



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 13, 2025
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 17 – Bill request deadline.
February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2025

HB 333 Delegate Kerr

CYBERSECURITY – HEALTHCARE ECOSYSTEM

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration to include a cybersecurity expert as staff to perform certain functions and submit to the State Chief Information Security Officer a report on the cybersecurity practices and policies of certain healthcare ecosystem entities on a certain basis; requiring healthcare ecosystem entities to take certain actions related to cybersecurity; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 19-113, IN, § 2-117, PS, § 14-104.3, and SF, § 3.5-2A-07 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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HB 334 Delegate Kerr, et al**UNIVERSAL NEWBORN NURSE HOME VISITING SERVICES – PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT AND INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns residing in the State; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; requiring a report on the status of newborn nurse home visiting services by December 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

HG, § 13-5501 and IN, § 15-861 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 335 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” to authorize community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; and repealing a provision of law requiring the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to determine the amount and conditions of a bond filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 336 Delegate Grammer**FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 5-901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 337 Delegate Lehman, et al**STATE LOTTERY FUND – LAUREL RACE COURSE – LOCAL IMPACT AID**

Requiring the Comptroller, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to distribute from the State Lottery Fund \$500,000 of supplemental local impact aid to Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from the proceeds of the Racetrax lottery game to be used for certain programs and services in the communities surrounding Laurel Race Course; specifying the purposes for and manner in which the supplemental local impact aid may be utilized; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, § 9-120(b)(1)(xiii) and (xiv) - amended and § 9-120(b)(1)(xiv), (3), and (4) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 338 Delegate Lehman, et al**STATE BUILDINGS AND STATE HIGHWAYS – COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE**

Prohibiting a person from disposing of yard waste collected on the grounds of a State building or State highway in a single-use plastic container; requiring a person to collect yard waste on the grounds of a State building or State highway in a container that will not be discarded with the yard waste or is a compostable paper bag; and requiring all yard waste collected on the grounds of a State building or State highway to be disposed of in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, § 2-1001 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 339 Delegate Lehman, et al**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APARTMENTS – AIR-CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to certain residential rental units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2025, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2025, for residential rental units that undergo certain alterations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

RP, § 8-121 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 340 Delegate Ruth, et al**CLIMATE CHANGE – ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTIONS, CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND, AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESTITUTION FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any suit or action that holds certain entities accountable for tortious or otherwise unlawful conduct that has contributed to climate change; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council to provide information to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly on climate change and the distribution of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EN, § 1-307, PS, §§ 14-1401 thru 14-1403, & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)206. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. & 205. - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 341 Delegate Ruth, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION CONVERSIONS**

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 on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act 50% of forgone revenue.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-275 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 342 Delegate Ruth**STATE TRANSFER TAX – RATES AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Altering the State transfer tax rate and the distribution of State transfer tax revenue; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TP, §§ 13-203 and 13-209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 343 Delegate Stewart**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

Authorizing technicians, employed by or under contract with a certain agency, to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; and requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

TR, § 21-809(d)(1)(viii) and (e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 344 Delegates Stein and Lehman**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service by replacing the State Treasurer with the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee; and providing that certain provisions of law relating to terms of members of the Board do not apply to the Secretary of Planning and the Executive Director.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 3-103(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 345 Delegates Kerr and Woods**INTERSTATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold multistate licenses to practice social work in member states in order to improve public access to competent social work services; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for withdrawal from the Compact; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar legislation in six other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HO, § 19-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 346 Delegates Boyce and Embry**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue additional B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, § 12-1603 (c)(17) and (18) - amended and § 12-1603(c)(19) through (21) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 347 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND LAND RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation