



# **MSBA Bill Report 4B - Access to Justice and Public Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

**February 9, 2024**

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

[MD - HB577 Department of Housing and Community Development - Homeless Shelter Licensing Program - Establishment](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. (January 25, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Brooke Grossman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** February 16, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing a homeless shelter licensing program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring that license holders be relicensed every 2 years and requiring the Department to develop certain operational and building standards for homeless shelters and minimum standards for the protection of the rights of shelter residents; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation of operating a homeless shelter without a license or in violation of certain regulations; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1107

Statutes Amended:

6-1201 through 6-1207 Article - Housing and Community Development

[MD - HB1019 Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Committees:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

**Date:** February 28, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Specifying that a petition for emergency evaluation is effective for 5 days after being endorsed by the court; authorizing a court, for good cause shown, to extend a petition for an additional 5 days; and authorizing peace officers to use reasonable and necessary force when executing a petition.

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

10-623,

10-624 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1022 Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voting Eligibility and Access \(Voting Rights for All Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voting Eligibility and Access (Voting Rights for All Act) (February 5, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Committees:

Judiciary (House)

Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing requirements regarding the provision of ballot drop boxes and information related to voting to eligible voters by correctional facilities and the State Board of Elections; establishing a Voting Rights Ombudsman for Incarcerated Individuals; altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; etc.

[MD - HB1041 Criminal Law - Hate Crimes - Religion and Disability](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Hate Crimes - Religion and Disability (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Defining "disability" as it relates to laws prohibiting hate crimes; and prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit certain crimes motivated either in whole or in substantial part by another person's religion.

Statutes Amended:

10-301,

10-304 Article - Criminal Law

[MD - HB1047 Consumer Protection Self-Administered Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits](#)

**Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

Last Action: Text - First - Consumer Protection Self-Administered Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that a party in a criminal trial involving an allegation of a sexual crime may not introduce evidence that physical evidence of a sexual crime was obtained using certain materials; providing that selling, offering for sale, or distributing a certain self-administered sexual assault evidence collection kit is an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice; establishing the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program; and establishing the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund.

Cross-filed Bill: SB949

Statutes Amended:

10-925 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13-301,

14-4601 through 14-4604 Article - Commercial Law

**[MD - HB1049 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals](#)**

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

Cross-filed Bill: SB1040

Statutes Amended:

13-301,

14-1328 Article - Commercial Law

[MD - HB1057 Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2025.

[MD - HB1079 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Jury Examination](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Jury Examination (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Specifying the purpose of jury examination in any State court is to identify and remove prospective jurors who are unable to serve fairly and impartially, and allow the parties to obtain information that may provide guidance for the use of peremptory challenges and challenges for cause.

Cross-filed Bill: SB827

Statutes Amended:

8-423 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

[MD - HB1086 Compensation for Individuals Erroneously Convicted - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Compensation for Individuals Erroneously Convicted - Alterations (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

**Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering certain benefits that a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted of a crime is entitled to receive; requiring the State to notify a certain individual of certain information in writing under certain circumstances when the State intends to reduce or prevent an award of compensation to the individual; repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to the filing of a certain petition for compensation; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB890

Statutes Amended:

10-501 Article - State Finance and Procurement

**[MD - HB1114 Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over](#)**

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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.

Cross-filed Bill: SB992

Statutes Amended:

8-401,

8-402,

8-402.1,

8-407 Article - Real Property

**MD - HB1117** Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Repair Serious and Dangerous Defects - Tenant Remedies (Tenant Safety Act of 2024)

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing that a landlord that offers a residential dwelling unit for rent is deemed to warrant the dwelling fit for human habitation; clarifying that certain mold hazards constitute dangerous conditions and defects for which a tenant may obtain relief; authorizing certain remedies for a tenant if a landlord breaches the warranty of habitability; providing that a court may order certain relief in civil actions relating to the breach of warranty of habitability, including actual damages, abatement of rent, and lease termination; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB946

Statutes Amended:

8-211 Article - Real Property

**MD - HB1156** Commercial Law - Consumer Wire Transfers - Liability (Elder Fraud Prevention Act of 2024)

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Consumer Wire Transfers - Liability (Elder Fraud Prevention Act of 2024) (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

**Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

Summary:

Exempting consumer wire transaction from certain provisions of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code; limiting liability for damages resulting from consumer wire transfers; defining sufficient notice; requiring investigations; requiring decisions and materials be provided to a consumer; subjecting financial institutions to treble damages; subjecting financial institutions to liability for violation of the Act; prohibiting waiver of consumer rights under the Act; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB930

Statutes Amended:

12-1501 through 12-1507, 4A-102,  
4A-108 Article - Commercial Law

**[MD - HB1176 Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver - Eligibility](#)**

Last Action: Text - First - Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver - Eligibility (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the financial eligibility criteria for the home- and community-based services waiver submitted by the Maryland Department of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include categorically needy individuals with an income disregard up to 300% of the Supplemental Security Income monthly benefit amount and a certain community spouse resource allowance; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish a timeline within which the Department is required to approve or deny the application of an applicant; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1057

Statutes Amended:

15-132 Article - Health - General

**[MD - HB1233 Public Health - Abortion](#)**

Last Action: Text - First - Public Health - Abortion (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring that an abortion be performed by a physician, rather than a qualified provider; repealing certain provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion, regulations related to abortion, and liability or criminal punishment for qualified providers who perform an abortion; prohibiting a physician from knowingly performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion under certain circumstances and subject to certain exceptions; etc.



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Statutes Amended:

20-202, 20-204 through 20-212, 20-207,  
20-208,  
20-209,  
20-211, 20-214 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1251 Property Tax - Credit for Longtime Residents to Offset Property Tax Rate Increase](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by an individual who is at least 60 years old, who has resided in the dwelling for 30 consecutive years, and whose combined income does not exceed \$75,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

9-268 Article - Tax - Property

[MD - HB1271 Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures \(Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024) (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring each unit of State government to conduct certain inventories and assessments; requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct certain monitoring and adopt certain policies and procedures; prohibiting a unit of State government from implementing or using a system that employs artificial intelligence under certain circumstances; establishing the Governor's Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; allowing the Governor to appropriate up to \$3,000,000 annually for the Subcabinet; etc.

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Cross-filed Bill: SB818

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

13-116,

3.5-101,

3.5-301,

3.5-303,

3.5-318, 3.5-801 through 3.5-809 Article - State Finance and Procurement

**MD - HB1274 Landlord and Tenant Failure to Pay Rent Evidence of Notice to Tenant**

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Melissa Wells (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that a complaint to repossess a residential premises for the failure to pay rent include evidence that the landlord provided the tenant with notice of the landlord's intent to file a claim.

Statutes Amended:

8-401 Article - Real Property

**MD - HB1290 Protective Orders - Coercive Control**

Last Action: Text - First - Protective Orders - Coercive Control (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing a person to petition for a protective order against another person who the petitioner alleges has engaged in controlling or coercive behavior toward the petitioner; and defining "coercive control" as a pattern of emotional or psychological manipulation, maltreatment, threat of force, or intimidation used to compel an individual to act, or refrain from acting, against the individual's will.

Statutes Amended:

4-501,

4-504 Article - Family Law

**MD - HB1295 Real Property - Residential Rental Apartments - Air-Conditioning Requirements**

**Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

Last Action: Text - First - Real Property - Residential Rental Apartments - Air-Conditioning Requirements (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to certain residential rental units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2024, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2024, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

Statutes Amended:

8-119 Article - Real Property

**MD - SB901 Ground Leases Application for Redemption Procedures**

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** March 7, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the notice requirement for a leasehold tenant to apply to redeem a ground lease to require that a tenant must provide notice only to ground lease holders who have registered a ground lease in accordance with certain law.

Statutes Amended:

8-804 Article - Real Property

**MD - SB930 Commercial Law Consumer Wire Transfers Liability (Elder Fraud Prevention Act of 2024)**

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jim Rosapepe (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** March 6, 2024

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Exempting consumer wire transaction from certain provisions of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code; limiting liability for damages resulting from consumer wire transfers; defining sufficient notice; requiring investigations; requiring decisions and materials be provided to a consumer; subjecting financial institutions to treble damages; subjecting financial institutions to liability for violation of the Act; prohibiting waiver of consumer rights under the Act; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1156

Statutes Amended:

12-1501 through 12-1507, 4A-102,  
4A-108 Article - Commercial Law

**[MD - SB946 Landlord and Tenant - Failure to Repair Serious and Dangerous Defects - Tenant Remedies \(Tenant Safety Act of 2024\)](#)**

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** March 7, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing that a landlord that offers a residential dwelling unit for rent is deemed to warrant the dwelling fit for human habitation; clarifying that certain mold hazards constitute dangerous conditions and defects for which a tenant may obtain relief; authorizing certain remedies for a tenant if a landlord breaches the warranty of habitability; providing that a court may order certain relief in civil actions relating to the breach of warranty of habitability, including actual damages, abatement of rent, and lease termination; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1117

Statutes Amended:

8-211,  
8-212 Article - Real Property

**[MD - SB949 Consumer Protection - Self-Administered Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits](#)**

**Interest Law (2024.02.09)**

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings) (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that a party in a criminal trial involving an allegation of a sexual crime may not introduce evidence that physical evidence of a sexual crime was obtained using certain materials; providing that selling, offering for sale, or distributing a certain self-administered sexual assault evidence collection kit is an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice; establishing the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program; and establishing the Forensic Nurse Examiner Training Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1047

Statutes Amended:

10-925 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13-301,

14-4601 through 14-4604 Article - Commercial Law

**[MD - SB992 Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over](#)**

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** March 7, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

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

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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.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1114

Statutes Amended:

8-401,

8-402,

8-402.1,

8-407 Article - Real Property

**MD - SB1006 Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt**

Last Action: Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** March 8, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

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; 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.

Statutes Amended:

19-214.2 Article - Health - General

**MD - SB1017 Correctional Services - Maryland Correctional Enterprises - Formerly Incarcerated Individuals**

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** March 6, 2024

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring Maryland Correctional Enterprises to develop a plan for program participants to obtain employment after release on parole or supervised mandatory release; requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to report on individuals who participated in Maryland Correctional Enterprises programming; establishing certain procedures for appointing formerly incarcerated individuals to certain State positions; etc.

Statutes Amended:

3-502,

3-513,

3-517,

3-521,

6-123 Article - Correctional Services

7-203 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

**MD - SB1030 Criminal Procedure - Expungement of Records - Good Cause**

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a court to grant a petition for expungement of records relating to a certain conviction at any time on a showing of good cause; and specifying certain criteria for consideration of expungement for good cause.

Statutes Amended:

10-110,

10-110.1 Article - Criminal Procedure

**MD - SB1040 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals**

Last Action: Text - First - Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Interest Law (2024.02.09)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** March 13, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EDT)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1049

Statutes Amended:

13-301,

14-1328 Article - Commercial Law

**MD - SB1057 Home and Community Based Services Waiver Eligibility**

Last Action: Text - First - Home and Community Based Services Waiver Eligibility (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** March 12, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EDT)

**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the financial eligibility criteria for the home- and community-based services waiver submitted by the Maryland Department of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include categorically needy individuals with an income disregard up to 300% of the Supplemental Security Income monthly benefit amount and a certain community spouse resource allowance; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish a timeline within which the Department is required to approve or deny the application of an applicant; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1176

Statutes Amended:

15-132 Article - Health - General



**MD - SB1105** [Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign  
(February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** February 29, 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

Cross-filed Bill: HB845

Statutes Amended:

2-116.1 Article - Tax - General

**MD - SB1107** [Department of Housing and Community Development Homeless Shelter Licensing Program Establishment](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Housing and Community Development Homeless Shelter Licensing Program Establishment (February 4, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

Committee: Rules (Senate)

Summary:

Establishing a homeless shelter licensing program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring license holders to be relicensed every 2 years; requiring the Department to develop certain operational and building standards for homeless shelters and minimum standards for the protection of the rights of shelter residents; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for violating operating a homeless shelter without a license or in violation of certain regulations; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB577

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Statutes Amended:

6-1201 through 6-1207 Article - Housing and Community Development