



## MARYLAND LAWS TAKE EFFECT JUNE 1, 2024

To Our Valued Clients, Friends, and Colleagues:

The Maryland General Assembly passed more than 500 pieces of legislation in the 2024 Legislative Session, including several priority, statewide and local bills impacting residents, businesses, and other organizations in Maryland. Below, please find summaries of some of the major legislation that will take effect June 1, 2024.

### **SB88/HB55: Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families**

This bill establishes the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families, staffed by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA). The commission must (1) study and make recommendations for developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to make Maryland the best state for veterans and military families, including legislative and budgetary recommendations; (2) consult with the Office of Military and Federal Affairs and the Maryland Military Installation Council in the Department of Commerce; and (3) identify key performance indicators to assess the quality of life for veterans and military families in Maryland relative to other states. By December 1, 2024, the commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. A member of the commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

### **HB513: Motor Vehicles - Work Zone Speed Control Systems - Revisions (Maryland Road Worker Protection Act of 2024)**

This Administration bill makes changes to the State's work zone speed control systems (work zone speed cameras) program. Specifically, the bill (1) increases civil penalties for violations captured by work zone speed cameras; (2) alters the distribution of the revenues collected from these penalties; (3) repeals the requirement that work zone speed cameras may only be used on expressways or controlled access highways, facilitating their use by local jurisdictions; (4) makes several clarifying, conforming, and other changes to the program; and (5) establishes multiple reporting requirements.

### **SB266/HB88: State Retirement and Pension System - Immediate Vesting**

This departmental bill gives the State Superintendent of Schools immediate vesting rights in the State Retirement and Pension System (SRPS) plan in which the superintendent is a member.

### **SB283: Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Application - Attestation of Gross Income**

This departmental bill authorizes an applicant for the homeowners' property tax credit to attest to gross income on an application in lieu of providing an income tax return to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) under certain circumstances.

### **SB292: State Government - Deputy Secretary of State - Title**

This departmental bill renames the title of Assistant Secretary of State to Deputy Secretary of State.

**SB301: Aquaculture - Placement of Shellfish, Bags, Nets, and Structures on Submerged Aquatic Vegetation - Extension**

This departmental bill extends – from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2027 – the termination date of 2019 legislation (Chapter 238) that allows an aquaculture leaseholder to place shellfish, bags, nets, or structures on submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) with specified prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The bill correspondingly extends a reporting requirement established under Chapter 238.

**HB333: Election Law - Election Disinformation and Improper Influence Related to Voting**

This bill requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) to (1) maintain a portal on its website that the public may use to report election misinformation (incorrect or misleading information regarding the time, place, or manner of an election, election results, or voting rights in the State) and election disinformation (incorrect or misleading information regarding the time, place, or manner of an election, election results, or voting rights in the State that is knowingly and deliberately disseminated) and (2) conduct a periodic review of material submitted by the public through the portal and, to the extent necessary, issue corrective information or refer submissions to the State Prosecutor. The bill also – under existing provisions that prohibit willfully and knowingly influencing or attempting to influence, through specified means, a voter’s voting decision or decision whether to vote – establishes that “influence” includes the use of pressure, deception, trickery, or direct or indirect authority to induce action or to change the decision or act of another, regardless of the medium used.

**HB1287: School Leadership Training Program - Alterations**

This bill combines two school leadership training programs, already required to be established by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in conjunction with the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB), into one program and modifies the attendance requirement. Specifically, the bill establishes that (1) the State Superintendent of Schools; (2) local superintendents of schools; and (3) the chair and vice chair of the State Board of Education (SBE), local boards of education, and AIB all must complete the training. Senior instruction-related staff, other members of local boards of education, and school principals are not required to complete the training but are, to the extent practicable, encouraged to complete the training. The bill also expands the required content areas for the combined school leadership training program, alters the required modes of instruction for the program, and specifies that the program must occur over the course of one year (instead of one to two years).

**SB800/HB1150: Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act – Maryland 529 Program – Exemption**

This bill exempts certain accounts under the Maryland 529 Program from the provisions of the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act (MUDAPA) and clarifies that sums payable on a check drawn against such accounts are subject to the provisions of MUDAPA. Accounts exempted under the bill are those contained within the (1) Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer Prepaid College Trust (MPCT); (2) Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan (MCIP); and (3) Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program.

**SB321: Property Tax - Credit for Hotel or Residential Development Projects**

This bill authorizes local governments to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal property tax imposed on real property that is used for specified hotel or residential development projects. The bill also repeals certain provisions relating to a similar property tax credit authorized for development projects in Wicomico County (Chapters 715 and 716 of 2021). However, the bill does not affect hotel or residential development projects in Wicomico County that began on or after July 1, 2021, but before June 1, 2024.

**HB1426: Education - Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Alterations**

This bill makes alterations to numerous education-related programs in the State including prekindergarten, early childhood, professional development, and dual enrollment programs.

**SB114/HB515: Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools**

This bill establishes the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) for Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS). The Calvert County Board of Education must provide staff for the workgroup. Members of the workgroup may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses. By December 31, 2024, the workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to specified State and local entities.

**SB14/HB1281: Economic Development - Tourism Zones - Designation and Benefits**

This bill authorizes Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in the State to (1) designate specified tourism zones; (2) exempt the gross receipts from any admissions or amusement charge levied by a qualifying tourism enterprise in a tourism zone from admissions and amusement taxes; and (3) grant property tax credits against county and municipal real and personal property taxes to qualifying tourism enterprises located in a tourism zone.

