



2025 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

INTRODUCTION

Dear Chamber Members, the 2025 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 2025 General Assembly session, 2,605 bills were introduced. Of these bills, 1,558 originated in the House, and 1,047 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, 485 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 recommendations were discussed and support or oppose motions were voted on during weekly meetings. The committee took positions of support or opposition on 166 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 148 bills.

Below is a breakdown of the Committee's results. Percentages largely mirror historical norms.

	Total	Passed	Died or Vetoed	Effectiveness Rating
Bills Supported	95	33	62	35%
Bills Opposed	71	8	63	89%
FYI	170	53	117	N/A
No Position	148	N/A	N/A	N/A

The 2025 session saw several highlights. The committee reviewed 212 more bills than last year, saw special presentations made by members asking for support and written testimony, and drafted 11 letters to our legislature. We helped defeat the 3% Business to Business tax proposed late in the session and sent out 4 mid-session Legislative Alerts to membership. We saw the return of the Legislative Breakfast and rekindled our relationship with our representatives. As always, we can't thank you enough for your support and look forward to bringing you an even more fruitful 2026.

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 2025 Legislative Committee
 Committee Chair: Chudi Obi, Charles County Economic Development Department

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Education

Chair: Karen Smith-Hupp, College of Southern Maryland
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 Traci Chappellear-Thomas, Charles County Public Schools
 Dyotha Sweat, President of NAACP

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Co-Chair: Craig Renner, Charles Regional Medical Center

Co-Chair: Matt Martin, Energetic Technology Center

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Chair: Larry Sanders, E.L. Sanders Insurance

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Chair: Ed Holland, NARFE Waldorf/La Plata

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Dyotha Sweat, President, NAACP

Miscellaneous

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Henry Thompson, CC Republican Central Committee

Jeannine James, Mayor, Town of La Plata

Real Estate/Finance/Landlord-Tenant

Chair: John Quinn, Esq., Kelly & Quinn Law Firm

Phil McDonagh, Retired

Ed Holland, NARFE Waldorf/La Plata

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Chair: Phil McDonagh, Retired

Bob Eaton, Eagle Bank

Transportation/Economic Development

Chair: Chudi Obi, Economic Development Department

Rich Barnas, Barnas Engineering

Alvin Stewart, Patrell Cleaning Solution

Utilities

Chair: Tom Dennison, SMECO

Candice Austin, Verizon

Natalie Cotton, SMECO

BILL DESCRIPTIONS AND CHAMBER POSITIONS

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

HB6 (Cross filed with SB143) State Department of Assessments and Taxation and Department of General Services – Property Appraisal Aids – Geographic Images

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to prepare, install, and maintain certain appraisal aids that consist of a database of statewide and local geographic images; requiring each county and Baltimore City to reimburse the State for 100% of costs of the data base less than \$1,000,000 and 50% of the costs over \$1,000,000; and requiring, by June 30, 2025, the Department to develop policies to protect the identity of any individual whose image is captured by oblique aerial photographic imagery.

POSITION: FYI TO OUR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

Died in Committee

HB13 Real Property – Residential Contracts of Sale – Buyer Privacy

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

HB19 (Cross filed with SB216) Health Occupations - Nursing - Loan Repayment, Education, and Sunset Extension (Building Opportunities for Nurses Act of 2025)

Altering the name of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to be the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and altering the purpose of the Program; altering certain education requirements for licensure in registered nursing and licensure by endorsement in registered nursing; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain period of time; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CSM & NURSING ACCREDITATION AGENCIES

Passed

HB23 Property Taxes - Authority of Counties to Establish a Subclass and Set a Special Rate for Commercial and Industrial Property

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain commercial and industrial property and to set a special property tax rate for certain commercial and industrial property for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements or the approved budget of the county board of education; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB28 Constitutional Amendment - Form of County Government - Requirement to Adopt Charter Home Rule

Requiring each county to adopt a charter by December 31, 2031, 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; limiting the applicability of certain Constitutional provisions governing code home rule counties; and requiring the amendment proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for approval or rejection.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Died in Committee***HB34 (Cross filed with SB528) Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Day – Veteran’s 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***HB35 (Cross filed with SB91) Economic Development – Income Tax Benefit Transfer Program – Establishment**

Establishing the Income Tax Benefit Transfer Program within the Department of Commerce to allow eligible technology companies in the State with unused amounts of net operating loss subtraction modifications or income tax credits to transfer those tax benefits for use by other business taxpayers in the State to assist in funding expenses incurred by the eligible technology companies in connection with operations in the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Comptroller, to administer the Program; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee***HB37 Declaration of Rights – Right to Organize**

Establishing every person employed in the State of Maryland has the fundamental right to organize and collectively bargain concerning compensation, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment; prohibiting the State from, directly or indirectly, denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means; and providing that the Constitutional amendment proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State or adoption or rejection.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Died in Committee***HB49 (Cross filed with SB256) Environment – Building Energy Performance Standards – Compliance and Reporting**

Altering an annual compliance fee paid by certain owners of covered buildings under certain circumstances to include the energy use attributable to the building's failure to meet certain energy targets; requiring certain regulations to include a certain annual reporting fee to cover certain costs; and requiring the Department of the Environment to deposit alternative compliance fees into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Passed***HB60 (Cross filed with SB99) Income Tax- Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income (Keep Our Heroes Home Act)**

Increasing, from \$20,000 to \$40,000 over a 2-year period, the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals, regardless of age, during a taxable year for certain military service.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee*

HB62 (Cross filed with SB253) Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit – Research Facilities – Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.

POSITION: FYI TO INDIAN HEAD

Passed

HB72 (Cross filed with SB8) Education- Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; establishing minimum criteria for the award of a Seal of Civic Excellence and designation as a Center of Civic Excellence; and requiring participating local school systems to submit an annual report to the Department of Education.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB80 (Cross filed with SB190) Land Use – Transit Oriented Development – Alterations

Authorizing the Maryland Department of Transportation to establish transit-oriented development (TOD) corridor funds financed by revenue from county special taxing districts to benefit transit-oriented development; altering the authority of local legislative bodies to regulate land use planning on certain land that is located within 0.5 miles of, or under certain circumstances, adjacent to, certain transit stations; exempting certain special taxes for the benefit of transit-oriented development from any county tax limitation or bond cap; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB86 (Cross filed with SB435) Institutions of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Schools - Title VI Coordinators

Requiring the governing board of each institution of higher education in the State and local school systems to designate a Title VI Coordinator to ensure compliance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and authorizing a person alleging discrimination under certain provisions of law to file a complaint with a Title VI Coordinator of a local school system, as applicable.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB87 (Cross filed with SB132) Short-Term Rentals and Home Amenity Rentals - Taxation, Regulation, and Crimes

Applying certain health and safety requirements to short-term rental units and home amenities; prohibiting certain activities at a home amenity or short-term rental; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to adopt certain rules or regulations relating to short-term rentals; including "short-term rental platform" and "short-term rental unit" in the definition of "hotel" for the purpose of the county and municipal corporation hotel rental tax; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO MEMBERS AND LOCAL OPERATORS

Died in Committee

HB97 (Cross filed with SB409) Economic Development - County or Municipal Corporation 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; expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB102 (Cross filed with SB225) Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Application Year and Participation of Self-Employed Individuals

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing an optional self-employed enrollment program governing the participation of self-employed individuals in the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; repealing certain requirements related to the payment of contributions to the Program by participating self-employed individuals; excluding participating self-employed individuals from certain provisions of law governing the payment of benefits under the Program; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB121 (Cross filed with SB37) Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

POSITION: FYI TO RELATED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB124 (Cross filed with SB160) 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

HB133 (Cross filed with SB183) State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Notification of Constant Yield Tax Rate – Repeal

Repealing the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Passed

HB138 (Cross filed with SB237) State Government - Veterans - Burial at State Veterans' Cemeteries (Burial Equity Act)

Expanding eligibility for burial in a State veterans' cemetery to include members of the National Guard and the military reserves; removing the residency requirement for certain veterans for burial in a State veterans' cemetery; and establishing a burial fee equal to the annual plot allowance established by the National Cemetery Administration for National Guard and military reserves service members and their eligible dependents.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB151 (Cross filed with SB70) 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; and requiring a county that imposes the county income tax on a bracket basis to use certain income bracket thresholds; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB167 Vehicle Excise Tax – Rate Increase

Increasing the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.75%.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB168 (Cross filed with SB488) 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

HB179 (Cross filed with SB11) Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a 90-day period with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB0183 (Cross filed with SB59) Income Tax – Resident

Altering the definition of "resident" under the Maryland income tax law to provide that an individual who maintains a place of abode in the State for more than 3 months, rather than 6 months, of the taxable year is a resident for income tax purposes whether or not the individual is domiciled in the State; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB202 Criminal Law – Fraud – Conveyance, Lease, or Possession of Residential Real Property

Prohibiting the intentional fraudulent sale, conveyance, or lease or attempted sale, conveyance, or lease of real property by a person who does not own the real property; prohibiting the acquisition, sale, or conveyance or the

attempted acquisition, sale, or conveyance of real property by deception, intimidation, threat, or undue influence; prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO PROPERTY MANAGERS AND REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

Died in Committee

HB204 (Cross filed with SB221) Cannabis – Wholesaler License – Establishment

Establishing a cannabis wholesaler license; and altering the maximum fee certain applicants for cannabis licenses must pay for initial licensing or renewal of licenses.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB208 Consumer Protection – False Advertising – Digital Goods

Prohibiting a person from advertising or offering for sale a digital good using certain terminology or alongside an option for a time-limited rental unless certain acknowledgments are received from the purchaser and certain statements are provided by the seller; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both

POSITION: FYI TO RELATED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB212 Maryland Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2026, 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: FYI TO REALTORS AND THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

Died in Committee

HB213 Public Utilities – Natural Gas Energy Generation – Authorization and Limitation

Authorizing the construction, permitting, and operation of energy generating systems that produce energy from natural gas until the State meets 100% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources, including nuclear energy; establishing certain requirements for energy generating systems that produce energy from natural gas; requiring the Department of the Environment to approve or deny an application for the construction of a new energy generating system that produces energy from natural gas; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CHAMBER MEMBERS

Died in Committee

HB216 Electric Vehicles – Repeal of Excise Tax Credit and Establishment of Rebate Program

Repealing the electric vehicle excise tax credit; establishing the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a website to administer the program; requiring a participating dealer to provide a rebate in the form of a reduction of the vehicle's purchase price equal to the full amount of the rebate for which the vehicle purchased is eligible at the time the eligible vehicle is purchased; requiring the Administration to reimburse a dealer for rebates provided by the dealer; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEALERS

Died in Committee

HB222 (Cross filed with SB175) Public Safety – Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems – Requirements and Prohibitions

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing that does not meet a certain International Code Council standard or is not proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; requiring certain tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings to meet a certain International Code Council standard or be proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; and providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED MEMBERS AND BUSINESSES

Passed

HB224 Commercial Law – False Advertising – Penalties

Increasing, from \$500 to \$1,000, the maximum penalty for violating the prohibition against false advertising.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB225 (Cross filed with SB203) Vehicle Laws – Exceptional Hauling Permits for Farm Products

Creating an exception for vehicles carrying fluid milk products to the prohibition against driving a vehicle subject to an exceptional hauling permit on the interstate highway system; altering certain weight limits and tolerances under an exceptional hauling permit; altering the preventive maintenance documents that an individual operating under an exceptional hauling permit must possess; and altering certain record-keeping requirements and the application of certain administrative penalties under an exceptional hauling permit.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB227 (Cross filed with SB561) Corporations and Associations – Electric Cooperatives – Nonescheat Capital Credits

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB228 (Cross filed with SB246) Maryland Veterans Trust – Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

Expanding the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include providing monetary and other assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families; and authorizing the Maryland Veterans Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB232 (Cross filed with SB346) 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

