



## 2024 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Chamber Members, the 2024 General Assembly has finished. Our Legislative Committee has been on the job, meeting weekly to review proposed bills in both houses to assure that our members' interests are well served, and our businesses are protected.

The Legislative Committee works diligently and intensely on your behalf during the session and throughout the year. Legislative Alerts are posted on the website throughout the session to keep you updated on what is going on in government that affects your business and your family.

This wrap up document shows the different bills that the Chamber supported, opposed, or shared with specific industries on your behalf.

### SESSION RECAP

During the 2024 General Assembly session, a total of 2,714 bills were introduced. Of these bills, 1,526 originated in the House and 1,188 in the Senate. On behalf of the Chamber, the Legislative Committee reviewed all bills by title and identified those that appeared to have some relationship to or impact on business. Of those, 272 were reviewed by bill synopsis and assigned to subject sub-committees for full reading and analysis with discussion and recommendation to the full committee. Sub-committee bill recommendations were discussed and support or opposed motions were voted on during weekly meetings. The Committee took positions of support or opposition on 196 bills. Bills opposed were determined to have a detrimental impact or cost on business. Bills supported were determined to have a positive or beneficial effect on business. Bills that were determined to narrowly affect a specific business or type of business, positive or negative, but did not rise to the level of the committee taking a position, were referred to affected members flagged in the Alert as FYI. The Committee determined there was no need to take a position on 76 bills. These results mirror historical norms. Below is a breakdown of the Committee's results.

	Total	Passed	Died	Effectiveness rate
Bills Supported	68	28	40	42%
Bills Opposed	77	20	57	74%
FYI	51	19	32	n/a
No Position	76	n/a	n/a	n/a

### CHARLES COUNTY DELEGATION

Senator Arthur Ellis  
Senator Michael A. Jackson  
Delegate Debra Davis  
Delegate Edith Patterson  
Delegate Kevin M. Harris  
Delegate C.T. Wilson



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Please take note of the listing below, and if you have any questions about any of the bills listed within the Legislative Alert, or if you have concerns of your own, do not hesitate to contact the Chamber at (301) 932-6500.

### **Charles County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Legislative Committee** Committee Chair: Phil McDonagh, Retired, Past Chamber President, 2021

#### *Subcommittees & Members*

##### **Education**

**Chair: Karen Smith-Hupp**, College of Southern Maryland  
Sylvia Royster, Charles County Public Schools  
Latisha Burks, Charles County Public Schools

##### **Business/Environmental Regulation:**

**Chair: Doug Meeker**, Elm Street Development  
Tom Dennison, SMECO  
Sue Greer, The Greer Law Firm  
Jessica Richards, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

##### **Health Care Health Insurance:**

**Chair: Ken Cross**, Retired  
Craig Renner, Charles Regional Medical Center  
Matt Martin, Energetic Technology Center

##### **Insurance, Unemployment, Workers Compensation:**

**Chair: Larry Sanders**, E.L. Sanders Insurance  
Ken Cross, Retired

##### **Military/Veteran/Public Safety:**

**Chair: Ed Holland**, Retired, Charles County Democratic Central Committee  
Phil McDonagh, Retired  
Jeannine James, Mayor, Town of La Plata

##### **Miscellaneous:**

**Chair: Sue Greer**, The Greer Law Firm  
Bob Eaton, Eagle Bank  
Steve Scott, The Scott Law Group  
Henry Thompson, Charles County Republican Central Committee  
Jeannine James, Mayor, Town of La Plata

##### **Real Estate/Finance/Landlord-Tenant:**

**Chair: Ed Holland**, Retired  
Phil McDonagh, Retired  
Bob Eaton, Eagle Bank

##### **Taxes:**

**Chair: Phil McDonagh**, Retired  
Bob Eaton, Eagle Bank

##### **Transportation/Economic Development:**

**Chair: Doug Meeker**, Elm Street Development  
Rick Barnas, Barnas Engineering  
Alvin Stewart, Patrell Cleaning Solution  
Chudi Obi, Economic Development Department

##### **Utilities:**

Chair: Tom Dennison, SMECO  
Candice Austin, Verizon



## BILL DESCRIPTIONS AND CHAMBER POSITIONS

*For full text and additional information on any bill, click on the text file.*

### House Bills & Cross files

#### [HB12 \(Cross filed with SB67\) 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 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.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB24 \(Cross filed with SB96\) Department of the Environment - Environmental Justice Evaluation of Environmental Permit Applications](#)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to perform a certain environmental justice evaluation of certain environmental permit applications under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to take certain actions on certain environmental permit applications based on certain findings to address environmental concerns; requiring the Department to maintain a publicly accessible website, part of a website, or application that identifies pending permit applications with specific census tracts; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, died in Senate*

#### [HB26 \(Cross filed with SB215\) Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account – Alterations](#)

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce to allow grants of up to \$10,000 in conjunction with a loan.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

#### [HB28 Passenger, Truck, and Multipurpose Vehicles - Annual Registration Fees \(Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act of 2024\)](#)

Increasing the annual registration fees for passenger, certain truck, and multipurpose vehicles based on certain vehicle weight classifications

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB29 \(Cross filed with SB53\) Real Property - Transfer to Heir - Exemption From Prepayment](#)

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE COMPANIES**

*Withdrawn by Sponsor*



[HB55 \(Cross filed with SB88\) Maryland Commission on Veterans](#)

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families to study developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; requiring the Commission to consult with the Office of Military and Federal Affairs and the Maryland Military Installation Council as part of the study process; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024. and Military Families

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB63 \(Cross filed with SB6\) Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans – Alterations](#)

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause; authorizing a county or municipal corporation, notwithstanding certain provisions of the Act, to enact a law limiting eligibility for the tax credit; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB66 Property Tax Credits - Public School Employees, Health and Safety Improvements, and Property Used for Local Housing Programs](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit for certain residential real property owned by a public school employee under certain circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit for certain buildings if the owner made certain health or safety improvements on or after July 1, 2024; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB69 Community Development Administration - Live Near Where You Teach Program – Establishment](#)

Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program, a rental assistance program, and certain community development projects that assist certain school staff members with the purchase or rental of homes near where the school staff member is employed; requiring a school staff member, to qualify for home buyer assistance, to have been employed at an elementary or secondary school in the State for at least the preceding 18 months; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

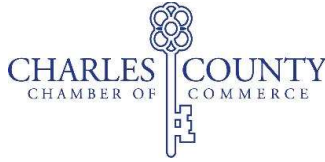
*Died in Committee*

[HB75 \(Cross filed with SB377\) Higher Education - Teacher Development and Retention Program – Alterations](#)

Altering the definition of "institution of initial eligibility" to include community colleges as eligible institutions as part of the criteria for applicants for the Teacher Development and Retention Program; altering the evaluation requirements for the Program; requiring the Higher Education Commission to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Program and report the results to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2030; and altering the termination date from June 30, 2029 to June 30, 2030.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*



[HB76 \(Cross filed with SB18\) Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines](#)

Authorizing a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccinations to individuals in certain age groups if certain requirements are met; altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist can administer to individuals at least 3 years old; and altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations.

**POSITION: FYI TO PHARMACIES**

*Passed*

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

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.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB82 Post College and Career Readiness Pathways - Cost to Student – Alteration](#)

Repealing a requirement that a county board of education provide certain post college and career readiness pathways at no cost to students who meet the college and career readiness standard.

**POSITION OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB83 \(Cross filed with SB538\) Civil Actions – Noneconomic Damages – Personal Injury and Wrongful Death](#)

Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in Senate, died in House*

[HB93 \(Cross filed with SB162\) Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent](#)

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent to not more than 2 months' rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises if a physician or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has a mental disorder, the management of which is substantially limited by the leased premises.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB100 Inheritance Tax - Beneficiaries of Limited Means - Installment Payments](#)

Requiring a certain register of wills to allow an installment payment plan for the inheritance tax to be paid by a certain beneficiary of limited means under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed in House, died in Senate*

[HB136 \(Cross filed with SB233\) Employment Standards, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Employer Adverse Actions and Enforcement](#)

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or



hearings; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, within 90 days after receipt of a written complaint, to investigate a violation and attempt to resolve the issue informally through mediation; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB138 Education - Financial Literacy Curriculum \(Financial Literacy for All Act\)](#)

Requiring the State Department of Education to update the Maryland State Curriculum for Personal Financial Literacy Education and corresponding financial literacy standards to include certain content; requiring the State Board of Education to develop online or virtual curriculum content in financial literacy, including a certain course; authorizing each county board of education to offer the financial literacy curriculum content in every public high school in the county for credit, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB146 \(Cross filed with SB221\) Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification](#)

Authorizing certain health occupations boards to adopt regulations establishing reciprocity for individuals licensed or certified in another state.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB150 Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program and Diesel Vehicle Emissions Control Program - Fees and Fines](#)

Establishing a recurring fee on each motor vehicle registered in the State that is granted a waiver from, exempted from, or not subject to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program and on certain diesel vehicles; requiring the fee to be deposited in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and used to provide incentives to expand electric vehicle ownership and to expand electric vehicle infrastructure; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB157 Public Schools - Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures - Increase \(School Safety Enhancement Act of 2024\)](#)

Beginning in fiscal year 2026, increasing from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 an annual appropriation to the Safe Schools Fund to provide grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting an annual reporting requirement on law enforcement coverage in public schools.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB159 \(Cross filed with SB465\) Common Ownership Communities - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment \(Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024\)](#)

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

**POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS, HOAs, COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS, ETC.**

*Passed*



[HB160 Elementary and Secondary Schools - Workplace Readiness Week – Establishment](#)

Establishing the third week in April as Workplace Readiness Week and requiring county boards of education to establish a specified program of education to be held during Workplace Readiness Week.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB162 \(Cross filed with SB452\) Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Recreational Facilities](#)

Establishing that a provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of a recreational facility that purports to limit the recreational facility's liability, or release the recreational facility from or indemnify or hold harmless the recreational facility against liability, for injury caused by or resulting from the negligence or other wrongful acts of the recreational facility or its agents or employees is void and unenforceable under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: FYI TO RECREATION FACILITIES**

*Passed*

[HB181 \(Cross filed with SB19\) Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Shielding of Court Records](#)

Requiring the District Court to shield all court records within 60 days after the final resolution of a failure to pay rent proceeding under certain circumstances; authorizing the District Court to shield all court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding, on motion by a tenant, under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to publish a form titled "Petition to Shield a Failure to Pay Rent Action Record" by October 1, 2024; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS**

*Passed*

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

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.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB196 Motor Vehicles - School Buses - Seat Belts](#)

Requiring the public school safety education program to include student instruction concerning school bus safety and the proper use of seat belts on school buses; requiring that school buses purchased after July 1, 2027, be equipped with 3-point seat belts that are accessible to passengers for every seat on the school bus; and prohibiting a civil action for damages based on a failure of the school bus operator to ensure that an occupant of a school bus was wearing a seat belt.

**POSITION: FYI TO BUS CONTRACTORS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB206 Education - Student Behavior - Parent and Guardian Notice and Required Counseling \(Parent and Guardian Accountability Act\)](#)

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.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB210 Maryland Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards](#)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2025, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels and an electric-ready standard for certain buildings.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB216 \(Cross filed with SB206\) Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment](#)

Authorizing the board of directors of a condominium to grant certain interests affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment.

**POSITION: FYI TO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AND MANAGING BODIES**

*Passed*

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

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.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE FIRMS, ATTORNEYS, ETC**

*Died in Committee*

[HB244 Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act - Civil Penalties – Alterations](#)

Altering certain civil penalties for violations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to annually increase the maximum and minimum civil penalties, beginning in 2025, by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or a successor index published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB245 Department of the Environment - Fees, Penalties, Funding, and Regulation](#)

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to establish by regulation a fee for the Responsible Personnel Training Program Certification; requiring a holder of a license to transfer oil into the State to pay a certain fee when oil owned by the licensee is first transferred into the State; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

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

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.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE FIRMS, ATTORNEYS, ETC**

*Died in Committee*

[HB267 \(Cross filed with SB1\) Electricity and Gas - Retail Supply - Regulation and Consumer Protection](#)

Establishing an energy salesperson license for certain persons that offer or sell electricity or gas supply agreements to customers in the State; providing for the terms of electricity supplier, energy salesperson, and gas supplier licenses issued by the Public Service Commission; establishing certain licensing and renewal requirements for certain persons; providing for certain disciplinary actions by the Commission against electricity suppliers, gas suppliers, and energy salespersons for certain acts; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB271 Limited Liability Companies - Articles of Organization - Required Information](#)

Requiring a limited liability company to include in its articles of organization the name and home address of each member who is authorized to act on behalf of the limited liability company; requiring a limited liability company to update information required under the Act in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from filing certain documents with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the person knows or has reason to know contain false information; providing a maximum \$5,000 penalty for a violation; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB 273 Real Property - Regulation of Common Ownership Community Managers](#)

Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Maryland Department of Labor to oversee the licensing of community managers who provide management services for common ownership communities; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit certain persons from providing certain services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO COMMUNITY MANAGERS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB281 Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans](#)

Requiring that the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association include certain funds; requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO PROPERTY MANAGERS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB328 Hospitals - Financial Assistance Policies – Revisions](#)

Altering the required contents of a hospital's financial assistance policy by removing the requirement that the provision of reduced-cost medically necessary care and payment plans be in accordance with the mission and service area of the hospital; and authorizing hospitals to consider only household monetary assets in excess of \$100,000 when determining eligibility for free and reduced-cost care under the hospital's financial assistance policy; and requiring that certain retirement assets be excluded from consideration.



**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB342 \(Cross filed with SB183\) State Procurement - Prompt Payment of Suppliers](#)

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB369 \(Cross filed with SB498\) Income Tax - Senior Tax Credit – Alterations](#)

Altering the calculation of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB385 \(Cross filed with SB38\) Wage Payment and Collection - Pay Stubs and Pay Statements - Required Information](#)

Requiring that a notice containing certain information provided to an employee at the time of hiring be written; requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include certain information; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available to an employer at no charge a pay stub template that may be used by an employer to comply with the Act; and establishing a certain administrative penalty.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB409 \(Cross filed with SB37\) Public Utilities – Street Lighting Equipment – Acquisitions and Reporting \(County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act\)](#)

Finding that local governments pay electric companies large sums to light streets and are limited in how this public safety resource can be managed, the Act authorizes certain counties or municipalities to acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, convert its street lighting service to a customer-owned street lighting tariff, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and contract with an electric company for the maintenance of the street lighting equipment; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB419 Consumer Protection - Automatic Tip Prompt Screen – Requirements](#)

Requiring certain businesses that use a point-of-sale system that automatically prompts a customer to leave a tip to disclose to whom the tip will be allocated and display a tip amount that is set at zero by default; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB425 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact](#)

Entering into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse to practice in a party state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Commission of APRN Compact Administrators and its duties and powers; providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact; providing that the Compact is contingent on the enacting of substantially similar legislation in six other states; etc.



**POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB427 \(Cross filed with SB393\) Higher Education - Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program – Alterations](#)

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to distribute grants of equal amounts to each community college each fiscal year under the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to annually appropriate in the operating or capital budget of the Commission an amount equal to 10% of the appropriation to the Community College Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal year.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB430 Firearms - Liability Insurance - Public Wearing and Carrying](#)

Altering the circumstances under which a person is disqualified from possessing a regulated firearm, a rifle, and a shotgun; prohibiting a person from wearing or carrying a firearm under certain circumstances unless the person has obtained certain liability insurance related to wearing and carrying a firearm up to \$300,000; providing for the form and issuance of a citation for a violation of the Act; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB434 Persons Providing Lobbyist Compensation – Statement of Political Contributions – Exemption for Nonprofits](#)

Exempting nonprofit organizations qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from the requirement for a person providing lobbyist compensation to file a statement of political contributions with the State Board of Elections.

**POSITION: FYI TO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AND MANAGING BODIES**

*Passed*

[HB452 \(Cross filed with SB675\) Individual Tax Preparers - Code of Ethics, Notification of Actions, Enforcement, and Penalties \(Stop Scam Tax Preparers Act\)](#)

Requiring the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers to publish on the Board's website a certain code of ethics and rules of professional conduct by January 1, 2026; requiring the Board to notify the Comptroller and the Field Enforcement Bureau of a violation within 5 business days after the Board determines that the violation has occurred; granting certain employees of the Bureau certain powers, duties, and responsibilities for enforcing laws pertaining to income tax preparation; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO TAX PREPARERS**

*Passed*

[HB462 \(Cross filed with SB328\) Funding for Wages and Benefits for Nursing Home Workers \(Nursing Home Staffing Crisis Funding Act of 2024\)](#)

Requiring that the Governor's proposed budget for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028, include an 8% reimbursement rate increase for providers of certain health care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and the Community First Choice program; requiring nursing homes to submit by September 1 each year, beginning in 2026, a certain cost report to the Maryland Department of Health; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO NURSING FACILITIES**

*Died in Committee*



[HB465 \(Cross filed with SB436\) Workplace Fraud and Prevailing Wage - Violations - Civil Penalty and Referrals](#)

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the maximum civil penalty for the knowing failure of an employer to properly classify an individual as an employee; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, on a showing by clear and convincing evidence that a violation has occurred, to refer to the Comptroller, certain State's Attorneys, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury complaints that allege a violation of certain tax laws.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB467 Food Service Facilities and Tipped Workers - Service Fees and Tip Credits \(One Fair Wage Act of 2024\)](#)

Establishing consumer protections related to service fees charged by restaurants; specifying a certain tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; and prohibiting employers of tipped employees, beginning January 1, 2027, from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB470 County Income Tax - Rate and Income Brackets – Alterations](#)

Altering, subject to certain limitations, the maximum tax rate that a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; limiting the number of brackets that a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis may set; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB472 \(Cross filed with SB540\) Education - School Mapping Data Program – Established](#)

Establishing the School Mapping Data Program in the Maryland Center for School Safety; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide funds to local school systems to produce school mapping data for each public school and public charter school in the county to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at a school; authorizing the use of the Safe Schools Fund to provide funding to local school systems for the program; and requiring a certain custodian of records to deny inspection of school mapping data.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB477 Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination Provisions](#)

Authorizing a county, including Baltimore City, to adopt by local law or ordinance provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; and establishing certain requirements for a local law or ordinance adopted in accordance with the Act.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB484 Constitutional Amendment - Fee or Tax Rate Increases - Yea and Nay Vote of General Assembly Required \(Taxpayer Disclosure and Protection Act\)](#)

Prohibiting a certain increase of a State fee or the rate of a State tax from taking effect unless the General Assembly, by a yea and nay vote, explicitly approves the increased fee or tax rate.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*



[HB520 \(Cross filed with SB461\) State Real Estate Commission - Complaints - Advertising Violations](#)

Providing that a complaint filed with the State Real Estate Commission alleging an advertising violation may be made anonymously but must be accompanied by documentary or other evidence.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB525 \(Cross filed with SB513\) Employment Discrimination - Use of Cannabis Products](#)

Prohibiting an employer from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's use of cannabis products under certain circumstances; establishing that certain provisions prohibiting employment discrimination do not prohibit an employer from taking certain actions against an employee under certain circumstances or authorize certain behaviors by an employee; and requiring certain employers to issue a drug policy under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB529 Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program - Veterans - Number of Eligible Recipients](#)

Prohibiting a limit on the number of veterans who are eligible to receive a scholarship under the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB534 \(Cross filed with SB90\) Community Development Administration – Live Near Your School Program – Extension](#)

Extending the termination date for the Live Near Your School program and a related homebuyer program from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2030.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB538 \(Cross filed with SB484\) Land Use – Affordable Housing – Zoning Density and Permitting \(Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024\)](#)

Establishing the Historic Property Revitalization Director as a position in the Department of Housing and Community Development; prohibiting a local legislative body from prohibiting the placement of certain manufactured homes or modular dwellings in a zoning district that allows single-family residential uses under certain circumstances; requiring local jurisdictions to allow an increase in density of certain qualified projects in certain districts or zones for certain properties; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB564 \(Cross filed with SB725\) Real Property - Residential Leases - Renter's Insurance Requirement](#)

Requiring a residential lease to include a requirement that a tenant hold a renter's insurance policy; prohibiting a lease from containing certain requirements regarding a renter's insurance policy; and requiring a landlord to acquire a renter's insurance policy on behalf of a tenant if the tenant does not have a policy.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*



[HB574 \(Cross filed with SB509\) Commercial Financing - Small Business Truth in Lending Act](#)

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB597 \(Cross filed with SB470\) Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce \(GAPS\) Act](#)

Altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; altering the eligibility criteria and the types of grants to be awarded under the Program; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB598 \(Cross filed with SB413\) Discrimination - Military Status – Prohibition](#)

Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to housing and employment.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB599 \(Cross filed with SB483\) Maryland Community Investment Corporation - Establishment \(Housing and Community Development Financing Act of 2024\)](#)

Establishing the Maryland Community Investment Corporation as an independent unit to make investments and financial assistance available in certain low-income communities in the State; expanding the eligible uses of the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund to include grants and loans for credit enhancement for certain projects; requiring that members of the investment committee to be geographically representative of the locations of low-income communities in the State; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB607 Community Colleges - Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship – Requirements](#)

Establishing that applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship are not subject to certain requirements of the scholarship application process if the applicant enrolls in a noncredit vocational certificate program, enrolls in a sequence of noncredit courses leading to licensure or certification, or participates in a registered apprenticeship program.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB626 \(Cross filed with SB323\) Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Public Safety Volunteers](#)

Increasing, from \$7,000 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying public safety volunteer for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024; requiring each police agency to maintain certain records of the activities of each member of a police auxiliary or reserve, provide each member with a certain report on the preceding calendar year, and provide a certain report and certification that an individual qualified for the subtraction modification; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*



[HB638 State Transfer Tax – Rates and Distribution of Revenue – Alterations](#)

Altering the State transfer tax rate and the distribution of State transfer tax revenue.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB640 \(Cross filed with SB869\) Property Tax - Improvements on Agricultural Land – Assessment](#)

Clarifying a property owner's right to receive information on the calculation of an assessment; requiring owners of certain buildings to provide certain information to the supervisor of assessments within 90 days after construction of the buildings is completed; creating a subclass of real property consisting of improvements on agricultural land; requiring improvements on agricultural land to be assessed in a certain manner; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB649 \(Cross filed with SB525\) Labor and Employment - Equal Pay for Equal Work - Wage Range Transparency](#)

Altering the requirement that an employer disclose certain wage information to an applicant for employment; requiring an employer to disclose certain wage information in certain postings and to certain employees at certain times; requiring an employer to set the wage range disclosed in good faith; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and make available to employers a form that an employer may use to comply with certain wage disclosure requirements; prohibiting certain retaliatory action by an employer; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB650 \(Cross filed with SB511\) Maryland Department of Labor - Report on Apprenticeship Mentoring Ratios](#)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report to the General Assembly that analyzes the apprenticeship mentoring ratio for all nontraditional apprenticeable occupations in the State; and requiring the Department to submit the report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2024, with recommendations for strategies to streamline the expansion of apprenticeship ratios for all newly registered nontraditional apprenticeship occupations for purposes of meeting the goals of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB687 – Charles County – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities – Member Training](#)

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium in Charles County and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association in Charles County to successfully complete a certain training curriculum in a certain manner and subject to certain requirements.

**POSITION: FYI TO MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB692 \(Cross filed with SB985\) Economic Development – County or Municipality Economic Development Authority – Powers and Use of Proceeds](#)

Expanding the acceptable names authorized for an economic development authority established by a county or municipal corporation; expanding the powers of an authority, subject to limitations in the articles of incorporation of the authority; authorizing an authority to issue certain bonds in accordance with certain requirements; and expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*



[HB693 \(Cross filed with SB481\) Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act of 2024](#)

Establishing the Office of Tenant and Landlord Affairs in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain educational resources and information to tenants; requiring the Office to develop and publish a Maryland Tenants' Bill of Rights; requiring the most recently published version of the Maryland Tenants' Bill of Rights to be included as part of a residential lease; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month's rent, except under certain circumstances; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB695 Consumer Protection - Notice to Consumers by Manufacturers and Dealers of Motor Vehicles](#)

Requiring a dealer of used motor vehicles sold or leased in the State to establish procedures under which each consumer, before completing a transaction to purchase or lease a used motor vehicle from the dealer, is notified and provided with a copy of certain information pertaining to the condition of the motor vehicle and any manufacturer adjustment program applicable to the motor vehicle being purchased or leased by the consumer; etc.

**POSITION: FYI DEALERSHIPS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB697 Real Estate Brokers – Commercial Transactions – Buyer’s Rights](#)

Establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for commercial real estate transactions related to a buyer's right to make certain title, settlement, and escrow selections.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB710 \(Cross filed with SB559\) Business Regulation – Household Goods Movers – Special Fund and Fees](#)

Establishing the Household Goods Movers Registration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Secretary of Labor to annually calculate certain costs; authorizing the Department to set by regulation certain fees based on certain calculations; prohibiting certain fees from increasing annually by more than 12.5% of certain existing and corresponding fees; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB711 \(Cross filed with SB173\) Consolidated Transportation Program – Indian Head Highway – Conversion into Limited Access Highway](#)

Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to include sufficient funds in the Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal year 2025 and beyond for the planning, design, and reconstruction necessary for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County into a limited access highway; and requiring, by December 31, 2024, a report to the General Assembly on a timeline and the estimated costs for the conversion of Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) into a limited access highway.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB713 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income - Individuals Under the Age of 55](#)

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification from \$12,500 to \$20,000 under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 55 years; and applying the Act to all taxable





years beginning after December 31, 2023.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB714 \(Cross filed with SB588\) Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Employee Retirement Income](#)

Increasing, from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB717 \(Cross filed with SB64\) Income Tax – Credit for Employers Providing Parental Engagement Leave](#)

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; requiring a certain qualified employee to obtain the signatures of a certain county board member and certain school personnel under certain circumstances; and making the credit refundable under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB734 Municipalities - Vagrancy - Repeal of Authority to Prohibit](#)

Repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB735 \(Cross filed with SB642\) Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program](#)

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a certain stewardship organization; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB738 \(Cross filed with SB806\) Business Regulation - Licensed Home Improvement Contractors - Liability Insurance](#)

Increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the amount of general liability insurance that an applicant for a home improvement contractor license or a licensed home improvement contractor must maintain.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB751 Sale of Residential Real Property - Offers to Purchase and Transfer Tax](#)

Authorizing a person who offers for sale to a third party improved single-family residential real property, for the first 30 days, to accept an offer to purchase the property made only by an individual, a community development organization, a nonprofit organization, or a real estate enterprise that owns an interest in less than 3% of all residential real property in the county; and altering the rate of the State transfer tax payable for an instrument of



writing for a sale of certain residential real property under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB765 Property Tax - Credit for Hotel or Residential Development Projects](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB783 \(Cross filed with SB773\) Homeowners Associations - Restriction on Long-Term Rentals – Prohibition](#)

Prohibiting the governing documents of a homeowners association from restricting or prohibiting the leasing of property to an individual who is not the lot owner for a period of 6 months or more.

**POSITION: FYI TO HOA MANAGEMENT**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB803 \(Cross filed with SB748\) Income Tax - Alteration of Brackets and Rates \(Economic Prosperity Act of 2024\)](#)

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB805 \(Cross filed with SB537\) Cannabis - Licensee Locations – Restrictions](#)

Altering the distance restrictions from 2000 feet to one-half mile applicable to a licensed cannabis dispensary; prohibiting a political subdivision from establishing certain zoning requirements that are more restrictive than certain zoning requirements that existed on June 30, 2023; authorizing at least 10 individuals who are residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or applicants for a license, or real estate owners, and are located within 1,000 of the licensed premises to file a protest against a license; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB808 \(Cross filed with SB456\) Alcoholic Beverages – Retail Delivery – Local Delivery Service Permit](#)

Establishing a local delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder that is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in a certain jurisdiction through a third-party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a certain delivery service permit under certain circumstances; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB812 \(Cross filed with SB589\) Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission – Funding](#)

Increasing from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; repealing the termination of certain provisions of law that require the Governor to include the appropriation



in the annual budget bill each year and the Council to use the appropriation to fund the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB853 Residential Leases - Late Payment Penalties – Calculation](#)

Altering a prohibition concerning the maximum penalty for the late payment of rent that a landlord may charge in a residential lease to prohibit a penalty in excess of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due.

**POSITION: FYI TO RESIDENTIAL LANDLORDS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB859 \(Cross filed with SB564\) Real Estate Brokers - Licensing - License Renewals and Continuing Education](#)

Repealing certain processes regarding the expiration of real estate brokers', associate real estate brokers', and real estate salespersons' licenses; requiring that certain licenses expire on a staggered basis; modifying and setting certain time frames for certain processes regarding the expiration of certain licenses; authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to set a certain fee under certain circumstances; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

*Passed*

[HB861 Procurement - Preferences - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program](#)

Establishing 3% as the overall percentage goal of the total dollar value of procurement contracts by a unit of State government to be made directly or indirectly with veteran-owned small business enterprises; and repealing a requirement that the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs adopt regulations to establish a certain overall percentage goal.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB862 \(Cross filed with SB639\) Property Tax Exemption - Disabled Veterans - Service Connected Disability](#)

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with at least an 80% service connected disability.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB882 \(Cross filed with SB651\) Business Regulation - Sale of Motor Fuel - Pricing Signage \(Gas Price Clarity Act\)](#)

Establishing that certain provisions governing signage at retail service stations supersede inconsistent local law; altering a signage requirement for retail service stations relating to the price of regular gasoline so that the signage prominently displays clearly and visibly the credit and debit price, if higher than the cash price, or the credit and debit price and the cash price; repealing an exemption from a certain signage requirement for retail service station dealers with not more than 3 dispensing units; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO SERVICE STATION OPERATORS**

*Passed*

[HB889 \(Cross filed with SB695\) Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units - Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces](#)

Requiring the construction of new multifamily residential buildings with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle charging; requiring certain significant



renovations of housing units with separate garages, carports, or driveways for each residential unit to include certain parking spaces for electric vehicle recharging; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB913 Motor Vehicles – Registration – Annual Surcharge](#)

Requiring the owner of a motor vehicle to pay a certain annual surcharge in addition to the annual registration fee; authorizing the surcharge to be paid in installment payments; requiring the proceeds collected from the surcharge to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and, under certain circumstances, used for certain purposes; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register or renew or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay the surcharge or installments.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB914 \(Cross filed with SB746\) Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program – Modifications](#)

Altering procedures for the claiming and awarding of grants under the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program to allow an individual or corporation who paid or incurred qualified capital expenses during the immediately preceding calendar year to submit a grant application.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

#### [HB919 Property Tax - County Authority to Set Special Rates](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set special property tax rates for certain subclasses of property for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements or a certain minimum school funding amount; prohibiting a special rate from exceeding 12.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed value; and establishing certain subclasses of real property.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB924 \(Cross filed with SB1126\) Transportation – Regional Transportation Authorities](#)

Establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain congestion relief plans; establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region congestion relief funds as special, nonlapsing funds; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to study and report on the feasibility of creating local-option transportation revenues to fund the regional transportation authorities; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB925 Vehicle Excise Tax - Rate Increase](#)

increasing the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.5%.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [HB932 \(Cross filed with SB791\) Health Insurance – Utilization Review – Revisions](#)

Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review; altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; and establishing requirements on health



insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information.

**POSITION: FYI – HOSPITALS**

*Passed*

[HB940 Local Government - Authorized Uses of Revenues From Development Impact Fees](#)

Authorizing the use of revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs for replacement, maintenance, or expansion of public works, improvements, or public facilities.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB952 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement \(Keep Our Heroes Home Act\)](#)

Phasing in, over a period of 3 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income beginning in taxable year 2026.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB955 Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal](#)

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB962 \(Cross filed with SB673\) State Procurement - Small Business Reserve Program - Goals and Outreach Program](#)

Increasing a participation goal from a minimum of 15% to 20% for certain small businesses for certain procurement contracts; requiring the certification agency, in consultation with Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop an outreach program to increase the participation of small businesses that are owned by economically disadvantaged individuals; requiring, by each December 1, the certification agency to submit a report on the outreach program and the dollar amount of certain awards; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB964 \(Cross filed with SB635\) Landlords and Prospective Tenants - Residential Leases - Criminal History Review \(Maryland Fair Chance in Housing Act\)](#)

Altering the number of years of criminal history, from 7 years to 3 years, that are reviewed in a certain reusable tenant screening report; establishing certain prohibitions and limitations on the review and consideration of a prospective tenant's criminal history; and requiring a landlord that denies the lease application of a prospective tenant to provide the individual with a physical document stating with particularity each reason for the denial.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1000 Real Property – Residential Contracts of Sale – Buyer Privacy Rights](#)

Prohibiting a contract of sale for single-family residential real property from containing the name of an individual buyer prior to acceptance of the contract of sale by the seller; and applying the Act prospectively.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1005 \(Cross filed with SB972\) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Certification Requirement and Exceptions](#)

Requiring an individual, subject to certain exceptions, to be certified as an advanced practice registered nurse before practicing advanced practice registered nursing in the State.

**POSITION: FYI TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

*Passed*

[HB1006 \(Cross filed with SB874\) Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Facilities - Surgical Technologists](#)

Prohibiting a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility from employing or contracting with an individual to provide surgical technology services unless the individual completes certain educational requirements and holds a certain credential or provides documentation of certain training or employment; and requiring a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility to submit to the Maryland Department of Health, on request, certain documentation related to surgical technologists.

**POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1007 \(Cross filed with SB766\) Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2024](#)

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be included in the numerator of the sales factor used for apportioning a corporation's income to the State under certain circumstances; altering the State income tax rate on Maryland taxable income of certain individuals; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1008 Fossil Fuel Transportation Fee and Mitigation Fund \(Climate Pollution Reduction Fund Act\)](#)

Imposing a fossil fuel transportation fee on a person that transports a fossil fuel in the State; providing that the rate of the fossil fuel transportation fee is 30 cents per million British thermal units of fossil fuels transported in the State; providing the fee does not apply to the transportation of a fossil fuel that is solely for use on a farm and the carrier does not otherwise use or sell the fossil fuel; establishing the Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to support activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1014 Maryland Estate Tax - Unified Credit](#)

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1018 Manufacturing Business Personal Property Tax – Exemption](#)

Exempting all personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business that is a small or medium-sized enterprise from the personal property tax.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1025 \(Cross filed with SB841\) Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax Rates, Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax, and Farebox Recovery Requirement \(Transportation Equity, Fairness, and Privacy Act of 2024\)](#)

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1028 \(Cross filed with SB951\) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup](#)

Establishing the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Workgroup to study certain standards related to EV charging stations; and requiring the Workgroup to report its framework and recommendations to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before November 1, 2024.

**POSITION: FYI TO SERVICE STATION OPERATORS**

*Passed*

[HB1070 \(Cross filed with SB1093\) Maryland Transportation Authority - Tolls - Collection and Use \(Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act of 2024\)](#)

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to transfer \$75,000,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2025, to the Transportation Trust Fund and to continue to make the transfer until the Authority has transferred total cumulative payments in the amount of \$750,000,000; increasing a certain Authority revenue bond cap from \$3,000,000,000 to \$3,750,000,000; and authorizing the Authority to offer toll discounts to daily commuters and Maryland E-ZPass account holders under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB1072 Sales and Use Tax - Alcoholic Beverages - Rate Alteration](#)

Increasing the rate of the sales and use tax from 9% to 10% applied to certain sales of alcoholic beverages.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1073 Tobacco Tax - Cigarettes - Rate Alteration](#)

Altering the tobacco tax rate for cigarettes; and requiring that all cigarettes used, possessed, or held in the State on or after July 1, 2024, are subject to the tax enacted by the Act.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1108 \(Cross filed with SB1167\) Real Property - Residential Leases - Fee in Lieu of a Security Deposit](#)

Authorizing a landlord to offer the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit in a residential lease subject to certain requirements; requiring a landlord to purchase certain insurance coverage using a fee in lieu of a security deposit; establishing certain procedural requirements for a landlord and an insurer relating to certain insurance claims; authorizing a tenant to dispute certain claims by a landlord and providing that claims by a landlord or an insurer are void under certain circumstances; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1112 Public Service Commission - Energy Storage Devices - Acquisition and Deployment](#)

Establishing that a person that applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in response to a certain order is eligible for an expedited review process of the application; requiring the Public Service Commission to give priority to the review of and final action on certain applications for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; subjecting certain contracts entered into under the Act to a certain project labor agreement; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB1114 \(Cross filed with SB992\) Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over](#)

Requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to a tenant when a court has issued a warrant of restitution for a failure of a tenant to pay rent, a breach of lease, or a tenant holding over under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession; providing for the disposition of certain personal property following the execution of a warrant of restitution; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1117 \(Cross filed with SB946\) Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Repair Serious and Dangerous Defects - Tenant Remedies \(Tenant Safety Act of 2024\)](#)

Establishing that a landlord that offers a residential dwelling unit for rent is deemed to warrant the dwelling fit for human habitation; authorizing multiple tenants to join as plaintiffs in a civil action against a landlord and authorizing a court to issue an order for separate trials or other orders necessary to prevent delay or avoid prejudice; providing that a court may order certain relief in civil actions relating to the breach of warranty of habitability, including actual damages, abatement of rent, and lease termination; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB1123 Maryland Health Care Commission – Health Care Facilities – Cybersecurity for Hospitals](#)

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt minimum cybersecurity standards for hospitals and take certain other actions related to the cybersecurity of hospitals, including supporting hospitals that do not meet the minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring hospitals to comply with the cybersecurity standards adopted by the Commission; and requiring the Secretary of Health to consider cybersecurity standards for hospitals when issuing a license to a hospital.

**POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1128 Labor and Employment – Workforce Development – Talent Innovation Program and Fund](#)

Establishing the Talent Innovation Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to increase access to high-quality job training by using innovative and sustainable talent financing mechanisms to help meet skill needs in the State's prominent and emerging industry sectors; and requiring the Department, beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House on Program activities and use of the Talent Innovation Fund.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*





[HB1133 \(Cross filed with SB505\) Public Utilities- Transportation Network Service – Assessment Cap Increase](#)

Increasing the cap on the assessment a county or municipal corporation may impose on each transportation network service from 25 cents per trip to 50 cents per trip.

**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1134 \(Cross filed with SB403\) Hospitals and Related Institutions – Residential Treatment Centers – Accreditation](#)

Altering the definition of "accredited residential treatment center" for certain provisions of law governing hospitals and related institutions to include residential treatment centers accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Council on Accreditation.

**POSITION: FYI TO TREATMENT FACILITIES**

*Passed*

[HB1143 Emergency Medical Services - Maryland Emergency Department Wait Time Reduction Commission – Establishment](#)

Establishing the Maryland Emergency Department Wait Time Reduction Commission to address factors throughout the health care system that contribute to increased emergency department wait times; authorizing the Commission to request data from certain entities; and requiring the Commission, beginning November 1, 2025, to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on its activities and findings including updates on the development, impact and, implementation of the recommended programs on emergency department wait times.

**POSITION: FYI EMS**

*Passed*

[HB1155 \(Cross filed with SB1071\) Hospitals - Opioid Overdose and Opioid-Related Emergency Medical Conditions – Treatment](#)

Requiring hospitals to establish and maintain certain protocols and capacity related to the treatment of patients who are being treated for an opioid-related overdose or opioid-related emergency medical condition; requiring hospitals to make a referral for patients who are diagnosed with opioid use disorder or administered or prescribed medication for opioid use disorder to an appropriate provider to voluntarily continue treatment in the community and work with peer support professionals for a certain purpose; etc.

**POSITION: FYI HOSPITALS**

*Passed*

[HB1157 \(Cross filed with SB937\) Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program – Established](#)

Establishing the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program to provide grants to local school systems for employees who pledge to fulfill a certain service obligation as a full-time teacher in the State; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and to take certain actions to develop and implement the Program; establishing the eligibility for certain teacher candidates in the Program and requiring teacher candidates to be paid a certain rate and offered certain benefits under the Program; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CLARIFICATIONS**

*Passed*

[HB1165 \(Cross filed with SB969\) Watershed, Stream, and Floodplain Restoration - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Restoration and Stream and Floodplain Restoration Funding \(Whole Watershed Act\)](#)

Requiring, in each fiscal year from 2026 through 2030, up to \$100,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used to fund certain operations grants at a rate of \$20,000 per project sponsor each



fiscal year; authorizing the use of the Waterway Improvement Fund for projects that involve the beneficial use of dredged material and for certain water quality monitoring; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from reducing certain monitoring requirements for certain projects; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB1175 \(Cross filed with SB1043\) Education – Public School Employers and Employees – Subcontracting for Services](#)

Prohibiting a public school employer from entering into a certain subcontracting agreement unless certain circumstances occur; specifying the requirements for a public school employer to enter into a certain subcontracting agreement; providing for the contents of certain subcontracting agreements; requiring that a certain public school employee who is displaced as a result of a subcontracting agreement retain certain status and rights; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1194 \(Cross filed with SB1020\) Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights Training and Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans \(Safe Staffing Act of 2024\)](#)

Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to establish a clinical staffing committee by January 1, 2025; requiring each clinical staffing committee to develop a clinical staffing plan by July 1, 2025; requiring that an administrator of a hospital, under certain circumstances, provide certain training regarding the patient's bill of rights either through training provided by staff members or by contracting with a third party.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB1196 \(Cross field with SB962\) Real Property - Contracts of Sale - Title Report Requirement](#)

Requiring the seller of any real property to provide a title report to the buyer prior to closing; permitting a buyer to rescind a contract of sale for real property under certain circumstances; and providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1201 \(Cross filed with SB1072\) Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses](#)

Requiring an occupational licensing board to issue a license, certificate, permit, or registration to an applicant who is military trained or who is a military spouse if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring an occupational licensing board to consider certain types of experience for a certain calculation; and authorizing an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary license, certificate, permit, or registration under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1202 \(Cross filed with SB1073\) Amendments Convention Called Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution - Delegation to the Convention](#)

Requiring the General Assembly to appoint a delegation to an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution and an advisory committee under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements; providing for the membership of the delegation; providing for the qualifications, oath,



compensation, and duties of a commissioner to the delegation; establishing the operations of the delegation and the advisory committee; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1204 Economic Development Tax Credit Programs - Qualified Position and Qualified Employee – Definitions](#)

Altering the definition of "qualified position" for purposes of eligibility for and the calculation of benefits under the One Maryland and More Jobs for Marylanders economic development programs; altering the definition of "qualified employee" for purposes of eligibility for and calculation of the credit against the income tax for certain business entities located in an enterprise zone; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB 1210 Income Tax - Credit for Cybersecurity Measures Undertaken by Small Businesses](#)

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for a certain small business that employs 50 or fewer employees for costs incurred by the small business during the taxable year for certain cybersecurity measures undertaken by the small business; making the credit refundable; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1215 Transportation Financing - Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee \(Transportation Funding Act of 2024\)](#)

Pledging certain revenues from a retail delivery fee and a transportation network company impact fee to paying the principal of and interest on consolidated transportation bonds issued by the Department of Transportation; establishing a Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Department to allocate the funds in the Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account for certain transportation purposes; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1217 \(Cross filed with SB1041\) Alcoholic Beverages - Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries - Direct Delivery](#)

Establishing direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages permits authorizing the direct delivery of beer, wine, or liquor to a consumer; establishing the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages delivery permit; establishing the maximum amount that a recipient of an alcoholic beverages delivery may receive annually; repealing a maximum amount that a consumer may purchase when visiting certain alcoholic beverages manufacturers; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB1239 Real Estate Brokers - Brokerage Agreements – Requirements](#)

Requiring certain items to be included in a brokerage agreement between a real estate broker and a seller or lessor or a buyer or lessee.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*



[HB1240 Fossil Fuel-Powered Appliances and Vehicles - Installation, Use, and Fees](#)