**HB272: Cannabis Licensing and Registration - Use of Straw Ownership - Prohibition**

This bill prohibits a person from applying for or holding a cannabis license or registration if the ownership interest in the license or registration is (1) nominal or without the benefits and risks of “genuine ownership” or control and (2) for the limited purpose of satisfying the requirements for cannabis licensees or registrants, including requirements for social equity licensees or registrants. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction subject to a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment and/or a \$2,500 fine. Subject to specified hearing provisions, the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) must deny an application for a cannabis license or registration or revoke a cannabis license or registration if the applicant, licensee, or registrant is convicted of violating – or determined by MCA to be in violation of – the bill’s prohibition.

**HB805: Cannabis - Licensee Locations - Restrictions**

This bill authorizes specified individuals to file a protest against a license renewal with the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA), as specified, and establishes provisions governing (1) when MCA must hear a protest of renewal and (2) what MCA may and may not consider when hearing and making determinations on a protest of renewal. MCA may adopt regulations to implement the bill’s provisions

relating to protests of renewal. The bill also makes various changes related to local zoning with respect to cannabis licensees.

**SB737: Higher Education - Harford Community College Board of Trustees - Alterations**

This bill alters the residency requirements for members of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees. Specifically, all members must be a resident of Harford County for the duration of the member's term. The bill further requires that all members of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees be appointed from the county at large; thus, it repeals existing councilmanic distribution requirements. Under the bill, the Governor must, to the extent practicable when appointing members to the board, take into consideration the geographic and ethnic representation of Harford County so that all segments of the population of the county are represented on the board. The bill also specifies that only the President of Harford Community College and the Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools must meet at least twice annually to discuss issues of mutual concern, repealing the requirement to include the Harford Community College Board of Trustees and the Harford County Board of Education in those meetings. Finally, the bill makes a technical change to alter the name of the board to be the Harford Community College Board of Trustees in statute.

**HB2: Property Taxes - Authority of Counties to Establish a Subclass and Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property**

This bill authorizes Baltimore City and county governments to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of vacant lots or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice. Baltimore City and county governments are authorized to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice. The bill adds a specified reporting requirement for jurisdictions that enact a special property tax rate.

**SB354/HB372: Montgomery County and Prince George's County - Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program**

This bill establishes the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The programs are to provide individuals in failure to pay rent cases with workforce resources and information on workforce development, registered apprenticeships, and other employment opportunities. In fiscal 2026 through 2028, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$200,000 to be used for the pilot program, as specified.

**SB518/HB285: Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity - Alterations**

This bill extends the termination date of Chapter 654 of 2022, which established a Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity, from June 30, 2024, to December 31, 2024. The bill also extends the date by which the required report is to be submitted from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024.

**SB511/HB650: Maryland Department of Labor - Report on Apprenticeship Mentoring Ratios**

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) to submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2024, that analyzes the apprenticeship mentoring ratios for all nontraditional apprenticeable occupations in the State.

**HB1334: Housing and Community Development – Continuing the CORE Partnership Fund – Extension**

This bill extends indefinitely the Continuing the CORE Partnership Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and requires the Governor, for fiscal 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$50.0 million to the fund.

**HB1016: Frederick County - School Construction Master Plan Workgroup**

This bill establishes the Frederick County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup to make recommendations regarding the county's educational facilities master plan. The Frederick County Board of Education must provide staff to the workgroup.

**HB1390: Public Schools - Public School Construction - Funding and Administration**

This bill (1) repeals the scheduled termination of the School Safety Grant Program (SSGP) on June 30, 2026; (2) reduces the mandated appropriation for the Nancy K. Kopp Public School Facilities Priority Fund (PSFPF) by \$10.0 million annually beginning in fiscal 2027; (3) alters the purpose of PSFPF only for fiscal 2027; (4) under specified conditions in current law, requires the State to begin making payments to Prince George's County for a public-private partnership (P3) in fiscal 2025 (instead of fiscal 2026); (5) makes various changes to the governance of the Prince George's County P3 agreement; (6) establishes the Workgroup on the Assessment and Funding of School Facilities; (7) requires the State share of eligible construction costs to be 100% for high school construction projects that meet specified criteria; (8) requires the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) to report on the eligibility of artificial intelligence (AI) weapon detection systems for State school construction funding; and (9) clarifies legislative intent regarding annual funding levels for school construction.

**HB376: Study on the Feasibility of Relocating the Prince George's County Public School System Headquarters PG 501-24**

This bill requires the Prince George's County Board of Education to hire an independent consultant to complete a comprehensive study on the feasibility of relocating the board headquarters. The consultant must complete certain specified actions relating to studying and making recommendations on the feasibility of relocating the board headquarters. The county board must develop a solicitation process for hiring an independent consultant and cover the cost of the required study. The study must be completed before the county board enters into a new long-term lease. On or before June 1, 2026, the independent consultant must report its findings and recommendations to the county board.

**HB1388: Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses for Veterinary and Health Care Professionals and Study of the Health Care Market**

This bill expands the application of provisions of current law stating that a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract is null and void under State law to an employment contract for an employee that is licensed as a veterinary practitioner or veterinary technician or, for employment contracts executed on or after July 1, 2025, specified health care professionals as discussed below. On request of a patient, an employer must provide notice to a patient of the new location where a former employee subject to specified provisions of the bill will be practicing. Additionally, the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must contract with a private consultant to study, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, specified topics related to the health care market in the State.