HB242 Discrimination in Housing – Consumer Credit History

Prohibiting the inclusion of a consumer credit history, any written account by a credit reporting agency bearing on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity, in a reusable tenant screening report; prohibiting certain discrimination in housing on the basis of consumer credit history; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB244 (Cross filed with SB264) Plant Disease Control – Nurseries – Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees

Increasing the inspection fee that a nursery is required to pay to the Secretary of Agriculture in a specified manner; increasing the annual certification fee that a nursery is required to pay from \$100 to \$150; and increasing the annual license fee that a broker or dealer is required to pay from \$100 to \$150.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB245 Inheritance Tax – Beneficiaries of Limited Means – Installment Payments

Requiring a 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; and applying the Act to all decedents dying on or after July 1, 2025.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB264 (Cross filed with SB218) Business Occupational and Professional Licenses – Suspension and Revocation for Workplace Fraud

Requiring, under certain circumstances, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to notify a licensing authority when a licensee is found in violation of certain workplace fraud provisions; requiring licensing authorities to suspend or revoke the licenses of licensees who are reported by the Commissioner; and establishing certain appeal and license reinstatement procedures.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB268 Hospitals – Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies

Altering provisions of law related to a hospital's financial assistance and collection of debts policies; specifying the percentage by which a hospital is required to reduce a patient's out-of-pocket expenses under certain circumstances; adding to the notice requirements relating to a hospital's financial assistance policy; prohibiting a hospital from filing a civil action to collect a debt against a patient whose outstanding debt is at or below \$500; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITAL

Passed

HB270 (Cross filed with SB116) Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Pending Veto

HB273 Residential Leases – Late Payment Penalties – Calculation

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

POSITION: FYI TO RESIDENTIAL LANDLORDS

Passed

HB277 (Cross filed with SB96) Environment – Water Bottle Filling Stations – Requirement

Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Passed

HB278 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Enhanced Agricultural Management Equipment

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for enhanced agricultural management equipment to include equipment that the Secretary of Agriculture determines by regulation to qualify as enhanced agricultural management equipment; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB292 (Cross filed with SB63) 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, extending from 3 to 5 years the duration to comply with a certain funding requirement; 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

HB295 Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Governing Bodies and Annual Meetings

Requiring that unit owners or lot owners have an opportunity to comment during certain meetings convened by the board of directors, the developer, or the declarant of a condominium or a homeowners association; requiring the

developer of a condominium to appoint a unit owner, not otherwise affiliated with the developer, to the board within 30 days after the date on which units representing 25% of the votes have been conveyed by the developer to members of the public for residential purposes; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB296 Personal Property Tax – Exemption for Low Assessments – Alteration

Altering an exemption from the personal property tax for business personal property that has a total original cost below \$20,000 by repealing a provision of law that prohibits the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from collecting information or requiring the submission of a personal property tax return from certain businesses that qualify for the exemption; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB299 Real Property – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities – Member Training

Requiring certain members of a board of directors or certain officers of a council of unit owners of certain condominiums and certain members of a governing body of a homeowners association to successfully complete a training curriculum on the responsibilities of being a member or an officer in a certain manner and subject to certain requirements.

POSITION: FYI TO COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB303 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

HB326 (Cross filed with SB715) Student Service Hours – Financial Literacy Course

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, to allow successful completion of eligible financial literacy courses to be applied toward fulfillment of the student service hours high school graduation requirement for the number of hours determined by the county board.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB328 (Cross filed with SB541) State Lottery – Instant Ticket Lottery Machines – Veterans' and Fraternal Organizations

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by veterans' organizations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by fraternal organizations; repealing a requirement that certain veterans' organizations purchase or lease certain machines; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO VETERAN/FOP ORGANIZATIONS

Pending Veto

HB334 (Cross filed with SB156) Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage

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

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB339 Real Property – Residential Rental Apartments – Air-Conditioning Requirements

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

POSITION: FYI TO APARTMENT LANDLORDS/MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB340 Climate Change - Attorney General Actions, Climate Change Restitution Fund, and Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council

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

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED COMPANIES

Died in Committee

HB341 (Cross filed with SB344) Property Tax Credit – Retail Service Station Conversions

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

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB342 State Transfer Tax – Rates and Distribution of Revenue

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

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB355 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income

Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of the subtraction modification; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB385 Consumer Protection – Automatic Tip Prompt Screen – Requirements

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, each business that uses 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

Died in Committee

HB386 (Cross filed with SB345) Pesticides – PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions

Requiring, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture to develop and maintain a list of certain registered pesticides that list PFAS chemicals as an active ingredient on the labeling accompanying the pesticide; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2026, a person from using, for certain purposes, PFAS pesticides listed by the Department; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2028, a person from using PFAS pesticides in the State; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO FARMERS AND LANDSCAPERS

Died in Committee

HB387 Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act

Imposing an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms in the State and sales of firearms to residents of the State; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB389 (Cross filed with SB516) Property Tax – Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain large family child care homes; increasing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes and centers and day care centers; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO DAYCARES/AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB390 (Cross filed with SB327) Affordable Housing Payment in Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

Authorizing an owner of real property used for rental housing and the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for maintaining at least 50% of the rental housing units located at the real property as affordable dwelling units for at least 15 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

POSITION: FYI TO RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

Passed

HB397 (Cross filed with SB363) Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation – Oyster Shucking House Loan Program

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans in an amount up to \$25,000 for certain seasonal full-time jobs; and reducing, from 5 years to 3 years, the number of years that a person must have been a licensed seafood dealer in order to be eligible to receive financing under the loan program.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB398 (Cross filed with SB316) Abundant Affordable Clean Energy – Procurement and Development (AACE Act)

Requiring each electric company in the State to submit to the Public Service Commission by certain dates plans for the construction or procurement of distribution-connected energy storage devices and to construct or procure the devices in accordance with the plan; providing for the creation of zero-emission credits by beneficial nuclear facilities; requiring the Commission to pursue certain coordinated approaches to offshore wind energy transmission development; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

HB419 (Cross filed with SB998) Natural Gas – Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (Ratepayer Protection Act)

Altering the required contents of a certain plan that a gas company may file with the Public Service Commission for proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects to include certain descriptions, demonstrations, analyses, and notifications; and altering the required findings of the Commission in considering whether to approve a certain infrastructure replacement plan.

POSITION: FYI TO GAS COMPANIES

Died in Committee

HB429 (Cross filed with SB376) Health Facilities - Delegation of Inspection Authority - Nursing Homes

Requiring the Secretary of Health, on request of a county, to delegate to the county the authority to conduct site visits and full surveys of nursing homes; and requiring that the Maryland Department of Health and counties equally share the costs of conducting surveys delegated by the Secretary of Health.

POSITION: FYI TO NURSING HOMES

Passed

HB432 (Cross filed with SB20) Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding - Inflation Adjustment (Local Transit Sustainability Act)

Requiring that the amount that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program be adjusted for future fiscal years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB448 (Cross filed with SB275) Modernization of Military Laws Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life

transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB449 (Cross filed with SB446) Condominiums - Property Insurance Deductibles - Unit Owner Responsibility

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible if the cause of damage to or destruction of any portion of the condominium originates from the unit owner's unit; and providing that a contract for the resale of a condominium unit by a unit owner other than the developer is not enforceable unless it contains a written notice of the unit owner's responsibility for the amount of the deductible where damage or originates from the unit.

POSITION: FYI TO PROPERTY MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB451 State and Private Construction Contracts – Prompt Payment Requirements

Requiring a private construction contract to include a provision requiring the owner to pay the contractor within a certain period of time 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 a certain period of time; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB455 (Cross filed with SB85) Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans' cemeteries.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB461 (Cross filed with SB460) Sales and Use Tax – Cut Flowers – Exemption

Providing for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of cut flowers.

POSITION: FYI TO NURSERIES AND FLORISTS

Died in Committee

HB466 (Cross filed with SB277) Health Equality for Service Members Acct

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB471 Agriculture Land and Programs – Scrutinized Entities

Prohibiting a nonresident alien who is a citizen of a country subject to an embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, a commercial enterprise or business incorporated in a country subject to an embargo under the

International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and an individual employed by or associated with the government of a country subject to an embargo under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations from purchasing agricultural land or participating in certain agricultural programs.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB475 (Cross filed with SB281) Transportation Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB494 (Cross filed with SB282) Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB496 Income Tax – Credits for Nursing Program Preceptors in Areas with Health Care Workforce Shortages – Alterations

Reducing from 100 to 90 the number of training hours that certain health care practitioners are required to perform in a nursing program preceptor rotation in order to qualify for certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care practitioners serving as preceptors in areas with health care workforce shortages; and requiring the Department of Health by January 31 each year, to report to the Comptroller on the tax credit certificates issued and to the General Assembly on the utilization of the credit.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS

Died in Committee

HB497 (Cross filed with SB400) Residential Child Care Programs – Transportation Companies – Regulation (Preventing Abduction in Youth Transport Act of 2025)

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is an immediate and serious risk of dangerous or disruptive behavior; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a civil action against certain transportation companies under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Passed

HB498 (Cross filed with SB427) Economic Development - Delivering Economic Competitiveness and Advancing Development Efforts (DECADE) Act

Requiring the Department of Commerce to evaluate the potential employment and economic growth of the State's industry sectors and establish a certain list of industry sectors and activities to be considered for additional

support; repealing the Maryland Economic Development Commission and Commerce Subcabinet; altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; altering eligibility for and the calculation of certain economic development incentives; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB501 (Cross filed with SB431) Registered Apprenticeship Investments for a Stronger Economy (RAISE) Act

Authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to waive the license examination requirement for a journey plumber license; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the examination for certain licenses; altering the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council; repealing the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland Office of Registered Apprenticeship Development to market and advance the registered apprenticeship system throughout the State; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB502 (Cross filed with SB433) Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy and Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative – Established

Establishing the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy within the Department of Disabilities; establishing the Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative within the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy to facilitate efforts that improve outcomes in the hiring, recruitment, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities in the State government workforce; and requiring the Office to report annually on the progress and outcomes of the Initiative.

POSITION: FYI TO AGENCIES WHO WORK WITH DISABLED PERSONS

Passed

HB503 (Cross filed with SB430) Land Use – Regional Housing Infrastructure Gap (Housing for Jobs Act)

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning to calculate certain regional housing infrastructure gaps; providing for the apportionment of regional housing infrastructure gaps to counties and incorporated municipalities; authorizing local jurisdictions to reduce local housing infrastructure gaps in a certain manner; establishing that certain local jurisdictions have an affirmative obligation to expeditiously approve housing development project applications; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB505 (Cross filed with SB434) Empowering New Energy Resources and Green Initiatives Toward a Zero-Emission (ENERGIZE) Maryland Act

Renaming the "renewable energy portfolio standard" to be the "clean energy portfolio standard"; altering the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from clean energy sources in certain years under the clean energy portfolio standard; altering the contents of and approval criteria for an application for an offshore wind project; establishing a process for the Public Service Commission to review and approve an application for a proposed nuclear energy generation project; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO/PEPCO

Died in Committee

HB506 (Cross filed with SB428) Chesapeake Bay Legacy Act

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with fulfilling the Program's purpose; altering the definition of "healthy soils" for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO FARM ASSOCIATIONS

Passed

HB514 (Cross filed with SB52) Health Occupations – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Revisions

Altering certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the practice of chiropractic in the State related to Board membership, licensure of chiropractors, the discipline of chiropractors, and the denial of licenses to applicants; authorizing the Board to inspect chiropractor offices under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO CHIROPRACTIC MEMBERS

Passed

HB534 (Cross filed with SB538) Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact

Entering into the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact; authorizing a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a member state; establishing the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact Licensure Commission to oversee the Compact and its powers and duties; and providing that the Act is contingent on enactment of substantially similar legislation in four other states.

POSITION: FYI TO DENTISTS

Died in Committee

HB539 (Cross filed with SB850) State Lottery – Ticket Purchase and Delivery by Third-Party Entity – Authorization

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow licensed agents to enter into an agreement with third-party entities to allow those entities to purchase State lottery tickets on behalf of individuals in the State and deliver the tickets to the purchasers; and authorizing the third-party entities to charge a service fee.

