



MSBA Bill Report 2A - Animal and Agricultural Law (2024.01.23)

January 23, 2024

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MD - HB100 Inheritance Tax Rate Beneficiaries of Limited Means

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering, under certain circumstances, the inheritance tax due on certain real property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of certain beneficiaries of limited means.

MD - HB238 Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions

Last Action: Text - First - Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and certain mass transportation; and requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in each indoor area open to the public and each public entrance to an indoor area where smoking or vaping is prohibited under the Clean Indoor Air Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB244

MD - HB253 Cannabis Reform - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Cannabis Reform - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Making alterations and clarifications related to the duties of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, the Office of Social Equity, the Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis, and the Maryland Cannabis Administration; altering the composition of the Advisory Board; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Advisory Board and removing the Director of the Administration as chair; authorizing processors to provide cannabis to cannabis licensees; etc.

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Statutes Amended:

1-101,

1-308,

1-309.1,

1-309.2,

36-101,

36-202,

36-206,

36-302,

36-401,

36-402,

36-404,

36-409,

36-501,

36-505,

36-903 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

2023 Article - Chapter of the Acts

5-1901 Article - Economic Development

MD - SB105 Burial Sites of Enslaved Persons - Protection and Access (Emancipation for the Maryland Deceased Enslaved Act)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring an owner of land that encompasses any part of a former plantation to identify and allow visitation to certain burial sites of enslaved persons, under certain circumstances; prohibiting construction of any structure on certain burial sites; establishing the Office of Burial Sites of the Maryland Enslaved; and requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the Office.

Statutes Amended:

14-121 Article - Real Property

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9-3801 through 9-3804 Article - State Government

MD - SB392 Agricultural Land - Adversarial Foreign Governments - Restrictions on Property Interests

Last Action: Text - First - Agricultural Land - Adversarial Foreign Governments - Restrictions on Property Interests (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jason C. Gallion (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Summary:

Prohibiting adversarial foreign governments from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding any property interest in agricultural land in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to enforce the Act in a certain manner.

Statutes Amended:

14-101,

14-101.1 Article - Real Property