**HB242: State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board - Sunset Extension**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by three years, to July 1, 2027, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). MDL must submit a report by July 1, 2025, to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) with information regarding the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board as determined by JAEC.

**SB261: State Board of Barbers - Sunset Extension and Report**

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Barbers within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by three years to July 1, 2027, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). It also requires MDL to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) by July 1, 2025, with information – regarding the State Board of Barbers – to be determined by JAEC.

**SB264: State Board of Cosmetologists - Sunset Extension and Report**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Cosmetologists within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by three years to July 1, 2027, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). It also requires MDL to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) by July 1, 2025, with information – regarding the State Board of Cosmetologists – to be determined by JAEC.

**SB296: State Board for Professional Land Surveyors - Sunset Extension**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by three years to July 1, 2027, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). It also requires MDL to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) by July 1, 2025, with information – regarding the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors – to be determined by JAEC.

**SB307: Public Safety - Board of Boiler Rules - Membership, Sunset Extension, and Report**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the Board of Boiler Rules within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by five years to July 1, 2029, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). MDL must submit a report by July 1, 2025, to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) with information regarding the Board of Boiler Rules to be determined by JAEC. The bill also adds a member to the Board of Boiler Rules. T

**SB225: Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board – Sunset Extension**

This departmental bill extends the termination date for the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) Advisory Board within the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) by 10 years to July 1, 2034, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA).

**HB1524: Horse Racing - Racing Facility Ownership and Construction - Racing Operations**

This departmental bill provides for the transfer of ownership and operation of thoroughbred racing facilities in the State from the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) to the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating

Authority (MTROA). The bill also alters provisions of the Racing and Community Development Act of 2020 (Chapter 590) as well as Chapter 111 of 2023, which established MTROA, and makes additional funding available to MTROA.

**SB575/HB664: Court Personnel - Protection of Personal Information (Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson Judicial Security Act)**

This bill establishes the Office of Information Privacy (OIP) in the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). A “protected individual,” or OIP (on behalf of a protected individual), is authorized to make a request for a person or governmental entity to not publish “personal information” of the protected individual (or to remove such information from an existing publication), as specified. The bill establishes related requirements and procedures, as well as remedies for noncompliance. In addition, OIP must establish and administer a Judicial Address Confidentiality Program for the general purpose of safeguarding the actual address of a program participant in relation to public records or inspection, including the shielding of real property records, as specified. Finally, the bill creates the Task Force to Ensure the Safety of Judicial Facilities, staffed by AOC; the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the General Assembly by January 1, 2025.

**HB1296: Electricity - Offshore Wind Projects - Alterations**

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC), on June 1, 2024, to open a revised Round 2 offshore wind project proceeding that is limited to evaluating revised project schedules, sizes, or pricing for a previously approved Round 2 project. The bill also allows any Round 1 offshore wind project to seek PSC approval to amend its previously approved Round 1 project order to increase the maximum amount of offshore wind renewable energy credits (ORECs) and modify its project schedule. Both processes are subject to existing ratepayer protections, although the Round 1 process requires consideration of changes in economic conditions since the Round 1 project awards. An existing requirement for the Department of General Services (DGS) to issue a procurement for offshore wind energy is modified to, among other changes, (1) remove the 5.0 million megawatt-hour annual limit and (2) require a second procurement. PSC must also, with the assistance of specified State entities, develop a plan for achieving a total of 8,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2031 and submit a report on the plan to the General Assembly by January 1, 2025.

**SB777/HB918: State Treasurer and Comptroller - Membership Responsibilities**

This bill removes the State Treasurer from membership in (1) the Board of Trustees for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF); (2) the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC); and (3) the Coast Smart Council in the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The bill adds the Comptroller, or the Comptroller’s designee, to membership in MCCC and the Coast Smart Council in DNR. The bill also makes corresponding changes related to the authority and duties associated with being a member of these boards, commissions, and/or councils.

**SB775/HB1012: State Officers and Employees - Required Surety Bonds - Insurance Policies Authorized**

This bill repeals provisions under the State Government Article pertaining to the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee and transfers specified duties of the committee to the State Treasurer. The bill also authorizes specified officers and employees of the State who are required to be covered by surety bonds to

alternatively be covered by insurance policies of the type and in the amount of coverage determined by the State Treasurer.

**SB524: General Assembly - Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs - Gender-Neutral Language**

This bill alters terminology in Title 2 of the State Government Article (General Assembly) so that references to chairman, cochairman, chairmen, cochairmen, and vice chairmen within the Maryland General Assembly are replaced with terms that are gender neutral. The bill also makes conforming changes.

**HB999: Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network**

This bill establishes the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network, staffed by the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The workgroup must study and make recommendations on topics related to the establishment of a network of experts in science, technology, and industry. A member of the workgroup may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. By December 1, 2024, the workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**HB1511: Forest Conservation Act – Modifications**

This bill delays the effective date of specified provisions (the majority) of Chapters 541 and 542 of 2023 – which modify State law relating to forest preservation and retention – from July 1, 2024, until July 1, 2026. The bill separately establishes provisions that are identical to certain provisions of Chapters 541 and 542, allowing those changes to take effect July 1, 2024 (specifically, provisions related to forest mitigation banking, priority areas/vegetation, and the exemption of solar photovoltaic facilities from Forest Conservation Act (FCA) afforestation requirements). In addition, the bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to (1) update the model local government ordinance under FCA, for consistency with Chapters 541 and 542, by July 1, 2025, and (2) adopt regulations to carry out Chapters 541 and 542, by July 1, 2026.