POSITION: FYI TO BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN LOTTERY SALES

Died in Committee

HB546 (Cross filed with SB605) Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax – Assessments – Appeals and Corrections

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after December 31, 2025.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB547 Hospitals – Price Transparency – Requirements and Fund

Requiring hospitals in the State to comply with a certain federal price transparency law; requiring hospitals to maintain and make available a list of standard charges for the hospital's shoppable services; prohibiting hospitals

from selling certain personal data; requiring the Secretary of Health to perform certain hospital monitoring duties; requiring hospitals who violate certain provisions of the Act to submit corrective action plans; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS

Died in Committee

HB554 (Cross filed with SB752) Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2025

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to determine and make available online the State annual average wage applicable to the rate of contribution; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB557 Residential Owners in Common Ownership Communities – Bill of Rights

Establishing a bill of rights for unit owners of a condominium, members of a cooperative housing corporation, and lot owners of a homeowners association.

POSITION: FYI TO COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB559 (Cross filed with SB544) Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, and properly ventilated.

POSITION: FYI TO FARM BUREAU AND AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES

Passed

HB0572 (Cross filed with SB793) Public Health – Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs

Requiring a licensed health care provider, when issuing a standing order for an opioid overdose reversal drug, to allow an individual to choose any formulation of any opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; and prohibiting certain private and public entities that prescribe and dispense opioid overdose reversal drugs from being required to keep in stock and dispense all opioid overdose reversal drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

POSITION: FYI TO PHARMACIES

Died in Committee

HB573 (Cross filed with SB792) State Board of Dental Examiners – Expanded Function Dental Assistants – Education and Reinstatement

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include an option for an online course of study when appropriate; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired expanded function dental assistant certification only under certain circumstances; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO DENTISTS

Passed

HB576 (Cross filed with SB465) Health Care Facilities – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs – Video Recordings

Requiring nursing homes and assisted living programs to install, operate, and maintain video surveillance equipment in the common areas of the facilities to detect the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents; and requiring nursing homes and assisted living programs to make available, on request, certain recorded video data to law enforcement and State personnel that is necessary in the course of performing their official duties.

POSITION: FYI TO NURSING HOMES

Died in Committee

HB577 (Cross filed with SB664) Business Regulation – Miscellaneous State Business Licenses – Enforcement and Penalties

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of law concerning business licenses; requiring each application for a certain business license to designate an individual to serve as the license representative for the purpose of being subject to certain penalties; and establishing that the penalties for violating certain provisions of law apply to certain persons.

POSITION: FYI TO BUSINESS LICENSEES

Passed

HB578 Procurement – Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation Authority Contracts – Board of Public Works Authority

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to control certain procurement contracts by the Department of Transportation and Maryland Transportation Authority valued at or above \$500,000.

POSITION: FYI TO STATE CONTRACTORS

Died in Committee

HB581 (Cross filed with SB464) real Property – Condominiums – Assessments

Authorizing the board of directors of a condominium to increase the amount of the assessment levied each year for common expenses other than reserves by not more than 5% notwithstanding provisions of the declaration, articles of incorporation, or bylaws requiring approval by the council of unit owners.

POSITION: FYI TO PROPERTY MANAGERS

Died in Committee

HB590 (Cross filed with SB759) Income Tax – Subtraction modification – Public Safety Employee Retirement Income

Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee to include certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9-1-1 specialist; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB595 Public Service Commission – Renewable Energy Generation – Targets (Maryland Energy Independence Act)

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for electricity production from renewable energy resources located in the State; and setting a target of 50% of all electricity sold in the State coming from

electricity produced from renewable energy resources located in the State by 2030, 70% by 2035, and 80% by 2040.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB600 (Cross filed with SB276) Educational Equality for Service Members Act

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for electricity production from renewable energy resources located in the State; and setting a target of 50% of all electricity sold in the State coming from electricity produced from renewable energy resources located in the State by 2030, 70% by 2035, and 80% by 2040.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB601 Economic Development – Small Business Guaranty Fund – Alterations

Providing that a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund may be supported by the full faith and credit of the State of Maryland or approved by an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB602 (Cross filed with SB407) State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and requiring the Board, by November 1, 2025, and each November 1 for the following 4 years, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the discussions, agreements reached, challenges in the negotiations, and any legislative recommendations.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB606 (Cross filed with SB441) Real Property – New Home Sales – Entry of Final Sale Price in Multiple Listing Service

Requiring a developer, builder, broker, or real estate agent to enter the final sale price of a new home into a multiple listing service or similarly accessible database.

POSITION: FYI TO DEVELOPERS AND BROKERS

Died in Committee

HB612 Public Schools – Lifesaver Schools Program – Establishment

Establishing the Lifesaver Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide health and safety training to students and school personnel; establishing requirements and prohibitions for Lifesaver Schools; authorizing a public school to partner with the county board of education to meet the criteria to qualify as a Lifesaver School; and requiring a Lifesaver School to reapply to the Department for approval to maintain the Lifesaver School designation.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB619 Sales and Use Tax – Sales Between Cannabis Nurseries – Exemption

Expanding the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain cannabis sales to include sales between certain licensed cannabis businesses and registered cannabis nurseries.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB626 Real Estate Development and Highway Rights-of-Way – Installation of Broadband Micro Conduits and Microducts

Requiring the installation of micro conduits in any utility easement and building power or telecommunication rooms during the new construction or major improvement of certain commercial and residential premises; requiring that buried fiber optic cable installed in a highway right-of-way include conduit containing at least seven microducts; requiring the Department of Transportation or a unit of local government to ensure a broadband service provider has access to the conduit on a neutral and nondiscriminatory basis; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CONSTRUCTION FIRMS

Died in Committee

HB632 Labor and Employment – Workplace Fraud – Application (Maryland Workplace Fraud Act of 2025)

Applying to all private sector employers, rather than only employers in the construction and landscape services industries, provisions of law that prohibit an employer from failing to properly classify an individual who performs work for remuneration paid by the employer.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB636 (Cross filed with SB0463) Real Property – Condominiums – Responsibility for Property Insurance Deductibles

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible; and applying the Act to all policies of property and casualty insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State to a condominium council of unit owners.

POSITION: FYI TO PROPERTY MANAGERS

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB639 Sports Venues – Reusable Beverage Containers – Use During Sporting Events

Requiring the owner or operator of a sports venue and the governing body of an institution of higher education that operates a sports venue to allow an individual attending a sporting event at the sports venue to bring and use a reusable beverage container during a sporting event.

POSITION: FYI TO SPORTS VENUES

Died in Committee

HB641 State Property Tax – Transportation Funding (Transportation Funding Act of 2025)

Requiring the Governor, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, to submit each year to the Board of Public Works and the General Assembly a proposal for a State property tax to support transportation projects and programs; requiring, on or before February 15 each year, the Board of Public Works to approve, reject, or modify the proposed State property tax; imposing a State property tax at the rates and on the classes and subclasses of property that the Board of Public Works approves; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB645 Transmission Line Siting – Comprehensive Plan, Recommendation, and Reporting Requirements

Requiring each county and Baltimore City to update its comprehensive plan to include an electric system planning element for purposes of minimizing the impact of future transmission line development in the State; requiring each electric company serving a county or Baltimore City to report to that county or the City regarding the electric company's compliance with certain provisions of the county's or City's electric system planning element; requiring each electric company to submit a report on electricity demand each year; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB648 (Cross filed with SB377) Economic Development – Business Resource Initiative for Developmental Growth and Empowerment (BRIDGE) Program – Establishment

Establishing the Business Resource Initiative for Developmental Growth and Empowerment (BRIDGE) Program and Fund in the Department of Commerce to provide grants to certain business entities to establish certain business incubators.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB650 (Cross filed with SB563) Maryland Fair and Agricultural Education Promise Fund – Establishment (Maryland Fair and Agricultural Education Promise Act)

Establishing the Maryland Fair and Agricultural Education Promise Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to advance agricultural fairs and education in the State; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring \$1,450,000 of proceeds from the State lottery, before being allocated to the General Fund, to be allocated to the Fund; and repealing the requirement that a certain amount of annual proceeds from the State horse racing special fund be used to promote State agricultural fairs and education.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB657 (Cross filed with SB483) Public Utilities – Alternatives to Construction of New Transmission Lines

Requiring the Public Service Commission to examine alternatives to the construction of a new transmission line if the use of an alternative will best maintain historical, environmental, or agricultural preservation areas, or will avoid any overlap with certain lots, parcels, or tracts of land.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB691 (Cross filed with SB278) Tax Relief and Pensions equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing personnel, pensions, and taxation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB693 (Cross filed with SB754) Commercial Financing – Small Business Truth in Lending Act

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

POSITION: FYI TO SMALL BUSINESS LENDERS

Died in Committee

HB695 Repair the Transportation Trust Fund Act

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

HB698 (Cross filed with SB814) Local Government – Development Impact Fees, Surcharges, and Excise Taxes – Reporting

Requiring county governments to make a certain report by July 1 each year to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount and use of county development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB709 (Cross filed with SB651) Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination (Good Cause Eviction)

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

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB735 Certificate of Need - Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services – Exemption

Altering the definition of "medical service" for the purpose of providing an exemption to the certificate of need requirement by removing psychiatry and any subcategory of psychiatry; and providing that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate a psychiatric health care facility or to offer psychiatric or other mental health services at a health care facility.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB739 (Cross filed with SB478) Public Utilities – Solar Energy Generating Stations – Local Approval

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a solar energy generating station unless the Commission receives written approval for the construction of the generating station from each county or municipal corporation where the generating station is proposed to be located.

POSITION: FYI SMECO/PEPCO

Died in Committee

HB742 (Cross filed with SB640) Public Utilities – Solar Energy Generating Stations – Eminent Domain

Prohibiting a person constructing a solar energy generating station from exercising a right of condemnation in connection with that construction.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB747 Environment - On-Site Wastewater Systems - Requirements for Inspection and Pumping Services

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to approve a certain project that was previously denied by the Maryland Historical Trust under certain circumstances; and requiring a local planning commission to hold a certain public hearing within 60 days after the request by a project applicant and to make a recommendation to the governing body of the county or municipality on whether or not to approve the project.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB760 Counties and Municipalities - Approval of Projects Denied by Maryland Historical Trust – Authorization

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to approve a certain project that was previously denied by the Maryland Historical Trust under certain circumstances; and requiring a local planning commission to hold a certain public hearing within 60 days after the request by a project applicant and to make a recommendation to the governing body of the county or municipality on whether or not to approve the project.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB765 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: FYI TO HOSPITALS

Passed

HB767 (Cross filed with SB442) Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over (Tenant Possessions Recovery Act)

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

Passed

HB792 (Cross filed with SB30) 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, 2024.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB797 Sports Wagering - Licenses and Application of Minority Business Enterprise Program Requirements

Requiring the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, subject to certain limitations, to accept and consider applications for sports wagering facility licenses and mobile sports wagering licenses submitted before January 1, 2027; and altering the termination date, from 2024 to July 1, 2026, of certain provisions of law requiring the application of the Minority Business Enterprise Program to the sports wagering industry.

POSITION: FYI TO RESTAURANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Died in Committee

HB815 (Cross filed with SB419) 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.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB817 (Cross filed with SB609) Residential Leases – Use of Algorithmic Device by Landlord to Determine Rent – Prohibition

Prohibiting a landlord from using certain algorithmic devices to determine the amount of rent to charge a residential tenant; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS

Died in Committee

HB827 (Cross filed with SB983) Solar Energy – Distributed Generation Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Ground-Mounted Solar, and Small Solar Siting Workgroup

Establishing a distributed generation certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize the construction and operation of a certain distributed solar energy generating system; requiring the Power Plant Research Program, by July 1, 2026, to develop and submit to the Public Service Commission proposed siting and design requirements and licensing conditions; prohibiting a county from enacting certain zoning laws or adopting certain regulations regarding certain ground-mounted solar systems and facilities; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB829 Public Utilities – Transmission Lines – Advanced Transmission Technologies

Altering the definition of "qualified generator lead line" for purposes of provisions of law regarding certificates of public convenience and necessity; requiring an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of an overhead transmission line to include certain analyses; requiring the Public Service Commission to consider certain alternatives before taking final action on a certain application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB835 (Cross filed with SB731) Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B-Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB841 (Cross filed with SB730) Gaming – Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board – Repeal

Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB846 Transportation Access and Revenue Act

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 transportation-related services; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue attributable to the sales and use tax on certain transportation-related services to the Transportation Trust Fund; and providing that revenue the Comptroller distributes may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB850 (Cross filed with SB3) Procurement - Public Work Contracts - Data Dashboard (Maryland Public Works and Apprenticeship Transparency Act)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and maintain a data dashboard that includes certain information relating to contractors, subcontractors, employees, and apprentices working under public work contracts; requiring each contractor who is contracted under a public work contract to provide certain information to the Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to update the data dashboard at least once a month and post the data dashboard on the Maryland Department of Labor website; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CONTRACTORS

Passed

HB858 Mattress Stewardship Program – Establishment

Prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2031, a person from disposing of a mattress in a landfill, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting, on and after January 1, 2031, a person from disposing of a mattress in an incinerator, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain producers of mattresses sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Mattress Stewardship Program in the Department of the Environment for approval on or before July 1, 2027; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

HB859 (Cross filed with SB611) Access to Health Insurance for Child Care Professionals - Outreach and Qualifying Nonprofit Satellite Organizations

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, to promote access to health insurance for child care professionals; and authorizing a child care provider that receives a certain amount of funding from a unit of State, local, or federal government to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program as a satellite organization.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB869 (Cross filed with SB372) Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB874 Property Tax - Special Use Assessment of Country Clubs and Golf Courses – Repeal

Repealing a special use assessment for property tax purposes for certain country clubs and golf courses and related provisions of law; repealing a certain subclass of real property for land of a country club or golf course; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SWAN POINT, HAWTHORNE, etc.

Died in Committee

HB878 Department of the Environment - Water Resources - Protection of Vernal Pools (Vernal Pool Wetlands Protection Act of 2025)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to protect and preserve vernal pools.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB880 Cannabis – Prohibition on Outdoor Advertising – Repeal

Repealing a certain prohibition on certain outdoor advertising for cannabis licensees, products, or services.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB0896 (Cross filed with SB677) Human Relations – Discrimination in Housing – Income-Based Housing Subsidies

Providing that a certain landlord may not refuse to rent to a prospective tenant who pays rent with the assistance of an income-based housing subsidy under certain circumstances; providing that a certain landlord may collect financial information from a perspective tenant under certain circumstances; and providing that violation of the Act is a discriminatory housing practice and is subject to enforcement by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB898 Transportation – Vehicle Excise Tax – Rental Vehicles

Repealing an exemption for certain rental vehicles from the vehicle excise tax; and imposing a vehicle excise tax on 3.5% of the fair market value of a rental vehicle.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB900 Electricity – Data Centers – Rate Schedule and Requirements

Requiring each electric company in the State to submit to the Public Service Commission for approval a specific rate schedule for certain data center customers with certain required provisions, including minimum durations, financial responsibilities, and fees.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB905 (Cross filed with SB720) Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2025)

Requiring certain hospitals licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee for developing a clinical staffing plan for the hospital that establishes the appropriate number of clinicians needed to administer quality health care by setting and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring each clinical staffing committee to implement a clinical staffing plan beginning January 1, 2026; and requiring the clinical staffing plan be posted on the hospital's website.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Died in Committee

HB907 Property Tax Credit – Urban Agricultural Property – Alterations

Altering eligibility for a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain urban agricultural property; and requiring a county or municipal corporation that grants the tax credit to provide notice of the termination of the credit at least 1 year in advance and the opportunity to be heard to the public before the county or municipal corporation may exercise its authority to terminate the credit.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB911 Real Property – Landlord and Tenant – Family Child Care Homes

Authorizing a landlord to impose an increased security deposit if a tenant operates or plans to operate a family child care home on the leased premises; prohibiting a landlord of certain residential rental property from prohibiting or unreasonably limiting the operation of a family child care home on the property; providing that landlords of certain residential rental property are immune from civil liability for the acts or omissions of a tenant relating to the operation of a family child care home; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS

Died in Committee

HB917 Corporations and Associations – Maryland Securities Act – Filing Fees

Increasing, from \$100 to \$250, the fee that a person required to submit a filing in accordance with a certain exemption is required to pay; increasing, from \$100 to \$250, the fee that a person required to submit a notice of offer or sale of certain federal covered securities is required to pay; requiring a person required to submit a certain notice of offer or sale of certain federal covered securities to pay a \$300 fee for each amended filing; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB919 State Tax Credits, Exemptions, and Deductions – Alterations and Repeal

Altering the termination dates of the Job Creation Tax Credit, Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program, research and development tax credit, biotechnology investment incentive tax credit, security clearance administrative

expense tax credit, and cybersecurity technology and service tax credit; providing for the termination of the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit Program on a certain date; altering eligibility for a certain tax credit for certain qualified vehicles; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

HB922 (Cross filed with SB708) Sports Wagering – Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content – Required

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

POSITION: FYI TO RIVERBOAT

Died at Conference Committee

HB926 (Cross filed with SB681) Health Care Malpractice Claims – Health Care Provider – Definition

Altering the definition of "health care provider" to include employees, agents, or contractors of a hospital who are licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to render health care services in Maryland in provisions relating to health care malpractice claims.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB931 (Cross filed with SB591) Environment - Covered Electronic Device Recycling Program - Establishment (Electronics Recycling Health and Safety Modernization Act)

Establishing the Covered Electronic Device Recycling Program in the Department of the Environment; altering the contents and use of the State Recycling Trust Fund; establishing a separate covered electronic device recycling account and a separate covered electronic device manufacturer registration fee account within the Fund; altering certain provisions of law relating to registration fees for certain manufacturers of covered electronic devices; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB933 (Cross filed with SB679) Nursing Homes – Direct Care Wages and Benefits and Cost Reports

Requiring a nursing home to expend at least 75% of its total nursing and residential care revenue for direct care wages and benefits; and requiring nursing homes by September 1 each year, beginning in 2026, to submit a cost report with documentation of wage disbursement and other appropriate information to the Maryland Department of Health.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS, SAGEPOINT, AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

Passed

HB937 Sales and Use Tax – Firearms, Firearm Accessories, and Ammunition – Rate Alteration

Increasing the sales and use tax rate for sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition from 6% to 12%.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB942 Economic Development – Tax Increment Financing – Noncontiguous Areas

Authorizing the designation of certain noncontiguous areas as development districts; and permitting the use of the Community Development Administration within the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue certain bonds.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB947 Local Government – Charges for Paper Carryout Bags – Limitation

Limiting the amount that retail establishments may charge for paper carryout bags under certain local laws to not more than 10 cents for each paper carryout bag.

POSITION: FYI TO RETAIL BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

HB960 Investor Owned Electric, Gas, and Gas and Electric Companies – Cost Recovery – Limitations and Reporting Requirements (Ratepayers Freedom Act)

Prohibiting an investor-owned electric company, gas company, or combination gas and electric company from recovering through rates certain costs, including certain costs associated with lobbying and political activities; and requiring certain public service companies to include in the annual report to the Public Service Commission certain costs related to certain activities.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB961 (Cross filed with SB1006) Commissioned Public Art – Artist Rights

Prohibiting an entity from including in a contract certain State public art a provision requiring artists to waive copyright protections or certain rights; and prohibiting enforcement of a certain waiver in an existing contract.

POSITION: FYI TO ARTISTS/ART ORGANIZATIONS

Died in Committee

HB968 (Cross filed with SB734) Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of "storage warehouse" to exclude a self-service storage facility.

POSITION: FYI TO SELF-STORAGE OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Passed

HB969 (Cross filed with SB774) Property Tax – Valuation of Operating Property of Rural Broadband Service Providers

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, subject to certain limitations, to use a certain method when determining the value of the operating property of a provider of rural broadband service; authorizing the Department to use a certain replacement cost approach only if the value determined is less than the value determined using a certain income approach; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

POSITION: FYI TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

Passed

HB972 (Cross filed with SB680) Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements – Alterations

Altering certain requirements for continuing education required for the renewal of a license for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons, including the number of clock hours, course topics, course instructors, and course application fees.

POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS

Passed

HB973 (Cross filed with SB804) Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, by October 1, 2025, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, energy conservation requirements, an electric- and solar-ready standard for certain buildings, and a requirement that new buildings and significant improvements meet all laundry, water, and space heating demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB979 Maryland Self-Service Storage Act – Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien – Notice Requirements

Requiring a certain operator of a certain self-service storage facility to notify at least 10 days prior to conducting a sale of an occupant's personal property stored in a certain leased space at the self-service storage facility of the time, place, and terms of the sale by hand delivery, verified mail, or electronic mail at the occupant's last known address.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB984 Public Utilities – Electric Cooperatives – Rate Proceedings

Applying to electric cooperatives certain provisions of law related to rate proceedings held by the Public Service Commission to determine whether additional revenues are required to allow certain public service companies to earn the existing fair rate of return authorized in a previous base rate proceeding.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Passed

HB989 (Cross filed with SB481) On-Farm Home Processing License – revenue Limit – Prohibition

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from limiting the amount of revenue the holder of an on-farm home processing license may derive from food processed under the license.

POSITION: FYI TO FARM BUREAU AND AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES

Withdrawn by Sponsor

HB992 Business Regulation – Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law – Alterations (Franchise Reform Act)

Altering the period of time within which the Securities Commissioner in the Office of the Attorney General may exercise a power under certain provisions of law governing the sale of franchises; requiring the Securities Commissioner to require that a certain franchise registration exemption be indexed to inflation or deflation based on a certain index; altering the period of time within which an action for liability under a certain provision of law pertaining to franchise offers for sale must be brought; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO FRANCHISEES

Died in Committee

HB1002 Consumer and Display Fireworks – Regulation and Tax

Authorizing the sale and possession of certain consumer fireworks, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; authorizing a county to opt out of certain provisions regulating the sale and possession of consumer fireworks; establishing a certain sales and use tax for certain fireworks; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1005 Income Tax - Tips or Gratuities - Subtraction Modification (No Income Taxes on Tips Act)

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for compensation received in the form of a tip or gratuity for the performance of certain work in a food service facility, business licensed for on-sale consumption of alcoholic beverages, or hotel, for providing passenger-for-hire services, or for providing taxicab services; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

HB1008 (Cross filed with SB0557) Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition (Transportation Freedom Act of 2025)

Prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of vehicle miles traveled; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1012 Massage Therapy - Continuing Education Requirements

Requiring the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to establish certain continuing education requirements as a condition of the renewal of a license; and authorizing the Board to refuse to renew the license of a licensed massage therapist who fails to attend the required course or submit certification of attendance at the required courses.

POSITION: FYI TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Died in Committee

HB1014 (Cross filed with SB859) Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2026; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering the definition of "qualified child" for purposes of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; imposing a certain business transportation fee on certain taxable income of corporations and pass-through entities for certain taxable years; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1017 (Cross filed with SB688) 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 journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorized contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Died in Committee

HB1021 Real Estate Appraisers - Licensure and Certification – Qualifications

Prohibiting the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors from requiring an applicant to hold a bachelor's degree or higher to qualify for certification or licensure as a real estate appraiser.

POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS

Passed

HB1030 (Cross filed with SB747) Transportation Network Companies - Deactivation of Operators - Policy and Appeal Procedure

Altering the definitions of "transportation network company" and "transportation network operator" for purposes of provisions of law regarding transportation network companies; requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator unless the deactivation is consistent with the company's deactivation policy; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

Died in Committee

HB1035 (Cross filed with SB937) Public Utilities - Electricity Generation Planning - Procurement, Permitting, and Co-Location (Next Generation Energy Act)

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; prohibiting an electricity supplier or other owner of a certain generating station from entering into a certain contract with a commercial or industrial customer under certain circumstances; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Passed

HB1036 (Cross filed with SB931) Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing certain requirements for the construction of a certain solar energy generating station or energy storage device; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study to establish a process by which the Commission may establish partnerships between electric companies and electricity suppliers for electricity generation projects; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Passed

HB1037 (Cross filed with SB909) Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

Establishing the Integrated Resource Planning Office in the Public Service Commission; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Energy Forecast and conduct a certain study to support the development of the Forecast; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration, to complete certain energy modeling; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to adopt regulations requiring each electric company to develop a certain integrated resource plan.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Passed

HB1038 (Cross filed with SB496) Department of Commerce – Complaint Portal and Annual Report

Requiring the Department of Commerce to create and maintain a complaint portal for reporting when a governmental unit takes longer than 60 days to process an application for a license, form, certificate, certification, permit, or registration for a business or nonprofit organization; and requiring the Department, by September 15, 2025, and each September 15 thereafter, to submit an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the complaints filed through the portal.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1039 (Cross filed with SB913) Department of Agriculture – Public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Registration, Regulation, and Oversight

Requiring the owner of public electric vehicle supply equipment to register with the Secretary of Agriculture on or before certain dates; applying certain provisions of law regarding weights and measures to public electric vehicle supply equipment; requiring the Secretary to establish a program to test the weight and measure of public electric vehicle supply equipment and ensure the equipment conforms to certain standards; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO FARMERS

Died in Committee

HB1047 (Cross filed with SB325) Income Tax - Credit for Employers of Eligible Apprentices – Alterations

Altering the definition of "eligible apprentice" for purposes of a certain credit against the State income tax for the employment of certain eligible apprentices by repealing a certain wage requirement; extending the termination of the credit until June 30, 2031; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1051 (Cross filed with SB957) Morticians and Funeral Directors - Not-For-Profit Funeral Establishments

Altering the definition of "corporation" for the purpose of provisions relating to the provision of mortuary sciences and the operation of a funeral establishment to include a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from taxation under a certain provision of federal law; and authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue and renew a license to practice funeral direction to a certain not-for-profit organization.

POSITION: FYI TO MORTUARY SERVICES COMPANIES

Died in Committee

HB1052 (Cross filed with SB927) Corporations and Associations - Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives – Establishment

Authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a limited equity housing cooperative subject to certain requirements; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative for certain households to receive notice and vacate a

portion of a certain residential rental facility; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS AND DEVELOPERS

Died in Committee

HB1056 Local Government – Excise Tax on Plastic and Paper Carryout Bags

Requiring a county to impose an excise tax on the amount of a fee charged by a retailer to a customer for a plastic or paper carryout bag that exceeds the amount required by local law; and providing for the allocation of the excise tax revenue between the county and the State.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1057 (Cross filed with SB833) Family Law – Treatment Foster Care Homes – Child Care Stipends for Private Providers

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Human Services to review and reallocate a portion of the Department of Human Services' annual budget to be used to provide child care stipends to certain private treatment foster care homes to cover child care expenses in a manner similar to public treatment foster care homes; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2027, the Secretary to include in the Department's annual budget proposal certain funding for child care stipends for private treatment foster care homes; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB1069 Life and Health Insurance Policies and Annuity Contracts - Discretionary Clauses – Prohibition

Prohibiting the use of discretionary clauses in life insurance policies, health insurance policies, and annuity contracts.

POSITION: FYI TO INSURANCE AGENTS

Passed

HB1076 Residential Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Notice of Landlord Entry

Requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain written notice in a certain manner at least 48 hours in advance of when the landlord intends to enter a leased premises, except in the event of a certain emergency; and authorizing the court to issue a certain injunction or assess certain damages under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS

Passed

HB1077 Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Prospective Tenant Criminal History Records Check (Maryland Fair Chance Housing Act)

Prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant; permitting a landlord to consider certain criminal history information prior to extending a conditional offer to a prospective tenant and requiring the landlord to consider certain information provided by a prospective tenant relating to a criminal history records check; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1088 (Cross filed with SB882) Coal Transportation Fee and Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund (Coal Dust Cleanup and Asthma Remediation Act)

Imposing a coal transportation fee on a person that transports coal in the State; providing that the rate of the coal transportation fee is \$13 per short ton transported in the State; providing the fee does not apply to the transportation of coal that is solely for use on a farm and the carrier does not otherwise use or sell the coal; establishing the Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to support activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HAULERS

Died in Committee

HB1089 (Cross filed with SB904) Data Brokers - Registry and Gross Income Tax (Building Information Guardrails Data Act of 2025)

Establishing the Privacy Protection and Enforcement Unit within the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General; establishing a data broker registry; requiring certain data brokers to register each year with the Comptroller; imposing a tax on the gross income of certain data brokers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026; requiring the revenue from the data broker tax be used by Maryland Public Television to provide digital literacy support to students in kindergarten through 12th grade; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1093 Landlord and Tenant - Evictions - Tenant's Personal Property and Moving Expenses and Services (Small Landlord Eviction Relief Act)

Providing for the disposition of a tenant's personal property in certain evictions; prohibiting a county or municipality from enacting or enforcing a local law or ordinance requiring a certain landlord to compensate a tenant for certain moving expenses or to provide certain moving services or supplies in connection with an eviction; and applying the Act prospectively.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1096 (Cross filed with SB938) Fraud Prevention and Worker Protections - Prohibitions, Penalties, and Enforcement

Prohibiting a person from knowingly making or using, or causing to be made or used, a false record or statement resulting in underpayments of unemployment insurance contributions or payment of unemployment insurance benefits of more than a certain amount; altering the enforcement mechanisms of the Maryland Wage and Hour Law, the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, workplace fraud laws, living wage laws, and prevailing wage laws; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1101 (Cross filed with SB836) Corporate Income Tax – Rate Reduction (Economic Competitiveness Act of 2025)

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1103 (Cross filed with SB979) Local Government - Accommodations Intermediaries - Hotel Rental Tax Collection by Comptroller

Requiring certain accommodations intermediaries to collect and remit the hotel rental tax to the Comptroller rather than to each county; providing for the administration of the hotel rental tax by the Comptroller; providing that certain provisions of State law prevail over certain local laws or agreements related to the hotel rental tax; repealing the authority of certain counties to provide for certain exemptions from the hotel rental tax; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SHORT TERM RENTAL SUPPLIERS

Passed

HB1104 Maryland Department of Health - AHEAD Model Implementation - Electronic Health Care Transactions and Population Health Improvement Fund

Clarifying that electronic health care transactions information may be used to support the participation of the State in the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model and any successor models; establishing the Population Health Improvement Fund to support the statewide population health targets under the AHEAD Model and any successor models; authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess a certain amount in hospital rates to be credited to the Fund; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITAL

Passed

HB1105 (Cross filed with SB770) Applicants for Positions Involving Direct Contact with Minors - Required Information, Review Process, and Reporting - Alterations

Requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information; requiring county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information relating to certain boundary-violating behavior; requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to follow certain procedures when hiring certain applicants; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CHILDCARE CENTERS AND YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

Died in Committee

HB1106 (Cross filed with SB922) Business Regulation – Travel Services – Surety Requirement (Don't you Worry (Wurie) Act)

Requiring certain providers of travel services to file with the Department of Labor evidence of financial security; and requiring the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office and the Department to provide reasonable notice of the requirements of the Act to consumers and sellers of travel.

POSITION: FYI TO TRAVEL AGENCIES

Died in Committee

HB1111 Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems - Floating Systems and Systems Located on Brownfields

Providing that certain floating solar energy generating systems are eligible for the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; and exempting certain floating solar energy generating systems and solar energy generating systems located on brownfields from a certain property tax.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Passed

HB1112 PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales

Altering the time limits for bringing an action for wrongful death or personal injury concerning exposure of a person to PFAS chemicals; and prohibiting a person, on or after July 1, 2026, from manufacturing, selling, or distributing in the State a consumer product that contains PFAS chemicals.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1119 Procurement - Advertising - Local News Organizations

Requiring units of State government to ensure that at least 50% of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts for print and digital advertising is being made directly to local news organizations.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1131 Public Health - Buprenorphine - Training Grant Program and Workgroup

Establishing the Buprenorphine Training Grant Program to assist counties with offsetting the cost of training paramedics to administer buprenorphine; including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$50,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund for the Program; and requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response to convene a workgroup to study access to buprenorphine in the State.

POSITION: FYI TO PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND EMS

Passed

HB1136 (Cross filed with SB945) Community-Based Residential Facilities- Licensing Entities – Provision of Licensing Criteria and Single Point of Contact

Requiring a licensing authority, on request, to provide to an interested party the criteria used by the licensing authority to determine whether to issue a license for or renew a license of a community facility; and requiring a licensing authority to designate a single point of contact to respond to complaints, concerns, or issues regarding a community facility.

POSITION: FYI TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

Died in Committee

HB1138 Higher Education – Private Career Schools – Advertising

Authorizing certain private career schools to advertise certain information and collect contact information for potential new students before receiving a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate a private career school in the State under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO CSM

Died in Committee

HB1148 Property and Casualty Insurance - Lapses in Coverage - Prohibition on Denial

Prohibiting a property and casualty insurer from denying coverage based on a prior lapse in coverage of the applicant if the lapse was due to the choice of the applicant and not losses incurred by or the claims history of the applicant.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Passed

HB1149 (Cross filed with SB675) Public Service Commission - Full Costs and Benefits Analysis of Sources of Electricity Generation

Requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct an analysis of the full costs and benefits of sources of electricity generation in the State; requiring the Commission to include recommended policy changes to support the development of energy sources with the lowest costs and greatest benefits to the ratepayers of the State; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1152 (Cross filed with SB896) Real Property - Residential Rental Property - Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website, in digital advertisements, in information provided for residential rental search engines, and in applications for a rental unit on the property.

POSITION: FYI TO LANDLORDS

Passed

HB1153 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, 2026; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2026.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1159 Insurance - Property and Casualty Insurance - Minimum Acceptable Loss Ratio and Premium Refunds

Establishing a minimum acceptable loss ratio of 85% during a plan year for property and casualty insurers and requiring the insurer to refund a certain amount of premiums paid by an insured if the insurer's loss ratio does not meet or exceed the established loss ratio.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1162 Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration Contractors - Equipment Sales

Prohibiting a person from knowingly offering to sell or selling heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration equipment to an individual that is not licensed by the Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, or Refrigeration Contractors except under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to collect certain information from or provide a certain notice to purchasers of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration equipment at the time of sale; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HVAC EQUIPMENT SELLERS

Passed

HB1170 (Cross filed with SB794) Maryland Home Improvement Commission - Residential Solar Power System Installation - Contractor License Required

Requiring a person to have a contractor license to install residential solar power system equipment.

POSITION: FYI TO SOLAR INSTALLERS

Died in Committee

HB1171 (Cross filed with SB992) Corporations and Associations – Revisions

Establishing a process for and certain exceptions to the transfer of assets that are collateral for securing a mortgage, pledge, or security interest without the approval of the stockholders; and repealing provisions of law specifying what shall be included in the articles of merger if a limited partnership or limited liability company is a party to the articles.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1175 (Cross filed with SB898) Nutrient Management - Tidal Buffer - Vegetative Buffers and Restriction on Fertilizer Application

Authorizing, in accordance with technical specifications adopted by the Department of Agriculture, that State cost-share funding be made available for installing various vegetative buffer practices on land within the 100-foot tidal buffer on an agricultural operation; prohibiting a nutrient management plan renewed after July 1, 2025, from allowing a person to apply certain fertilizer to land within the 100-foot tidal buffer; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO FARMERS AND FARM ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

Died in Committee

HB1177 Landlord and Tenant - Tenant Repair and Maintenance Complaint Hotline – Establishment

Requiring the Attorney General to establish a certain toll-free hotline for certain tenant complaints concerning repair and maintenance; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to take certain actions under certain circumstances; and requiring, on or before February 1, 2026, through 2030, the Office to report on the hotline established under the Act.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1185 Homeschool Students in Maryland - Right to Play

Authorizing a public high school to allow students in home instruction programs to participate in athletic activities if the student not enrolled participates in a home instruction program under certain circumstances; and requiring public high schools to give placement priority to enrolled students if there are a limited number of spaces available for students in athletic activities.

POSITION: FYI TO CCPS

Died in Committee

HB1192 Income, Sales and Use, and Property Taxes - Rescission of Exempt Status for Nonprofit Organizations for Supporting Terrorist Organizations

Requiring, as practicable, the Comptroller and the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to jointly determine on a regular basis whether a certain nonprofit organization in the State has been found to be a certain terrorist-supporting organization; requiring that the Comptroller and the Director rescind a terrorist-supporting organization's tax-exempt status with respect to certain Maryland income tax, sales and use tax, and property tax exemptions; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO NONPROFITS

Died in Committee

HB1199 Physicians - Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians, beginning October 1, 2027, to issue a license to practice medicine to an internationally trained physician under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications and application fees and to provide a pathway to full licensure; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS

Died in Committee

HB1200 (Cross filed with SB502) Property Tax - Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Expansion to Judicial Officer

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide a certain property tax credit to certain judicial officers, surviving spouses, or cohabitants; requiring the county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a correctional officer and judicial officer; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1210 Workers' Compensation - Evaluation of Permanent Impairments - Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical

Authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder; and requiring a licensed certified social worker-clinical to comply with certain requirements to perform the evaluation services.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1214 Property Tax - Homestead Property Tax Credit - First-Time Homebuyer

Establishing the taxable assessment to be used for the calculation of the homestead property tax credit for first-time homebuyers in the State.

POSITION: FYI TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS/AGENTS

Died in Committee

HB1216 Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemptions - Military Honorees

Exempting recipients of the Purple Heart, the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, or the Bronze Star and members of Gold Star families from the requirement to pay vehicle registration fees.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1217 (Cross filed with SB950) Natural Gas Generating Facilities – Authorization

Authorizing the construction, permitting, and operation of natural gas generating facilities in the State until the State meets 50% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources; and requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to work with the owners and operators of natural gas generating facilities in the State to decrease the production of energy from natural gas after the State meets 50% of its energy needs from renewable energy resources.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1219 Maryland Co-Location Energy Innovation and Reliability Act

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations related to the construction of a generating station that is co-located with a data center but is not interconnected with the electric transmission system or electric distribution system.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1225 (Cross filed with SB908) Public Utilities - Electric Distribution System Plans - Establishment (Affordable Grid Act)

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations or issue orders on or before December 31, 2025, that require electric companies to, every 3 years, develop an electric system distribution plan to be approved by the Commission and provide the Commission with annual progress reports; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations or issue orders adopting certain metrics to monitor and assess electric distribution system plans; requiring an electric company to provide certain public comment opportunities; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1232 Local Government - Fees, Receipts, and Penalties for Plastic and Paper Carryout Bags

Requiring certain retailers that charge a fee for providing a plastic or paper carryout bag to a customer under a local law to provide a receipt to a customer that includes the fee amount charged and the number of bags issued to the customer; and providing a system of penalties for first, second, and third and subsequent offenses with a maximum civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

POSITION: FYI TO RETAILERS

Died in Committee

HB1233 (Cross filed with SB1022) Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Subscription Eligibility

Authorizing a certain LMI subscriber to hold a subscription to a community solar energy generating system located in a different electric service territory from the one in which the LMI subscriber resides; providing that a certain LMI subscriber shall receive the same bill credit value as an LMI subscriber who resides in a certain electric service territory; and requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a process for exchanging community solar bill credits between systems located in different electric service areas.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1240 Health Care Providers and Health Insurance Carriers - Use of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care Decision Making

Prohibiting health care providers and carriers from using artificial intelligence if the artificial intelligence has been designed only to reduce costs for a health care provider or carrier at the expense of reducing the quality of patient care, delaying care, or denying coverage for patient care; requiring health care providers and carriers that use artificial intelligence for health care decisions annually to post certain key data about the decisions on the health care provider's or carrier's website; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Died in Committee

HB1241 (Cross filed by SB842) Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Seizure and Wholesaler Licensure Requirements

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission or a peace officer to seize other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return and destruction of certain property seized by the Executive Director or a peace officer; establishing an electronic smoking devices wholesaler license and certain record-keeping requirements; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO WHOLESALE BUSINESSES

Passed

HB1245 (Cross filed with SB852) Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Alterations

Repealing the Career Counseling Program for Middle and High School Students and the associated funding; requiring county boards of education to report on per-school funding for certain programs associated with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in a certain manner; providing a waiver from the minimum funding per school requirement for schools with 350 or fewer total students; altering the definition of "Tier I child" for purposes of publicly funded prekindergarten to include certain children; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1246 Health Benefit Plans - Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include certain discounts, financial assistance payments, product vouchers, and other out-of-pocket expenses made by or on behalf of an insured or enrollee when calculating cost-sharing contributions for certain prescription drugs; requiring persons that provide financial assistance payments, discounts, product vouchers, or other out-of-pocket expenses to notify an insured or enrollee of certain information; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO INSURERS

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HB1255 Land Use - Historic Preservation Commission - Right of Appeal

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to authorize any person aggrieved by a decision of a historic preservation commission to appeal the decision to the board of appeals of the local jurisdiction.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1257 Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Fee Disclosures

Prohibiting a certain landlord from advertising the rental rate of a dwelling unit without including information on mandatory fees; requiring a landlord to provide certain information to prospective tenants about fees imposed on tenants and prohibiting a landlord from imposing a mandatory fee that was not disclosed; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain tenant and prospective tenant assistance and authorizing the Department to impose administrative penalties; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1258 Consumer Goods - Restrictions Based on Energy Source - Prohibition (Energy Equality Act of 2025)

Prohibiting a local government or unit of State government from restricting the sale, purchase, or use of a certain consumer good solely on the basis of the energy source used to power the consumer good; repealing provisions of law requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and maintain a certain low emissions vehicle

program; repealing provisions of law requiring the Department to establish requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles; and applying the Act retroactively.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1262 County Boards of Education – Post College and Career Readiness Pathways – Payment of Costs

Authorizing a county board of education to develop and establish income eligibility guidelines and procedures for payment of costs for a certain post college and career readiness (post-CCR) pathway, except under certain circumstances; and requiring a county board to provide access to the post-CCR pathway at no cost to the student or parents if the student's family income is below 400% of the federal poverty level.

POSITION: FYI TO CCPS AND COLLEGES

Died in Committee

HB1267 Public Schools - Veterans' Day - Authorized Public School Holiday

Authorizing public schools to designate Veterans' Day as a public school holiday.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1269 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 SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS AND DRIVERS

Died in Committee

HB1273 Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and Customer-Sited Solar Program – Alterations

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for grants and loans for building electrification and transportation electrification; altering the allowed uses of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative auction revenue and certain compliance fee revenue; altering certain reporting requirements for the Fund; and altering the definition of "low to moderate income" for purposes of the Customer-Sited Solar Program.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1283 (Cross filed with SB912) Charles County - Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles - Regulation and Enforcement

Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1284 (Cross filed with SB728) 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 on the responsibilities of a member of the governing body, subject to certain requirements.

POSITION: FYI TO COMMUNITY MANAGERS*Died in Committee***HB1288 (Cross filed with SB658) Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Provisions**

Altering the noncompete and conflict of interest provisions in employment contracts or similar documents that are null and void as being against public policy.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS*Died in Committee***HB1292 Health Insurance - Provider Directory - Required Updates**

Requiring a carrier to verify and, as necessary, update the carrier's provider directory at least once every 90 days and update the information that must be made available in the carrier's provider directory on the Internet within 2, rather than 15, working days after receiving updated information from a provider; renaming "network directory" to be "provider directory" to conform to a certain federal law; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO INSURANCE COMPANIES*Passed***HB1302 Housing and Community Development - Housing Counseling**

Requiring a recipient of funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for any project to construct, acquire, or rehabilitate residential property for use as housing to offer housing counseling services to certain prospective residents.

POSITION: FYI TO DEVELOPERS*Died in Committee***HB1314 Health Care - Prior Authorizations - Prohibiting Fees**

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from using artificial intelligence to automatically deny prior authorizations; and prohibiting health care providers from charging a fee to obtain a prior authorization from a carrier or managed care organization.

POSITION: FYI TO INSURERS*Died in Committee***HB1318 (Cross filed with SB934) Alcoholic Beverages - Premium Cigar Lounge License - Establishment (Maryland Premium Cigar Lounge Act of 2025)**

Establishing a Class C-PCL (premium cigar lounge) alcoholic beverages license for use in conjunction with a certain tobacco products retailer license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license; exempting a holder of the license from the Clean Indoor Air Act; and altering a certain period of time during which a local alcoholic beverages license may not be issued to a certain tobacconist.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES*Died in Committee***HB1321 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, 2024.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1324 Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt to Nonprofit Organizations

Authorizing a hospital to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of canceling the debt; and 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 on patient debt that was sold.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITALS

Died in Committee

HB1326 Prekindergarten Savings Account Program – Establishment

Establishing the Prekindergarten Savings Account Program in the State administered by the State Department of Education; providing that the State shall deposit into an account of an eligible student a certain percentage of the per pupil amount of State and local funds for each education program in the resident school district for which the eligible student would be included in the enrollment count; and allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into an education savings account.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1331 Consumer Protection - Artificial Intelligence

Regulating the manner in which a developer or deployer of artificial intelligence must protect consumers from certain risks; requiring a developer that offers to sell a certain artificial intelligence system to provide certain information and make certain disclosures; requiring a deployer to implement a certain risk management policy and take certain precautions to protect consumers from certain risks; requiring a deployer to complete an impact assessment and make certain disclosures; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1337 Real Property - Condemnation - Damages Awarded for Lost Profits

Providing that the owner of a business or farming operation on certain property that is taken is entitled to damages for the loss of profits under certain circumstances.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1338 Public Utilities - Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity - Energy Storage Devices

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission before beginning construction of an energy storage device with a minimum energy storage capacity of 2 megawatts.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1345 (Cross filed with SB990) Consumer Protection - Agricultural Equipment Warranties

Requiring, to make a claim under a warranty for certain agricultural equipment, a consumer to provide written notice to certain parties to report a nonconformity, defect, or condition occurring in certain agricultural equipment; requiring certain parties to correct the nonconformity, defect, or condition in a certain manner; requiring certain

parties to provide a consumer with the opportunity to replace agricultural equipment or receive a refund under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

POSITION: FYI TO FARM BUREAU

Died in Committee

HB1359 (Cross filed with SB927) Charles County - Student Bus Transportation Providers - Provider Displacement

Requiring the Charles County Board of Education to provide at least 10 years' notice and hold a certain public hearing before taking any action that results in a certain displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation services in Charles County; and requiring the Board of Education to provide written notice by registered mail at least 5 years before the displacement of a person that has been providing student bus transportation services.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1364 (Cross filed with SB894) Office of Social Equity - Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund - Advisory Board and Modifications

Requiring the Office of Social Equity within the Maryland Cannabis Administration, rather than the Comptroller, to administer the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; repealing provisions of law requiring the Office to report on the Fund and to solicit public input on the uses of the Fund and publish a review of the input; requiring the Office to oversee the appropriation of funds from the Fund and to train Fund recipients; establishing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Advisory Board; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO NONPROFITS

Passed

HB1365 Commercial Law - Online Data Privacy - Limits on Data Collection

Altering requirements for a controller to limit the collection of personal data to what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which the data is processed.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1367 Lead Testing and Inspections - Falsifying Information – Penalty

Establishing a penalty not exceeding \$50,000 for a person who falsifies information that is submitted in a report of the results of lead-contaminated dust testing or visual inspection of an affected property; and establishing that each day a violation occurs is a separate violation.

POSITION: FYI TO HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND RELATED BUSINESSES

Passed

HB1369 (Cross filed with SB892) Education - Minimum Wage for Education Support Professionals

Establishing a minimum wage of \$25.00 to be paid by county boards of education to certain education support professionals beginning July 1, 2025; adjusting the minimum wage for education support professionals for inflation each year; and defining "education support professional" as a noncertificated public school employee designated as part of a nonsupervisory bargaining unit.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1373 Education - Virtual Schools - Operation by For-Profit Entities

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting a county board of education from contracting with a for-profit entity to operate or administer a virtual school.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1375 Vehicle Equipment - Portable Variable Messaging Signs – Authorization

Authorizing a tow truck to display a portable variable messaging sign mounted on the tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle.

POSITION: FYI TO TOW TRUCK COMPANIES

Passed

HB1377 Cannabis - Advertising - Prohibited Locations (Equity in Cannabis Advertising Act)

Altering a certain prohibition on advertising for cannabis licensees, products, or services by repealing a prohibition on certain outdoor advertising and instead prohibiting advertising within 500 feet of a substance use treatment facility, certain schools, child care facilities, or other locations; authorizing a cannabis licensee to request and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to provide an opinion as to whether a cannabis advertisement meets certain requirements; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO DISPENSARIES

Died in Committee

HB1379 Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License - Retail Establishments (Alcoholic Beverages Modernization Act of 2025)

Authorizing a certain establishment that operates as a food retailer, pharmacy, or retail service station that sells gasoline and diesel fuel or has on-site electric charging capabilities for a minimum of six motor vehicles simultaneously to offer to purchase a Class A license from a Class A license holder under certain circumstances; and authorizing the retail establishments to apply to a local licensing board for a Class A license under certain circumstances.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1396 (Cross filed with SB737) Property Rights Protection Act of 2025

Authorizing a landlord to impose an increased security deposit if a tenant operates or plans to operate a family child care home on the leased premises; prohibiting a landlord of certain residential rental property from prohibiting or unreasonably limiting the operation of a family child care home on the property; providing that landlords of certain residential rental property are immune from civil liability for the acts or omissions of a tenant relating to the operation of a family child care home; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1400 (Cross filed with SB823) No Tax on Tips Act Constitutional Amendment

Establishing consumer protections related to service fees charged by food service facilities; specifying the State minimum wage rate; prohibiting, beginning July 1, 2028, employers of tipped employees from including a tip credit amount as part of the employees' wages; allowing a subtraction under the State income tax for certain qualified tips received by certain individuals; and allowing a person a credit against the State income tax for certain amounts paid to an employee based on the payment of certain wages and tips.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Died in Committee***HB1406 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - Environmental Impact Analysis and Existing Burden Report**

Requiring a person applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to include with the application a certain environmental impact analysis and, if applicable, a certain existing burden report; altering certain notice requirements; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity unless the application includes a final environmental impact assessment and, if applicable, a final existing burden report; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO/PEPCO*Died in Committee***HB1413 Labor and Employment - Employer Communications During Nonworking Hours - Right to Disconnect**

Requiring employers to establish a policy that provides employees a certain right to ignore communications from the employer during nonworking hours and establishes nonworking hours by written agreement; and prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, an employer from requiring that an employee communicate with the employer during nonworking hours.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Died in Committee***HB1415 Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets – Exemptions**

Exempting a certain covered building from compliance with certain building energy performance standards and energy use intensity targets until a certain occurrence.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee***HB1419 Electric Distribution System Support Services - Energy Storage and Data Use**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to approve the use of regulatory asset accounting in recovering certain costs associated with electric distribution system support services programs and incentives if the Commission makes a certain determination; and stating that a certain provision of law may not be construed to prohibit certain entities from offering certain energy storage.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO*Died in Committee***HB1428 (Cross filed with SB852) Sale of Residential Property - Taxes and Offers to Purchase (End Hedge Fund Control of Maryland Homes Act of 2025)**

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*

HB1430 Teachers - Career Ladder Compensation and National Board Certification Study (Maryland Educator Stipend Reform Act)

Altering certain salary increases for teachers on the career ladder to be annual stipends paid only in certain years; authorizing county boards of education to award a certain stipend to certain teachers on the career ladder based on a certain certification of the county board related to implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; and requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a certain study regarding the efficacy of National Board Certification of teachers and submit its report by September 1, 2030.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1438 Labor and Employment - Exemptions from Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive, or Professional Capacity

Altering the exemption from overtime pay for individuals who are employed to work in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the exempted compensation rate in effect for certain periods of time based on the annual growth, if any, in the Consumer Price Index; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning March 1, 2026, and each subsequent year, to determine and announce the new exempted compensation rate; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1441 (Cross filed with SB918) Business Regulation - Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers – Certifications

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission and the Attorney General to take certain action relating to the licensure of certain electronic smoking devices manufacturers, wholesalers, importers, and retailers and vape shop vendors in certain circumstances; requiring an electronic smoking devices manufacturer to execute and deliver a certain certification to the Attorney General each year; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1443 (Cross filed with SB872) Local Government - Hiring and Promotion Preferences for Veterans and Spouses of Service Members and Veterans (Families Serve Act)

Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant, by local law, a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving spouses.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1445 Licensed Funeral Establishments - Provision of Fact Sheet on Real Property Ownership

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and publish a fact sheet about the legal issues and resources related to the ownership of residential real property following the death of a homeowner; and requiring a licensed funeral establishment to provide a printed copy of the fact sheet to certain individuals during the course of providing funeral services.

POSITION: FYI TO FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Died in Committee

HB1447 (Cross filed with SB673) Education - Maryland STEM Program – Established

Establishing the Maryland STEM Program in the State Department of Education to provide additional compensation to educators who teach STEM classes at nonpublic schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year; authorizing nonpublic schools to apply for the Program; requiring local school systems to inform current teachers about the Program; requiring participating nonpublic schools to report certain information to the Department each year; requiring the Governor to include a \$250,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SCHOOLS

Died in Committee

HB1449 Public Health - Milk Products - Direct-to-Consumer Sale of Raw Milk for Human Consumption

Excluding certain sales of raw milk for human consumption from certain State regulation of milk products; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Secretary of Health before the person may sell raw milk direct to the consumer for human consumption; and establishing certain requirements for raw milk produced and sold direct to the consumer for human consumption in the State.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1451 (Cross filed with SB779) Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2025

Specifying that certain requirements under the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are to be carried out to the extent economically practicable, including requirements concerning achieving certain direct greenhouse gas emissions reductions from certain buildings, measuring and reporting direct emissions data to the Department of the Environment, achieving certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and achieving zero-emission vehicle goals relating to the State vehicle fleet and local school buses; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1453 Social Media Platforms - Vloggers and Video Content Featuring Minors (Child Influencers Protection Act)

Requiring a vlogger who creates video content that is posted on a social media platform and features a certain minor child to compensate the child under certain circumstances; establishing requirements on social media platforms relating to deleting video content featuring minor children; applying certain requirements related to the labor of minors to children compensated by vloggers; etc.

POSITION: FYI VLOGGERS/BLOGGERS

Died in Committee

HB1455 Workers' Compensation - Average Weekly Wage - Multiple Employers

Requiring that the average weekly wages from employments of a covered employee who, at the time of an accidental personal injury, was concurrently employed by more than one employer be combined for purposes of computing the average weekly wages under certain circumstances; requiring that the Subsequent Injury Fund or the Uninsured Employers' Fund reimburse an employer for certain compensation paid by the employer; and requiring the average weekly wage for certain covered employees to be recalculated under the Act.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1457 Alternative Fuel, Fuel-Efficient, and Electric Vehicles - Highway Use Fees

Repealing the annual surcharge required to register a zero-emission vehicle or plug-in electric drive vehicle; requiring the owners of certain alternative fuel vehicles, fuel-efficient vehicles, and plug-in electric drive vehicles to pay an annual highway use fee for each vehicle registered; establishing a voluntary annual Mileage-Based User Fee Program within the Department of Transportation; allowing the owners of certain vehicles to participate in the Program in lieu of paying the annual highway use fee; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1458 (Cross filed with SB809) Declaration of Rights - Right to Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

Establishing that every person, as a central component of an individual's right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to be paid at a wage rate that is at least equal to the State minimum wage rate set by law without regard to tips that the individual receives; and prohibiting the State from, directly or indirectly, denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1464 (Cross filed with SB863) Motor Vehicles – Rental Fleet Vehicles – Registration

Establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and requiring, in addition to an annual registration fee, the owner of a registered rental vehicle to pay a one-time initial registration fee not to exceed \$8.50 when the new registration plates are issued.

POSITION: FYI RENTAL BUSINESSES

Passed

HB1466 (Cross filed with SB891) Land Use and Real Property - Accessory Dwelling Units - Requirements and Prohibitions

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use subject to certain requirements; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1467 Local Finance - Special Taxing Districts - Anne Arundel County Erosion Prevention Projects and Erosion Control Projects

Requiring interest earnings on money deposited for a certain taxing and assessment district to be credited to that district; specifying that a certain provision of law governing the petition process for the construction of an erosion prevention project or erosion control project in a certain district in Anne Arundel County does not apply to certain planning, permitting, or cost estimate activities; authorizing certain entities to use tax funds for upkeep or reconstruction of an existing shore erosion control project; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1469 Taxes - Sugary Beverage Distributor Tax (For Our Kids Act)

Imposing a tax on certain distributors of certain sugary beverages, syrups, and powders for the privilege of selling those products to certain retailers or offering those products for sale to consumers in the State.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1484 (Cross filed with SB978) Environmental Permits - Requirements for Public Participation and Impact and Burden Analyses (Cumulative Harms to Environmental Restoration for Improving Shared Health - CHERISH Our Communities Act)

Applying certain public participation requirements to permits for projects that have been identified by the Department of the Environment as having an increased potential for adverse community environmental and public health impacts; requiring a person applying for certain environmental permits for certain projects with an increased potential to cause adverse community environmental and public health impacts to include in the permit application an environmental impact analysis; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

HB1496 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

HB1514 (Cross filed with SB1002) Security Guard Employers - Regulation and Certification - Exemption for Video Lottery Operator and Sports Wagering Facility Licensees

Altering the definition of "security guard employer" for purposes of provisions of law governing the regulation of security guards, security guard agencies, and security guard employers to exclude certain video lottery operators and sports wagering facility licensees.

POSITION: FYI TO SECURITY FIRMS

Died in Committee

HB1515 Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities – Exemptions

Repealing the exemption from the certificate of need requirement for a change in bed capacity for certain facilities offering substance use disorder treatment services; altering the conditions for which a certificate of need is not required for a change in capacity at a certain facility offering substance use disorder treatment services if written notice is given 45 days before establishment and the Commission finds the facility is consistent with the State health plan and will result in more efficient delivery of services; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Died in Committee

HB1516 (Cross filed with SB1026) Financial Institutions - Consumer Credit - Application of Licensing Requirements (Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan

under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

HB1517 (Cross filed with SB1024) Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition - Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees (Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)

Exempting financially dependent children of certain State or local public safety employees who die as a result of or in the course of performance of duties from paying out-of-state or out-of-county tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1530 Publicly Funded Prekindergarten - Eligible Prekindergarten Provider Data Dashboard

Requiring, beginning July 1, 2026, the State Department of Education to maintain on its website a data dashboard with certain information regarding certain eligible prekindergarten providers in the State; requiring the Department to partner with a nonprofit organization that has experience in maintaining a data dashboard for child care providers; and requiring the Department to establish a process that allows an eligible prekindergarten provider to opt out of being included in the data dashboard.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

HB1535 Electric Companies and Gas Companies - Customer Bill Surcharge – Repeal

Repealing on electric and gas bills a certain surcharge used to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in support of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and targets.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1536 Residential and Commercial Utility Taxes and Fees - Tax- and Fee-Free Period

Providing that, for 60 days, certain State taxes and fees imposed on or paid by customers of certain residential and commercial electric and gas utilities for those utilities are suspended; and requiring the Comptroller and public service companies to issue refunds under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1537 Real Property - Implied Warranties - Incomplete or Missing Improvements

Providing that certain provisions of law pertaining to implied warranties do not apply to an improvement that was incomplete or missing at the time of the delivery of the deed.

POSITION: FYI TO BUILDERS

Died in Committee

HB1547 Barbers and Cosmetologists - License Qualifications - Domestic Violence Awareness Training

Requiring the State Board of Barbers and the State Board of Cosmetologists, beginning October 1, 2025, to require as a condition for licensure and initial renewal of a license an applicant or a licensee to complete certain training in domestic violence awareness; and specifying that the domestic violence awareness training shall be developed

and administered by the Maryland Department of Labor, shall include certain guidance, and be administered free of charge to each licensee.

POSITION: FYI BARBERS

Passed

HB1553 Commercial Law - Broadband Access - Low-Income Consumer Programs (Maryland Broadband Opportunity and Fairness Act)

Requiring each broadband provider in the State to establish a program to provide broadband services to eligible low-income consumers at certain prices depending on speed on or before December 1, 2025; authorizing the Office of Statewide Broadband in the Department of Housing and Community Development to exempt certain providers from the requirement to establish a program; and altering the duties of the Office.

POSITION: FYI SMECO

Died in Committee

HB1554 (Cross filed with SB1045) Sales and Use Tax - Taxable Business Services – Alterations

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 if both the provider of the service and the buyer are business entities; and specifying the rate of the sales and use tax for certain labor and services.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

SB33 Office of the Comptroller and Department of Legislative Services - Maryland Business Taxes – Study

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Legislative Services to study and make recommendations regarding the State's business tax structure and the imposition of combined reporting; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Legislative Services to report their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Withdrawn by Sponsor

SB51 Accountants - Reciprocal Licenses – Qualifications

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State.

POSITION: FYI TO ACCOUNTING FIRMS

Passed

SB114 Maryland Department of Labor - Licenses - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal benefits.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Passed

SB233 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Dispensers - Veterinarians

Altering the definition of "dispenser" for purposes of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to include certain licensed veterinarians when dispensing controlled substances in the usual course of providing professional services; and providing that the Program is not required to disclose prescription drug monitoring data to veterinarians. Drug Monitoring Program - Dispensers – Veterinarians

POSITION: FYI TO VETERINARY MEMBERS*Withdrawn by Sponsor***SB250 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***SB280 Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act**

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Passed***SB299 Cannabis Agents - Registration - Security Guards**

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES*Passed***SB365 Department of Commerce – Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Established**

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide certain technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, to work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofits interest and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and altering the composition and duties of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application

POSITION: FYI TO NONPROFITS*Passed***SB447 Hospitals - Emergency Medical Conditions – Procedures**

Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on an individual presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the individual has an emergency medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of an individual who has an emergency medical condition; prohibiting a hospital from taking adverse action against a provider for not transferring a patient who is not stabilized; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO HOSPITAL*Died in Committee***SB455 Security Guard Agencies – Special Police Officers – Application for Appointment**

Authorizing a certain security guard agency to apply for the appointment of special police officers in order to protect property owned or leased by the security guard agency's clients.

POSITION: FYI TO SECURITY FIRMS

Passed

SB510 Excess Ownership of Single-Family Residences Excise Tax (End Hedge Fund Control of Maryland Homes Act of 2025)

Imposing an excise tax on the acquisition and excess ownership of certain single-family residences in the State by certain entities; providing for the calculation, collection, and distribution of the excise tax; establishing the Down Payment and Settlement Expense Loan Program Fund which may be used only to provide financing for down payment and settlement expenses to enable eligible homebuyers to purchase homes; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Withdrawn by Sponsor

SB514 Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Prospective Tenant Criminal History Records Check (Maryland Fair Chance Housing Act)

Prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant; permitting a landlord to consider certain criminal history information prior to extending a conditional offer to a prospective tenant and requiring the landlord to consider certain information provided by a prospective tenant relating to a criminal history records check; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

SB522 Home Builders - New Home Sales - Notice of Appliance Warranty Registration

Requiring a person registered to build a new home to include in a contract for the initial sale of a new home certain information about the warranties for appliances registered by the person.

POSITION: FYI TO BUILDERS

Passed

SB642 Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Indoor Trampoline Parks

Altering a provision of law that makes unenforceable a provision of a contract or agreement limiting liability for injury caused by negligence or other wrongful acts to apply the unenforceability only to contracts or agreements relating to the use of an indoor trampoline park rather than the use of a recreational facility.

POSITION: FYI TO GOVERNMENTS AND TRAMPOLINE PARK ESTABLISHMENTS

Died in Committee

SB700 Notarial Acts - Reasonable Accommodations

Requiring a notary public to provide certain reasonable accommodations to individuals with a physical disability that limits the individual's ability to sign a record without assistance, including specifying that a notary public shall notarize the signature of an individual who is blind after the notary public reads the entire record to that individual and the individual assents to the notarization after the reading.

POSITION: FYI TO NOTARY PUBLICS AND ATTORNEYS

Died in Committee

SB701 Public Health - Cottage Food Products - Nonpotentially Hazardous Foods and Refrigerated Baked Goods

Altering the definition of "cottage food product" for purposes of provisions of law governing the sale of cottage food products to include nonpotentially hazardous foods, rather than nonhazardous foods, as specified in regulations adopted by the Maryland Department of Health, and refrigerated baked goods.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

SB716 Public Utilities - Nuclear Energy - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Procurement (Decarbonization Infrastructure Solutions Act of 2025)

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard; including nuclear energy generated by certain nuclear energy reactors as a Tier 1 renewable source; establishing a certified nuclear renewable energy credit for use in meeting certain renewable energy portfolio standard requirements; establishing a procurement process for the Public Service Commission to evaluate and approve an application for nuclear energy generation projects; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

SB725 Charles County - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License and Video Lottery Terminals

Authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation license and up to 1,500 additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery facility in Charles County on a vessel on the Potomac River that can be accessed by the pier in Colonial Beach, Virginia; and authorizing the Governor to reconstitute the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission for the purpose of awarding the license.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

SB726 Cannabis Licensees - Bona Fide Labor Organizations and Labor Peace Agreements

Requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to consider certain factors in determining if a labor organization is a "bona fide labor organization"; requiring a cannabis licensee, under certain circumstances, to execute a certain labor peace agreement and to maintain and abide by the agreement; authorizing a certain labor organization to file a protest with the Administration against the renewal of a cannabis license; etc.

POSITION: FYI TO CANNABIS LICENSEES

Died in Committee

SB729 Special Police Officers - County Government - Protection of Employees and Public Officials

Authorizing a county to apply for the appointment of special police officers in order to protect the county's employees and public officials while present in the county; and authorizing a certain special police officer employed by a county to exercise the powers of a police officer under certain circumstances.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Withdrawn by Sponsor

SB742 Vehicle Laws - Inspection Requirement

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require the biennial inspection of certain motor vehicles that are at least 6 model years old.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

SB756 Electric Companies, Gas Companies, Gas and Electric Companies, and Water Companies - Periodic Audits

Requiring each electric company, gas company, gas and electric company, and water company in the State to submit an audit of utility operations, customer usage, and customer billing to the Public Service Commission every 3 months beginning December 31, 2026; and requiring the Commission to post the audit on its website.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

SB778 Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards - Agricultural Buildings

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring an owner, lessor, lessee, or operator of an agricultural building to apply to the Department for an exemption from certain building energy performance standards.

POSITION: FYI TO FARM AND AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

SB787 Cooperative Housing Corporations and Condominiums - Funding of Reserve Accounts and Timing of Reserve Studies

Establishing that a reserve study conducted for a cooperative housing corporation or condominium must identify only certain components with a repair or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000; establishing an exception to the requirement to conduct a reserve study for certain cooperative housing corporations and condominiums; altering the timing for an updated reserve study from at least 5 to at least 10 years under certain circumstances; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Died in Committee

SB822 Property Tax - Tax Credit for Nonprimary Residence

Providing a credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain nonprimary residences under certain circumstances; providing that "nonprimary residence" does not include residential real property that is held primarily for rental, investment, or the generation of income; and requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of each county and municipal corporation to set a certain nonprimary residence credit percentage for purposes of calculating the credit.

POSITION: FYI TO AFFECTED BUSINESSES

Died in Committee

SB824 Alcoholic Beverages - Prohibition on Class A Licenses for Chain Stores, Supermarkets, and Discount Houses – Repeal

Repealing a prohibition on boards of license commissioners from issuing a Class A alcoholic beverages license to chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses.

POSITION: OPPOSE

Died in Committee

SB856 Mold - Landlord Requirements and Regulations (Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of General Services to develop a certain pamphlet and website; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain information at certain times and in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 45 days after receipt of a written notice regarding the detection of mold; etc.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Passed***SB857 Child Care - Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Modifications and Workgroup**

Altering the use of Prekindergarten Expansion Grants to add slots for additional children and not supplant child care slots for infants and toddlers; requiring applications for the grant to use certain terminology and be accompanied by certain instructions; requiring the State Department of Education to establish a multiyear grant award process; requiring the Department to convene a workgroup to explore and make recommendations on opportunities to incentivize growth in certain child care providers with slots for infants and toddlers; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee***SB868 Substitute Child Care Provider Pool Pilot Program – Established**

Establishing the Substitute Child Care Provider Pool Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; providing the purpose of the Program is to facilitate the continuous operation of child care facilities in the State by ensuring that qualified substitute child care providers are available to fill short-term staffing needs of child care facilities on a temporary basis; requiring the Department for fiscal years 2027 through 2030, to award a grant of \$350,000 to the nonprofit organization selected to administer the Program; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee***SB878 Oil and Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing – Authorization**

Authorizing a person to engage in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO*Died in Committee***SB901 Environment - Packaging Materials - Producer Responsibility Plans**

Requiring certain producers of packaging materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a certain packaging materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before April 1, 2027, and every 5 years thereafter, in accordance with certain requirements.

POSITION: OPPOSE*Passed***SB903 Data Centers - Fast Track Pass for Co-Location and Sales and Use Tax**

Establishing an expedited certificate of public convenience and necessity review process for certain co-located energy generation projects that have received a fast track pass; establishing a Data Center Fast Track Advisory Committee in the Public Service Commission to facilitate the application for and review and awarding of fast track passes; altering the requirements for qualified data center personal property to be eligible to be exempt from the sales and use tax; etc.

POSITION: SUPPORT*Died in Committee***SB951 Investor-Owned Electric Companies - Generating and Transmission Facilities – Authorization**

Authorizing investor-owned electric companies in the State to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, their own generating facilities and construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities; and repealing the authority of the Public Service Commission to allow an investor-owned electric company to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own generating facilities or construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities under certain circumstances.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

SB952 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - Overhead Transmission Lines - Grid Enhancing Technologies

Adding grid enhancing technologies to the list of requirements the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of an overhead transmission line.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee

SB985 Consumer Protection - Third-Party Litigation Financing

Prohibiting certain litigation financiers from engaging in certain conduct with respect to litigation financing transactions and certain litigation financing contracts; requiring that the litigation financing contracts contain certain disclosures and be executed in a certain manner; requiring a certain disclosure of a litigation financing contract in certain civil actions; and imposing a fiduciary duty on litigation financiers in certain class actions.

POSITION: FYI TO RELEVANT PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS

Died in Committee

SB1035 Electric and Gas Service - Termination - Third-Party Notification

Requiring a public service company to notify a certain municipality and certain members of the General Assembly and local elected officials before terminating for nonpayment electric or gas service to a multifamily dwelling unit for which the account is held by a property owner or manager.

POSITION: FYI TO SMECO

Died in Committee