD - HB1462 Calvert County - Procurement - Competitive Bidding](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Calvert County - Procurement - Competitive Bidding (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Calvert County Delegation

Summary:

Increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for which the Calvert County Commissioners are required to undergo a formal bidding process.

Statutes Amended:

6-101, 6-102 Article - Calvert County

[MD - HB1467 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo (D)

Summary:

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State's crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: SB822

Statutes Amended:

10-207 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1471 Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

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.

Cross-filed Bill: SB363

Statutes Amended:

13-221 Article - State Finance and Procurement

MD - HB1474 Maryland Cannabis Administration - Cannabis Licensing - Protests of Renewal

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Cannabis Administration - Cannabis Licensing - Protests of Renewal (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Carl Jackson (D)

Summary:

Authorizing certain individuals who are residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or applicants for a license, or real estate owners, and who are located within 1,000 feet of the licensed premises to file a protest with the Maryland Cannabis Administration against the renewal of a cannabis license; providing that a protest against a license renewal may be filed with the Administration by at least 10 individuals; and establishing standards and requirements for the Administration's consideration of a protest filed under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB469

Statutes Amended:

36-411 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

MD - HB1477 Baltimore County Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore County Property Taxes Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property (February 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Eric Ebersole (D)

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot 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: SB1119

Statutes Amended:

6-302 Article - Tax - Property

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MD - SB1066 Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content - Required

Last Action: Text - First - Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content - Required (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Craig J. Zucker (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.

Statutes Amended:

9-1E-17 Article - State Government

MD - SB1080 State Personnel - Maryland Department of Health - Pay Rates

Last Action: Text - First - State Personnel - Maryland Department of Health - Pay Rates (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain Department employees who are in certain bargaining units and who work at the Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents be equal to certain pay rates for employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.

Cross-filed Bill: HB983

Statutes Amended:

8-203 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

MD - SB1106 Annual Corrective Bill

Last Action: Text - First - Annual Corrective Bill (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Summary:

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

Statutes Amended:

10-1004,

5-1101 Article - Economic Development

10-103,

11-139.3,

11A-121,

3-401,

8A-1502 Article - Real Property

10-405,

10-607,

10-906,

4-1008,

8-1103,

8-2A-02,

8-2A-04,

8-408,

8-409,

8-712.1,

8-716 Article - Natural Resources

10-902,

16-303,

18-108,

19-502,

19-706.1,

20-1302,

21-101,

21-1215,

24-2302,

24-905,

2-505,
5-301 Article - Health - General

1-204,

1-702,
1-708,
2-329,
3-801,
3-8A-01,
3-8A-17.3,
3-8A-19 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13-1401,

4-111 Article - Criminal Law

13-903 Article - Transportation

13A-604,

3-201,
5-310 Article - Public Safety

14-12B-01 Article - Commercial Law

15-114,

18-1907,
4-201.1,
5-213,
5-223,
5-239,
5-303 Article - Education

15-302,

8-101,
8-503 Article - Health Occupations

17-101,

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MD - SB1108 Carroll County - Deputy Clerk or Deputy Sheriff - Oath of Office

Last Action: Text - First - Carroll County - Deputy Clerk or Deputy Sheriff - Oath of Office (February 4, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Carroll County Senators

Summary:

Requiring that every deputy clerk or deputy sheriff in Carroll County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by the Maryland Constitution.

Cross-filed Bill: HB720

Statutes Amended:

2-104 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - SB1117 Employment Standards - Firefighters - Payment of Overtime and Payroll Information

Last Action: Text - First - Employment Standards - Firefighters - Payment of Overtime and Payroll Information (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

Summary:

Requiring governmental units that employ firefighters to compute overtime pay in a certain manner; requiring counties and municipalities to provide certain payroll information to each firefighter employed by the county or municipality; and authorizing a firefighter or the firefighter's exclusive representative to initiate a certain grievance if a county or municipality does not provide the payroll information as required.

Cross-filed Bill: HB900

Statutes Amended:

1-207 Article - Local Government

3-420 Article - Labor and Employment

[MD - SB1119 Baltimore County - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore County - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property (February 12, 2024)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1477

Statutes Amended:

6-302 Article - Tax - Property

[MD - SB1129 Howard County - Board of Education Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting Ho. Co. 6-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County - Board of Education Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting Ho. Co. 6-24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Senators

Summary:

Authorizing the Howard County Council to adopt a ranked-choice voting method for elections for the Howard County Board of Education.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1353

Statutes Amended:

8-101,

9-204 Article - Election Law

[MD - SB1130 Howard County Public Campaign Financing Board of Education Ho. Co. 24](#)

Administrative Law (2024.02.14)

Last Action: Text - First - Howard County Public Campaign Financing Board of Education Ho. Co.
24 (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Howard County Senators

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish a system of public campaign financing for members of the county board of education.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1352