**SB960: Maryland Clean Energy Center - Climate Technology Founder's Fund**

This bill establishes the Climate Technology Founder's Fund (CTFF) in the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) to provide early-stage funding for start-up companies focused on qualified projects in climate technologies. Funding recipients must provide 1:1 matching funds. The bill requires transfers from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) to CTFF from fiscal 2025 through 2028. The bill also repeals two existing distributions from SEIF to other State programs: one to the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account (SMWOBA) in the Department of Commerce and one to the Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) program in the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL). The bill also authorizes the transfer of certain unused SEIF funds in SMWOBA to CTFF by the end of fiscal 2024.

**SB850: State Personnel - Line-of-Duty Death and Funeral Benefits**

This bill increases the cap on reasonable funeral expenses, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, paid to surviving family members or the estate of specified public safety individuals who are killed or die in the performance of duties, and indexes the cap to inflation beginning in fiscal 2026. This funeral benefit no longer must be reduced by any related workers' compensation benefits paid. Additionally, the bill increases the death benefit, from \$100,000 to \$125,000, for specified surviving family members of specified Maryland National

Guard members and all State employees (including, under the bill, employees in the Legislative and Judicial branches) who are killed in the performance of their duties, and provides for reasonable funeral expenses, of up to \$25,000, to be paid for such individuals. These death and funeral benefits, along with the death benefit of \$50,000 for specified public safety employees under current law, are indexed to inflation beginning in fiscal 2026. Specified surviving family members of State employees who are killed in the performance of duties on or after January 1, 2023, may request death and funeral benefits under the bill by December 31, 2024, and the Secretary of Budget and Management must administer the benefits as specified.

**HB764: State Lottery Fund - Bus Rapid Transit Fund Distribution and Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund - Alterations**

This bill requires \$27.0 million of State lottery funds to be transferred annually beginning after June 30, 2024, into the Bus Rapid Transit Fund (BRTF) instead of an amount of up to \$27.0 million based on specified deposits for Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) debt service. Bus rapid transit system grants depend on amounts deposited into BRTF instead of being triggered by lottery revenues deposited for MSA debt service. After June 30, 2024, \$27.0 million must be transferred to the Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor (BLC) Facility Fund annually, instead of an amount of up to \$27.0 million annually in two installments after June 30, 2023. MSA must pay from the BLC Facility Fund any expenses that are incurred or approved by MSA relating to BLC facilities. MSA must submit a report to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee by December 15, 2024, on (1) all public and private development activities currently under construction or in the development process in BLC for the next 30 years and (2) input from specified representatives on BLC's future.

**SB604/HB768: Judges' Retirement System - Special Death Benefit**

This bill establishes a line-of-duty death benefit that is payable to the surviving spouse or dependents of a member of the Judges' Retirement System (JRS) who is killed without willful negligence by the member and with death arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty. It also establishes a similar retroactive benefit for the surviving spouse of a JRS member killed in the line of duty prior to the bill's effective date. A surviving child or dependent parent of a JRS member killed in the line of duty may enroll and participate in the State health insurance plan. The bill establishes that most surviving spouses or dependent children of State employees killed in the line of duty are entitled to the maximum State health insurance subsidy provided to State retirees.

**HB807: Natural Resources – Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Surveys**

This bill alters the definition of "aerial survey" for purposes of surveying submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) to include any other survey that (1) encompasses the distribution of SAV in the Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Coastal Bays, or both; (2) uses a methodology approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP); and (3) is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The bill renames that term to instead be the "SAV survey," updates the provisions related to the current SAV survey compiled by the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS), and makes conforming changes. DNR must study and report on the implications and feasibility of using alternative methods other than an aerial survey to delineate SAV protection zones. By December 1, 2025, DNR must submit the report to the General Assembly.

**HB1512: Bay Restoration Fund - Use of Funds - Municipal Wastewater Facilities - Sunset Repeal**

This bill repeals the termination date of Chapter 413 of 2020. As a result, the bill makes permanent an authorization to use the Bay Restoration Fund's (BRF) Septics Account for specified costs associated with connecting a property using an on-site sewage disposal system (septic system) to an existing municipal wastewater facility that has signed a funding agreement with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and is under construction to achieve enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) or biological nutrient removal (BNR) level treatment. Absent the bill, this authorization terminates June 30, 2024.

**SB166/HB256: Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) - Study**

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), in consultation with other interested stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing a Waterway Incident Notification System (WINS) for specified purposes. MDEM must submit an interim report and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025, respectively.

**SB879/HB857: Shellfish Aquaculture - Harvest Hours**

This bill modifies a provision that prohibits an aquaculture leaseholder from harvesting shellfish between the hours of sunset and sunrise so that the provision instead prohibits a leaseholder from harvesting shellfish outside the hours established by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in regulation. The bill correspondingly requires DNR, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to establish by regulation the hours for harvesting shellfish within leased areas.

**SB835/HB992: Environment - Delegated Authorities - Well and Septic Program Permits**

This bill requires a local health department (LHD) or county government to which the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has delegated authority to administer a well and septic program to submit a schedule of review times for well and septic program permits to MDE for approval by December 1, 2024. Beginning three months after the schedule is approved by MDE, and every three months thereafter, an LHD or county government must submit well and septic program permit data to MDE for review.

