



MSBA Bill Report 4B - Animal and Agricultural Law (2024.02.09)

February 9, 2024

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MD - HB1030 Agriculture - Roosters - Restrictions

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting, unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture, a person from keeping a certain number of roosters on certain property beginning on January 1, 2026, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing the Department to work in cooperation with a local animal control or law enforcement officer to enforce the Act; and establishing a fine of \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1055

Statutes Amended:

3-105.2 Article - Agriculture

MD - HB1042 Maryland Agricultural BMP Best in Show Program - Established

Last Action: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Lanman Guzzone (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Agricultural BMP Best in Show Program to provide and prioritize the use of certain funding relating to agricultural best management practices and to increase the cost-effectiveness and environmental, social, and health impacts of State-funded best management practices in a certain manner; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer and manage certain competitive grants under the Program in a certain manner; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB932

Statutes Amended:

2-2301, 2-2302 Article - Agriculture

(2024.02.09)

8-2A-02 Article - Natural Resources

9-1605.4 Article - Environment

[MD - HB1097 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a veterinary assistant to perform certain tasks under the direct supervision of a veterinary practitioner or a veterinary technician; authorizing a veterinary technician to perform certain procedures, including certain emergency procedures and euthanasia, under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to develop a certain alternative pathway for veterinary assistants to become veterinary technicians; etc.

[MD - HB1099 Veterinary Practitioners and Veterinary Technicians - Compounding Prescription Drugs - Authorization and Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing certain veterinary practitioners and veterinary technicians to compound prescription drugs under certain circumstances; requiring a veterinary clinic or hospital that carries out compounding to establish certain policies and keep certain records regarding certain compounded prescription drugs; authorizing an office manager or veterinary assistant to maintain certain records in a certain manner and update certain policies under certain circumstances; etc.

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

2-301,

2-313.4 Article - Agriculture

MD - HB1107 [Income Tax - Credit for Spaying and Neutering Dogs and Cats](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Spaying and Neutering Dogs and Cats (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate April Rose (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for up to \$100 of certain qualified expenses incurred by an individual during the taxable year to spay or neuter a dog or cat owned by the individual.

Statutes Amended:

10-758 Article - Tax - General

2-304.1 Article - Agriculture

MD - HB1179 [Housing and Community Development - Pets in Housing Developments](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dana Stein (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:

Prohibiting an owner or agent of an owner of a housing development that on or after January 1, 2025, received an allocation of certain tax credits from the Department of Housing and Community Development from imposing certain prohibitions and costs related to a resident's possession of pets; and applying the Act prospectively.

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

- 1-101,
- 2-304 Article - Housing and Community Development

MD - HB1190 Pesticides - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions

Last Action: Text - First - Pesticides - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2025, a person from selling a pesticide that has PFAS chemicals listed as an active ingredient on the labeling accompanying the pesticide; and prohibiting, beginning December 31, 2025, a person from using a pesticide that has PFAS chemicals listed as an active ingredient on the labeling.

Statutes Amended:

- 5-101,
- 5-201,
- 5-210.6 Article - Agriculture

MD - HB1250 Environment - Wood Vaults - Authorization and Permit Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural land preservation easement to use the land for the construction and use of a certain wood vault under certain circumstances; requiring a person to have a permit issued by the Secretary of the Environment before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a certain wood vault; applying certain provisions of law relating to permit requirements for certain facilities, including landfills, to a certain wood vault; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB936

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

1-601,

9-101,

9-201,

9-204,

9-204.2,

9-205,

9-208,

9-209,

9-211,

9-212.1,

9-213,

9-214,

9-215,

9-220,

9-221,

9-252,

9-314,

9-501 Article - Environment

2-513 Article - Agriculture

3-201,

5-9A-05 Article - Natural Resources

[MD - SB916 Fish and Wildlife - Endangered and Threatened Species - Definitions, Petitions, and Regulations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/16 at 9:00 a.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

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

Scheduled Hearings:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 16, 2024

Time: 9:00am (EST)

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

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring certain petitions to review the listing or unlisting of endangered or threatened species to contain certain information regarding the distribution, life, and habitat needs of the species and relevant information about the status of a species; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to review and, if warranted, update certain regulations listing endangered or threatened species on or before July 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter; and defining "fish" and "wildlife" for certain purposes.

Cross-filed Bill: HB345

Statutes Amended:

10-101,
10-2A-01,
10-2A-04,
10-2A-05,
4-101,
4-2A-01,
4-2A-04,
4-2A-05 Article - Natural Resources

MD - SB924 Boating - Migratory Waterfowl Season - Prohibited Acts

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from operating a vessel within 500 yards of a stationary blind or blind site that is occupied and being used for hunting migratory waterfowl during open season.

Cross-filed Bill: HB590

Statutes Amended:

4-512,
8-701,
8-724.2 Article - Natural Resources

(2024.02.09)

[MD - SB932 Maryland Agricultural BMP Best in Show Program - Established](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Agricultural BMP Best in Show Program - Established (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sarah K. Elfreth (D)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Agricultural BMP Best in Show Program to provide and prioritize the use of certain funding relating to agricultural best management practices and to increase the cost-effectiveness and environmental, social, and health impacts of State-funded best management practices in a certain manner; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer and manage certain competitive grants under the Program in a certain manner; etc.

Statutes Amended:

2-2301, 2-2302 Article - Agriculture

8-2A-02 Article - Natural Resources

9-1605.4 Article - Environment

[MD - SB936 Environment - Wood Vaults - Authorization and Permit Requirements](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jason C. Gallion (R)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural land preservation easement to use the land for the construction and use of a certain wood vault under certain circumstances; requiring a person to have a permit issued by the Secretary of the Environment before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a certain wood vault; applying certain provisions of law relating to permit requirements for certain facilities, including landfills, to a certain wood vault; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1250

Statutes Amended:

1-601,

9-101,

9-201,

9-204,
9-204.2,
9-205,
9-208,
9-209,
9-211,
9-212.1,
9-213,
9-214,
9-215,
9-220,
9-221,
9-252,
9-314,
9-501 Article - Environment

2-513 Article - Agriculture

3-201,

5-9A-05 Article - Natural Resources

MD - SB983 Hunting - Lead and Lead-Based Ammunition - Phase-Out

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Karen Lewis Young (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a certain process to phase out on or before December 31, 2026, the use of lead or lead-based ammunition for hunting; and requiring the Department to establish a process to certify ammunition as nonlead ammunition.

Statutes Amended:

10-428 Article - Natural Resources

MD - SB1009 Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

(2024.02.09)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 31, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB548

MD - SB1055 Agriculture - Roosters - Restrictions

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting, unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture, a person from keeping a certain number of roosters on certain property beginning on January 1, 2026, subject to certain exceptions; and authorizing the Department to work in cooperation with a local animal control or law enforcement officer to enforce the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1030

Statutes Amended:

3-105.2 Article - Agriculture