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the governing body of a county or municipality from prohibiting the use or installation of natural gas- and propane-powered appliances in a home that is under construction or undergoing a 50% remodel or renovation; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging or collecting fees and charges for a certificate of title or vehicle registration based on a vehicle's use of gasoline; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1256 \(Cross filed with SB959\) Electricity – Tariffs, Distributed Energy Resources, and Electric Distribution System Support Services \(Distributed Renewable Integration and Vehicle Electrification \(DRIVE\) Act\)](#)

Requiring a certain electric company to file certain time-of-use tariffs with the Public Service Commission by July 1, 2025; requiring a certain electric company to attempt to achieve a certain enrollment target for certain tariffs by January 1, 2028; authorizing the Commission to require the automatic enrollment of certain customers in a time-of-use tariff on an opt-out basis; requiring the Commission to certain adopt regulations on or before May 1, 2025; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB1260 State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Reimbursement](#)

Requiring the Attorney General to give notice to State agencies and the public when a court orders that the State may not require a person to possess a specified permit, license, or certificate; and requiring State agencies to reimburse issuance and renewal costs for such permits, licenses, and certificates.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1276 \(Cross filed with SB1138\) Public Works Contracts – Apprenticeship Requirements \(Maryland Workforce Apprenticeship Utilization Act\)](#)

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualified apprentices or journeymen necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering the dollar value for certain projects for the purpose of applying certain apprenticeship requirements to the project; repealing certain provisions of law that allowed contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO CONTRACTORS WITH STATE BUSINESS**

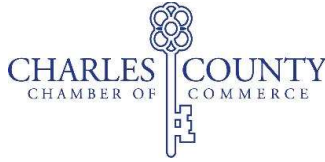
*Died in Committee*

[HB1279 Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards \(Better Buildings Act of 2024\)](#)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before certain dates and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings and significant improvements of buildings and structures meet all water and space heating demands of the building or structure without the use of fossil fuels, meet energy conservation requirements, and meet an electric- and solar-ready standard for certain buildings; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1281 \(Cross filed with SB14\) Economic Development – Tourism Zones – Designation and Benefits\)](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipality to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; providing that the designation of an area as a tourism zone may not preclude the area from also being designated as an arts and entertainment district; authorizing a county or municipality to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB1295 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, 2024, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2024, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

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

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.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1308 Real Property - Recordation of Instrument With False Information - Penalties and Actions to Quiet Title](#)

Prohibiting a person from recording a deed or other instrument that the person knows contains false information; establishing a 3-year limitation on when a prosecution for a violation of the Act may be commenced; establishing a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing a court to award certain costs and attorney's fees in an action to quiet title if the action or a defense to an action is based on the alleged recordation of a deed containing false information.

**POSITION: FYI TO ATTORNEYS AND TITLE COMPANIES**

*Passed*

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

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.

**POSITION: FYI TO DEVELOPERS**

*Passed*

[HB1324 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Eligible Properties – Alteration](#)

Expanding eligibility for the homestead property tax credit to include additional residences.

**POSITION: FYI TO LIQUOR STORES AND ATTORNEYS**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1326 Primary and Secondary Education - Teachers - Retention and Support Policies, Guidelines, and Training](#)

Requiring each county board of education to adopt a new teacher retention policy; altering the content required to be included in certain teacher support and retention guidelines developed by the State Board of Education; and altering the content required to be included in a certain school leadership training program developed by the State Department of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board by reviewing the benefits to students from access to diverse, high quality teachers.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1360 School Bus Transition - Propane-Powered School Buses - Grant Program, Fund, and Purchase](#)

Altering certain provisions of law relating to funding and grants to transition to zero-emission vehicle school buses to include propane-powered school buses; and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in fiscal year 2030, to enter into a new contract for the purchase of school buses that are propane-powered.

**POSITION: FYI TO BUS CONTRACTORS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1361 Task Force to Study Various Aspects of Changing Contributory Negligence to Comparative Negligence Act](#)

Establishing the Task Force to Study Various Aspects of Changing Contributory Negligence to Comparative Negligence; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

**POSITION: FYI TO ATTORNEYS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1365 \(Cross filed with SB715\) State and Private Construction Contracts and State Procurement Contracts - Prompt Payment and Interest Requirements](#)

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.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1388 \(Cross filed with SB1182\) Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses for Veterinary and Health Care Professionals and Study of the Health Care Market](#)

Applying to certain veterinary and health care professionals certain provisions of law stating that certain noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in certain employment contracts are null and void as being against the public policy of the State; establishing certain prohibitions regarding noncompete and conflict of interest provisions for certain health care employment contracts and similar documents and agreements; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study certain issues related to the health care market in the State.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB1399 Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information](#)

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include the name, physical mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number for the resident agent for each entity required to designate a resident agent as



part of the publicly available information about the entity.

**POSITION: FYI TO ATTORNEYS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1407 County Tier 1 Renewable Sources – Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation – Prohibition, Studies, and Plans](#)

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.

**POSITION: FYI TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1408 Residential Property – Assignment of Contracts of Sale – Disclosure Requirements and Rescission](#)

Authorizing a seller and buyer of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that a buyer is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

**POSITION: FYI TO LAWYERS AND BROKERS**

*Passed in House, Died in Senate*

[HB1426 \(Cross filed with SB1102\) Education - Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Alterations](#)

Authorizing the State Department of Education to award funding for a new Judy Center or Family Support Center for planning and development under a certain circumstance; requiring the State Board to approve certain specifications for teachers and administrators relating to time spent in the classroom and time spent on other teacher activities; altering certain requirements relating to student-to-classroom personnel ratios and funding timelines for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[HB1445 Landlord and Tenant - Actions for Possession - Service of Process by a Private Detective](#)

Authorizing service of process in an action to repossess leased residential property that also seeks a money judgment to be carried out by a private detective that is also otherwise authorized to serve process under the Maryland Rules.

**POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS**

*Died in Committee*

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

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 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.

**POSITION: FYI TO MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, HOAs, AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS**

*Died in Committee*



[HB1471 \(Cross filed with SB363\) Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership](#)

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.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1496 \(Cross filed with SB665\) Maryland Condominium Act – Amendments to the Declaration](#)

Reducing the percentage of unit owners listed on the current roster of a condominium needed to consent to an amendment of a condominium's declaration if none of the units of the condominium are owned by a developer of the condominium from 80% to 66 2/3%.

**POSITION: FYI TO CONDO HOAS AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

*Passed*

[HB1497 State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners - Scope of Practice, Reinstatements, and Examinations by Health Care Providers](#)

Altering the definition of "practice massage therapy" to include, subject to certain education and training requirements, instrument-assisted soft tissue manipulation techniques that enhance or imitate manual techniques; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners is required to reinstate a license or registration; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or an applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

**POSITION: FYI TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND RELATED BUSINESSES**

*Passed*

[HB1498 State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners - Aiding or Abetting Unauthorized Practice – Prohibition](#)

Prohibiting a person from aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of massage therapy; and providing penalties for a first violation of the Act of a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and for a subsequent offense, a fine of up to \$20,000 per day or imprisonment not to exceed 5 years.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

[HB1508 Department of Commerce - Employer Tax Credit Programs - Alterations and Establishment](#)

Altering the termination date of the Job Creation Tax Credit Program from 2027 to 2025; providing for the termination date for the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit Program on January 1, 2025; establishing the Maryland Jobs Development Tax Credit Program in the Department of Commerce to allow certain qualified business entities to receive credits against the State income tax for creating a certain number of qualified positions or for carrying out a high impact economic development project in the State; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH CLARIFICATIONS**