**SB442/HB601: Street Racing and Exhibition Driving - Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties**

This bill increases penalties and points assessments for violations related to participation in racing or speed contests. The bill also establishes a statewide prohibition on exhibition driving on any highway or private property that is used for driving by the general public. By expanding application of an existing provision, the bill establishes a statewide prohibition on exhibition driving, racing, and other related activities in a special event zone.

**SB589/HB812: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission - Funding**

This bill permanently extends a requirement beyond fiscal 2025 that the Governor include funding in the annual budget bill to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCC) from the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF). The bill also increases the required annual appropriation from \$900,000 to \$1.0 million. Other requirements related to the amount and use of the funds remain unchanged: (1) the appropriation must be

in addition to, and may not supplant, any funding appropriated to TCC; and (2) TCC must use the funds for the activities of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC).

**SB915/HB979: Agriculture – Invasive Plant Species – Regulation (Biodiversity and Agriculture Protection Act)**

This bill alters the regulatory approach for controlling “invasive plant” species in the State. The bill repeals the existing two-tiered regulatory approach and instead establishes a regulatory approach that generally involves (1) assessments of nonnative plant species by “expert assessors” to determine the invasiveness rank of each such species; (2) the review of such assessments and related data; and (3) the determination by the Secretary of Agriculture whether such species should be classified as “prohibited invasive plants” and included on a Consolidated List of Maryland Invasive Plant Species or placed on a watch list. Specified regulations must be adopted; among other things, the regulations must classify as prohibited invasive plants all terrestrial plants classified by regulation before January 1, 2024, as tier 1 invasive plants; tier 2 plants must be assessed and either classified as prohibited invasive plants or placed on the watch list. The bill makes other related and conforming changes.

**SB783: Public Utilities - Solar Energy Systems and Programs, Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund, and Prevailing Wage (Brighter Tomorrow Act)**

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to establish the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program, establishes the Customer-Sited Solar Program in the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), modifies solar property tax incentives, and makes other related changes.

**SB663: Maryland Self-Service Storage Act - Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Liens - Means of Advertising**

This bill authorizes a self-service storage facility operator to advertise a lien sale via email or a website without the occupant’s prior written authorization in the storage agreement. The bill also alters a related statement that must be contained in a self-service storage facility rental agreement.

**SB536/HB680: Environment - Nuclear Power Plants - Emergency Preparedness (Radiation and Emergency Preparedness and Protection Act)**

This bill establishes the Radiation Emergency Response Program in the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and related duties for MDE. The bill establishes two annual fees (a \$300,000 fee and a \$60,000 fee, which may be adjusted annually for inflation) that must be paid by the owner of a nuclear power plant for each nuclear power plant owned. The fees must be remitted to MDE by July 1, 2024, and by each July 1 thereafter. One of the fees is directed into the Radiation Emergency Response Fund, a new special fund established by the bill, to support the program. MDE must transfer the other fee to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) for radiological emergency response preparedness activities.

**HB332: Out-of-State Motor Vehicles - Improper Registration - Report**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in consultation with Baltimore City and other interested jurisdictions, to prepare a report, as specified, on motor vehicles owned by Maryland residents that are improperly registered in another state. MVA must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

**HB1024: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program - Expansion PG/MC 101-24**

This bill expands the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include sewer pipes and diagnostic actions, as specified. The bill increases, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the maximum loan that a customer is eligible to receive under the program. The bill increases, from \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million, the maximum total loans that WSSC may provide or have outstanding at any one time. The bill also increases, from \$100,000 to \$200,000, the amount WSSC must include in the program's annual budget. The bill extends, from June 30, 2029, to June 30, 2034, the termination date of Chapter 539 of 2018.

**SB693/HB796: Carroll County - Public Facilities Bond**

This bill authorizes the Carroll County Commissioners to issue up to \$29.8 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects. The date of maturity of the bonds cannot exceed 30 years.

**HB1021: Washington County - Public Facilities Bonds**

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to issue up to \$50.0 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects. The date of maturity of the bonds cannot exceed 30 years

**SB470/HB597: Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (GAPS) Act**

This Administration bill renames the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program and expands the purposes and scope of the program, including expanding eligibility for the program to include public safety agencies and groups of public safety agencies (instead of just law enforcement agencies). The bill also alters the eligibility criteria, the types of grants awarded, and the maximum grant amount that may be awarded under the program; MDL may award start-up grants of up to \$200,000 and stabilization grants of up to \$5,000. In addition, the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) must (1) develop mental health wellness policies to be implemented in law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities in the State and (2) submit a related annual report. Finally, the bill establishes the Workgroup on Growing Engagement in the Law Enforcement and Corrections Workforce, staffed by MPTSC, to study and make recommendations related to the law enforcement and corrections workforce.

**HB947: Civil Actions - Public Nuisances - Firearm Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2024)**

This bill (1) prohibits a "firearm industry member" from knowingly creating, maintaining, or contributing to harm to the public through the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, or marketing of a firearm-related product by engaging in conduct that is unlawful or unreasonable under the totality of the circumstances; (2) requires a firearm industry member to establish and implement "reasonable controls" regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession, and use of the firearm industry member's firearm-related products; and (3) establishes that a violation of these provisions is a public nuisance. In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General, a county attorney, or the Baltimore City Solicitor to bring an action against a firearm industry member for a public nuisance caused by a

violation of the bill's provisions, as specified. The bill also requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Department of State Police (DSP), to conduct a specified study related to firearm trace requests and report its recommendations and findings to the General Assembly by June 30, 2025. The bill's provisions are severable.

**SB362: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024**

This Administration bill executes actions to increase revenues, provide mandate relief, contain costs, use special funds in place of general funds, and reduce future year general fund expenditures, in addition to other actions.

**SB361: Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023**

This Administration bill authorizes the creation of a State Debt of \$1,845,046,000 to fund various construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases in the state. The proceeds will also be used for real estate acquisition and grants to subdivisions and organizations for development and improvement purposes. The bill imposes a tax on assessable property in the state, requires grantees to convey easements to the Maryland Historical Trust, requires loan proceeds to be expended or encumbered by specific dates, and requires the Department of General Services to record correct information in grant agreements. Additionally, the bill authorizes the Board of Public Works to approve appropriations, alters requirements for certain programs, reduces prior authorizations of State Debt, and requires projects to be constructed at specific locations. The bill also specifies the use of project funds, grants, and grants, and requires the Comptroller to make transfers, adjustments, and reconciliations. It repeals certain Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan Preauthorization acts, specifies the use of project funds, authorizes for specific purposes, and authorizes the creation of State Debt in certain years.

**SB1120: University System of Maryland – Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

This departmental bill authorizes the use of \$30.0 million in academic facilities bonds for the purpose of financing and refinancing construction, renovation, and renewal projects at University System of Maryland (USM) buildings and campuses.

**SB966: Prior Authorizations of State Debt - Alterations**

This bill modifies authorizations of State debt in prior year capital budgets by extending deadlines for expending or encumbering funds, removing matching fund requirements, altering the jurisdiction in which a project is located, renaming grant recipients, and/or altering the purpose for which funds may be used. In some cases, altering the purpose of grant funds merely makes minor or technical changes for how the funds may be used; in other cases, grant funds may be reassigned/redistributed to an entirely different purpose within the same jurisdiction.

**HB814: Juvenile Law - Reform**

This bill makes numerous changes to the juvenile justice process in the State and related administrative provisions, including (1) altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; (2) altering procedures relating to juvenile intake, complaints, detention, and probation; (3) requiring the forwarding of complaints and the filing of Child in Need of Supervision (CINS) petitions for specified motor vehicle thefts; (4) repealing

provisions relating to the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services; (5) altering provisions relating to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices; and (6) altering reporting requirements for the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit (JJMU), the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GCPP), and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The bill also codifies GCPP, the Governor's Office for Children (GOC), and a Children's Cabinet, to be administered by GOC. Additionally, the bill prohibits registered juvenile sex offenders from entering onto places for education, as specified.

**SB287/HB172: Department of State Police - Professional Occupations - Application Process**

This departmental bill makes technical and procedural changes to (1) the licensing and/or certification processes for private detective agencies and private detectives, security systems agencies and technicians, security guard agencies, and security guards; (2) the commissioning process for special police officers; and (3) the appointment process for railroad police officers to facilitate automated processing of applications and payments. The bill also makes conforming changes.

**SB319/HB315: Regulated Firearms - Maryland Judiciary - Reporting Requirements**

This bill repeals the requirement for the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) to report to the Governor and the General Assembly, by October 1, 2024, and each October thereafter, on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for violations of § 4-203 of the Criminal Law Article (wearing, carrying, or transporting handgun) and § 5-133(d) of the Public Safety Article (restrictions on possession of regulated firearms) and instead requires the Maryland Judiciary, by October 1, 2024, and each October thereafter, to report that same information.

**HB823: Fire Protection and Prevention - Residential Rental Property - Requirements (Melanie Nicholle Diaz Fire Safety Act)**

This bill establishes requirements related to the installation of automatic smoke detectors and notices regarding the lack of automatic sprinkler systems in residential rental high-rise buildings. It also modifies existing provisions related to notification appliances for deaf or hard of hearing individuals and expands those requirements to include deafblind individuals. In addition, the bill authorizes local governments to grant a property tax credit for specified residential high-rise buildings if the building owner makes fire safety improvements. Finally, the bill establishes the Workgroup to Develop Fire Safety Best Practices for Pre-1974 High-Rise Apartment Buildings, staffed by the Department of State Police (DSP), to study and make recommendations regarding the improvement of fire safety in high-rise apartment buildings that do not have fire sprinkler systems and other fire safety technology.

**SB191: Prince George's County - Public School Employees Property Tax Credit and Office of Integrity and Compliance PG 503-24**

This bill authorizes Prince George's County to provide a real property tax credit against the dwelling of an eligible employee of the Prince George's County Public School System (PGCPS) who purchases a home after relocating to the county. The bill also specifies that (1) the Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC) is an independent office in PGCPS and (2) the Integrity and Compliance Officer serves as an independent employee within PGCPS. The office may employ staff in order to execute the duties of the office.

**HB490: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Donations to Diaper Banks and Other Charitable Entities - Sunset Extension**

This bill extends through tax year 2026 the State income tax subtraction modification for donations of disposable diapers, other hygiene products for infants or children, feminine personal hygiene products, or cash specifically designated for the purchase of such items to diaper banks and other qualified charitable entities.

**HB353: Maryland Department of Health - 2-1-1 Maryland - Oversight**

This bill alters the definition of “Health and Human Services Referral System” to mean a coordinated system for health and human service resources accessible to all State residents through 2-1-1 and other designated technology systems. The bill repeals the requirements that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in consultation with 2-1-1 Maryland, (1) evaluate the performance of each 2-1-1 Maryland call center; (2) make recommendations to 2-1-1 Maryland regarding the quality of service provided by call centers or the performance of call centers when issues related to service quality and performance are presented to MDH; and (3) make recommendations regarding corrective action to be taken by a call center, as appropriate. The bill expresses legislative intent that 2-1-1 Maryland expand membership of its board of directors to include two representatives of 2-1-1 Maryland call centers (as nominated by the call centers by July 1, 2024). The bill also makes conforming changes.

**HB959: Health Occupations - Certified Dialysis Technicians - Continuing Education Requirement**

This bill alters the continuing education requirement for certified dialysis technicians (CDTs) renewing their certification. The bill requires three hours of continuing education approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) rather than a three-hour continuing education course approved by MBON.

**SB371: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Personal Care Aides - Wage Reports**

This bill requires each residential service agency (RSA), by September 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) documenting the RSA’s average wage rate and highest and lowest wage rates for personal care aides (PCAs). The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) must submit a specified report on the Ensuring Access to Medicaid final federal rule and the plans or steps the department will take to operationalize the rule.

**SB718: Maryland Pathway to Nursing Pilot Program and Advisory Committee - Establishment**

This bill establishes the Maryland Pathway to Nursing Pilot Program under the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to provide practical and financial support to specified nursing students. The bill also establishes the Maryland Pathway to Nursing Advisory Committee with specified membership to assist the Secretary of Higher Education in the development and implementation of the program. By December 15, 2024, and annually thereafter through 2029, the Secretary of Higher Education must report to the Governor and General Assembly on implementation of the program.

**SB72/HB147: Tobacco Tax Stamp Refunds - Loss Due to Theft**

This bill authorizes a claimant who buys tobacco stamps to receive a refund for tobacco tax stamps lost due to theft, subject to specified documentation requirements. If the stolen property is recovered, the claimant must notify the Comptroller and return any refund received under the bill. In addition to other penalties

authorized by law, a claimant is subject to a fine of double the amount of any refund received under the bill for making a false claim. The Comptroller may adopt regulations to carry out the bill's provisions.

**HB66: Property Tax Credits - Public School Employees, Health and Safety Improvements, and Property Used for Local Housing Programs**

This bill authorizes county and municipal governments to grant a property tax credit for (1) residential real property that is owned by and is the primary dwelling of an employee of the public school system of the county where the residential real property is located; (2) an apartment building or a condominium building if the owner of the building made health or safety improvements to the building on or after July 1, 2024; and (3) an apartment building or a condominium building that is used on or after July 1, 2024, for the purposes of a local housing program for homeless individuals or families. Local governments may provide for (1) the amount and duration of the property tax credits; (2) additional eligibility criteria for the property tax credits; and (3) any other provision necessary to carry out the property tax credits.

**SB342/HB287: Property Tax - Renters' Property Tax Relief Program - Assets Calculation**

This bill alters the definition of assets for purposes of the Renters' Property Tax Relief Program to exclude the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plan or individual retirement accounts.

**SB402: Correctional Training Commission - Membership - Alterations**

This bill alters the membership of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) by (1) repealing the representative of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP); (2) increasing the number of members appointed by the Governor who are correctional officers or officials (from four to five); (3) repealing the requirement that one of the four correctional officers or officials appointed by the Governor be a Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) employee or official; and (4) specifying that the five members appointed by the Governor must be from local correctional facilities and represent each geographic area of the State ("the Capital region," "the Central region," the Eastern Shore region," the Southern region," and "the Western region," as defined). Those five members are excluded from the authorization to serve personally at a meeting or designate a representative to act on their behalf, as specified. The bill also establishes provisions governing the terms of the members appointed by the Governor.

**SB1034/HB1162: 9-1-1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup**

This bill establishes the 9-1-1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to identify and examine recruitment and retention challenges that affect 9-1-1 specialists in the State and make related recommendations. The workgroup must be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM). By December 1, 2024, the workgroup must submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations, and by December 1, 2025, the workgroup must submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, both to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**SB6/HB63: Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations**

This bill alters the eligibility criteria for a local option property tax credit for the dwelling house of specified disabled veterans to include individuals who have been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a nonpermanent service-connected disability of 100% that results from blindness or any other disabling cause that was not caused or incurred by misconduct. Local governments, however, are authorized

to limit eligibility for the property tax credit to the existing criteria established under current law. A veteran who qualifies for a specified property tax exemption is not eligible to receive the property tax credit.

**SB106/HB755: State Board of Social Work Examiners - Board Membership and Certified Social Worker Licenses**

This bill alters the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE) by authorizing the board to include at least one member who is either a licensed certified social worker (LCSW) or a licensed master social worker (LMSW) who is approved for independent practice. The bill also makes clarifying changes and removes obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.

**SB379: Task Force to Study Crime Classification - Renaming, Membership, and Duties**

This bill (1) renames the Task Force to Study Crime Classification to be the Task Force to Study Crime Reclassification and Penalties; (2) expands the membership of the task force; (3) alters the duties of the task force; and (4) specifies that a task force member serves at the pleasure of the person who appointed them to the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

**SB1036/HB1037: Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Establishment**

This bill establishes the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services, staffed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). The task force must (1) identify and assess the reentry services that exist in the State; (2) identify gaps in reentry services currently provided in the State; (3) assess the markers of successful reentry; (4) ensure that the recommendations of the task force equally consider returning citizens regardless of gender; (5) develop a plan to establish a Division of Returning Citizens within DPSCS for specified purposes; and (6) develop a plan to expand specified services for individuals in the State after release from incarceration. Task force members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses, as specified. By December 31, 2025, the task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

**HB763: Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention - Membership**

This bill alters the membership of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention by (1) removing representatives of specified organizations and (2) adding 1 representative from the Office of the Public Defender and 15 individuals who represent (or advocate on behalf of) a protected class under the State hate crime laws, as set forth in Title 10, Subtitle 3 of the Criminal Law Article, and are appointed by the Attorney General with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**SB729: Business Occupations and Professions - Security Guards - Use of Force Reporting, Standards, and Certifications**

This bill requires the employer of a security guard providing security guard services on the premises of a health care facility to report every seven days to the Secretary of State Police on the number of code greens initiated for combative persons and code purples initiated for security only responses – as those emergency codes are identified in Title 10 of the Code of Maryland Regulations – occurring in the previous seven days. It also delays the effective date of Chapter 763 of 2023 from June 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.

### **SB623/HB209: Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission**

This bill establishes the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission, staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP). The commission must (1) convene an advisory stakeholder group, as specified; (2) work with the advisory stakeholder group, including conducting roundtable discussion forums seeking public input in all geographic regions of the State; (3) develop an education-focused statewide framework of policies to invest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism of adult offenders, using a data-driven approach; (4) research best practices for the primary, secondary, postsecondary, and career or vocational education of those who are subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems; (5) identify measures to mitigate risk factors that contribute to adult contact with the criminal justice system, with a focus on education; (6) evaluate current workforce programs and their effectiveness, as specified; and (7) request technical assistance from specified organizations. Members may not receive compensation. The commission must submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by June 1, 2025; a final report is due by January 1, 2026.

### **SB894/HB732: Baltimore City - Control Over Powers of Police Commissioner**

This bill repeals the prohibition on an ordinance of Baltimore City or an act of any municipal officer from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner. The bill is contingent on the passage of an amendment to the Charter of Baltimore City that provides for the appointment, terms of office, and the powers and duties of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner and the powers and duties of the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) and its ratification by the voters of Baltimore City at the 2024 general election.

### **SB532/HB468: Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland**

This bill establishes the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland. The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) must provide staff for the commission. By December 1, 2024, the commission must submit an interim report on the progress and status of the commission to the Legislative Policy Committee. By December 1, 2025, the commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

### **HB1358: Natural Resources - Gwynns Falls State Park - Focus Group, Advisory Committee, and Report**

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Baltimore City to (1) convene focus group meetings on the establishment of the Gwynn Falls State Park with community members and stakeholders that reside or operate in the vicinity of the proposed State park; (2) develop a list of priority needs and associated cost assessments for park operations and improvements, as specified; and (3) establish a specified stakeholder advisory committee to advise DNR and Baltimore City on the scope and management of the park. A related reporting requirement is established.

### **SB769: Frederick County - Property Tax Credit for Property Located in Historic District - Alterations**

This bill alters a local property tax credit in Frederick County for property located in a historic district by repealing the calculation and duration of the property tax credit and instead authorizes Frederick County to provide for (1) the amount and duration of the property tax credit; (2) additional eligibility criteria for the

property tax credit; (3) regulations and procedures for the application and uniform processing of requests for the property tax credit; and (4) any other provision necessary to carry out the property tax credit.

**HB1357: Howard County - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Moderate Income Housing Ho. Co. 8-24**

This bill authorizes Howard County to exempt real property belonging to the owners of specified moderate income housing developments if the owner and the county enter into a specified payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement.

**SB286/HB154: Homeowners' and Homestead Property Tax Credits - Application Filing Deadline - Extension**

This departmental bill authorizes the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to accept an application for the homeowners' property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within three years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program. The bill also requires SDAT to grant a homestead property tax credit to a homeowner who is at least 70 years old if the homeowner applies for the credit in the current taxable year and was eligible for the credit in the prior taxable year but failed to file an application for the credit. The bill also provides these homeowners with a retroactive homestead property tax credit under certain circumstances.

**HB507: Allegany and Garrett Counties - Property Tax - Credit for Construction of Housing**

This bill authorizes Allegany and Garrett counties and municipalities within those counties to grant, by law, a property tax credit of up to \$10,000 against the property tax imposed on an eligible dwelling for up to five years if the eligible dwelling meets specified requirements.

**SB502/HB636: Allegany County – Property Tax Credit – Evergreen Heritage Center**

This bill authorizes Allegany County and municipalities in the county to grant a property tax credit for property that is owned by Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation or Evergreen Heritage Center Holdings.

**HB1450: Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs Ho. Co. 18-24**

This bill establishes the Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs. The Howard County Executive must provide staff for the task force and members of the task force serve without compensation. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Howard County Executive, the Howard County Council, and the Howard County Delegation to the General Assembly by October 31, 2024. If the Howard County Council determines that a recommendation included in the final task force report should be enacted but the county council or county lack the authority to enact the recommendation, the county council must submit a resolution to the delegation requesting that it authorize the county council to enact the specified recommendation.

**SB45/HB335: Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - B-D-7 Licenses - Hours of Sale**

This bill alters a specified geographic area in the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City where (1) a holder of a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license may not sell alcoholic beverages before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. and (2) a license holder, other than licensees specified, may not sell alcoholic

beverages before 9 a.m. or after 10 p.m. and may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m.

**SB770/HB742: Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Stadium License**

This bill authorizes the license holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor, in addition to beer and wine, for consumption on the licensed premises. The bill increases the annual license fee for a stadium license from \$2,000 to \$2,500.