*Died in Committee*

[HB1515 Sales and Use Tax - Rate Reduction and Services](#)

Altering the definitions of "taxable price" and "taxable service" for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the sales and use tax to impose the tax on certain labors and services; altering the rate of the sales and use tax; altering the percentage of gross receipts from vending machine sales and from certain sales of dyed diesel fuel to which the sales and use tax is applied; altering the rate of the sales and use tax applied to certain charges made in connection with sales of alcoholic beverages; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*





## Senate Bills

### [SB3 Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting](#)

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.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

### [SB12 College of Southern Maryland - Board of Trustees Membership – Alterations](#)

Increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland by two members, from 9 to 11; and requiring the two additional members of the Board of Trustees to be residents of Charles County.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

### [SB24 Consumer Protection - Retail Sales - Return and Exchange Policy \(Right to Refund Information Act\)](#)

Requiring, before the completion of certain retail sales transactions, that merchants provide to consumers notice of the merchants' refund and exchange policies or policies of no refunds or exchanges by conspicuously displaying a certain notice; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

### [SB58 Income Tax - Senior Credit – Alterations](#)

Altering, under certain circumstances, eligibility for and the value of a credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

### [SB81 Higher Education - College of Southern Maryland – Budget](#)

Altering the information shown in the budget of the College of Southern Maryland; requiring certain county commissioners to review and approve the budget of the resident campus in certain counties; and authorizing the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland to approve certain transfers of appropriations.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

### [SB131 Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Categorization and Equitable Distribution of Projects](#)

Requiring the Department of Transportation to categorize the major transportation projects being considered for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program into four project categories; requiring the Department to rank each project under the appropriate category using the project-based scoring system; and requiring the Department to increase a certain weighting metric by 45% for a project located in a minority, rural, or underserved community.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*



#### [SB160 Labor and Employment - Payment of Minimum Wage - Tipped Employees](#)

Specifying a certain tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting certain employers of tipped employees, beginning July 1, 2027, from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages and requiring the employer to pay an employee at least the State minimum wage; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish the High Road Kitchen Program as a recognition program for restaurants that do not include the tip credit as part of certain employees' wages.

**POSITION: FYI TO RESTAURANT OWNERS AND OPERATORS**

*Died in Committee*

#### [SB176 Sales and Use Tax - Tax-Free Day - Veterans' Day](#)

Establishing November 11 as a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans; requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption; and providing that evidence of eligibility may consist of a valid driver's license or government-issued identification card that includes a notation indicating that the individual is a veteran.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*

#### [SB214 Maryland Military Installation Council – Membership](#)

Altering the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council to include the Maryland Secretary of Labor or a designee, the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee, and the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County; and increasing the number of members selected by the Governor from 5 to 6 and requiring that at least one is a spouse of a service member.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

#### [SB216 Workers' Compensation - Failure to Insure – Penalties](#)

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the cap on penalties for an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance or comply with an order of the State Workers' Compensation Commission regarding an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*

#### [SB321 Property Tax - Credit for Hotel or Residential Development Projects](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

#### [SB346 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income \(Keep Our Heroes Home Act\)](#)

Phasing in, over a period of 3 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income beginning in taxable year 2026.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Died in Committee*



#### [SB542 Real Estate Brokers - Brokerage Agreements – Requirements](#)

Requiring items to be included in a brokerage agreement between a real estate broker and a seller or lessor or a buyer or lessee.

**POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

*Passed*

#### [SB622 Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund - Funding \(Maryland Reparations Act of 2024\)](#)

Requiring that a certain amount of revenue from the State individual income tax and Maryland estate tax be distributed to the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; providing for an additional State individual income tax rate on the net capital gains of individuals; altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; increasing the rate of the sales and use tax for cannabis from 9% to 14%; etc.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

#### [SB733 Task Force to Study Transparency in Tax Incentives](#)

Establishing the Task Force to Study Transparency in Tax Incentives to study and recommend a uniform process for evaluating tax increment financing, payments in lieu of taxes, the Enterprise Zone property tax credit, and the Brownfields Revitalization Incentive Program; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or before July 1, 2025, to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain local governments.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed in Senate, Died in House*

#### [SB861 Public Utilities - High-Energy-Use Facilities - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions](#)

Requiring a person that owns, operates, or controls a high energy use facility to ensure greenhouse gas emissions associated with the electricity used by the facility are reduced by certain amounts by certain years; prohibiting a person from using certain methods to meet the emissions reduction targets established under the Act; and requiring the Public Service Commission to review and verify a certain report submitted by each person that owns, operates, or controls a high energy use facility and make a certain determination.

**POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES**

*Died in Committee*

#### [SB884 Real Property - Recordation – Procedures](#)

Requiring the treasurer, tax collector, or director of finance for a county to provide a certificate enumerating certain taxes, assessments, and charges against a property and to establish certain procedures to facilitate the issuance of the certificate; requiring a collecting agent presented with a certificate to endorse a deed on payment of transfer and recordation taxes and all charges stated in the certificate and establishing that this endorsement is sufficient authority for a transfer on the assessment books; etc.

**POSITION: FYI TO TITLE COMPANIES AND ATTORNEYS**

*Died in Committee*

#### [SB906 Housing and Community Development - Conversion of Commercial Buildings for Residential Use – Report](#)

Requiring each political subdivision to inventory vacant commercial buildings, develop a plan to convert certain vacant commercial buildings for residential use, and submit a report to the Department of Housing and Community Development on or before January 1, 2025; requiring political subdivision to update the report every 2



years; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a database of vacant commercial buildings in the State that have the potential to be converted for residential use; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed in Senate, Died in House*

[SB954 Corporations and Associations - Transparency - Beneficial Ownership](#)

Requiring certain business entities to file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation a report including certain information regarding beneficial owners of the entities; and prohibiting the inspection of the reports in certain circumstances.

**POSITION: FYI TO ATTORNEYS**

*Died in Committee*

[SB980 Education - Computer Science - Content Standards and Requirements](#)

Requiring public high schools to promote and increase the enrollment of certain students in high school computer science courses; requiring, beginning on or before June 1, 2025, the State Board of Education to update computer science content standards to include certain information; and requiring county boards of education to provide developmentally appropriate computer science instruction in public elementary and middle schools in the county.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[SB1006 Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt](#)

Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit for the purpose of canceling the debt; requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities; requiring a purchaser of medical debt to notify the patient of certain information; etc.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed in House and Senate with Amendments, Died Sine Die*

[SB1083 Public Utilities – Electric Distribution System Planning – Regulations, Plans, and Fund](#)

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt certain regulations to oversee electric distribution system planning in the State on or before December 31, 2025; requiring electric companies in the State to submit to the Commission certain plans to upgrade certain parts of the electric distribution system in the State on or before January 1, 2026; and establishing the Electric Distribution System Make-Ready Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund administered by the Maryland Energy Administration.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*

[SB1101 Higher Education - Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program – Alterations](#)

Altering the definition of an eligible institution for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include a community college in the State.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Passed*



[SB1178 Higher Education - Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship - Repeal of Service Terminal Date](#)

Repealing the service terminal date required to be eligible for the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*Passed*

[SB1181 Real Property - Recovery of Possession - Filing of Sworn Affidavit](#)

Requiring the District Court to issue, and a sheriff to immediately execute, a warrant for possession of a property to a person that has submitted a sworn affidavit stating that a person is unlawfully in possession of the property.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*Died in Committee*