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MD - HB2 Baltimore City - Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and

### **Abandoned Property**

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Luke Clippinger (D)

Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D)

Delegate Robbyn Lewis (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set a special property tax rate for a vacant or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: SB138

### MD - HB12 Property Tax Credit - Retail Service Station Conversions

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Kris Fair (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** January 25, 2024

MSBA Bill Report 1 - Business and Taxation
(2024.01.20)

January 20, 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 credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act an amount equal to a 50% of forgone revenue.

Cross-filed Bill: SB67

### MD - HB16 Tax Sales - Homeowner Protection Program - Funding

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (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:

Requiring each collector of property taxes to include with each property tax bill a separate insert that describes the Homeowner Protection Program and encourages taxpayers to make a voluntary donation to the Program through a website maintained by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; prohibiting the collector from delivering a certificate of sale to the purchaser of a property at a tax sale until the purchaser has paid a \$15 fee to the collector for each certificate issued by the collector; etc.

### MD - HB20 Real Property Assessments Revaluation of Property on Transfer After Appeal

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Requiring that real property be revalued during a 3-year assessment cycle if, within 1 year after the assessment of a property is reduced due to an appeal, the property transfers for consideration that exceeds the value of the property before the reduction of the assessment.

Cross-filed Bill: SB263

### MD - HB26 Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account - Alterations

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce.

Cross-filed Bill: SB215

### MD - HB29 Real Property - Transfer to Heir - Exemption From Prepayment

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Natalie Ziegler (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:

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: SB53

### MD - HB32 Income Tax - Caregiver Tax Credit

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (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:

Allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax equal to 30% of certain qualified expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year that exceed \$2,000 to provide care or support to certain qualified family members; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

### MD - HB33 Economic Development - Entrepreneurial Leave Tax Credit Program

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)
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:

Establishing the Entrepreneurial Leave Tax Credit Program in the Department of Commerce to encourage employers to implement leave policies that provide unpaid leave for employees for the purpose of establishing or expanding an employee business in the State; requiring the Department to conduct research on the benefits of entrepreneurship, the creation of leave policies, and the utilization of entrepreneurial leave by employees; and allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain employers.

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MD - HB35 Property Tax - Submission of Building Permits to Supervisor of Assessments - Estimated

**Construction Cost** 

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Requiring local permit offices to include a construction cost estimate when submitting a copy of a building permit to the supervisor of assessments of the county where the building is located.

Cross-filed Bill: SB276

# MD - HB44 Renters' Property Tax Relief and Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Programs - Gross Income and Assessed Value Limitations - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (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 the definition of "gross income" to exclude public assistance received in a cash grant for purposes of the renters' property tax relief program and the homeowners' property tax credit program; increasing the combined gross income limit used to determine eligibility for the tax credits; and increasing, from \$300,000 to \$450,000, the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners' property tax credit is calculated.

Cross-filed Bill: SB343

### MD - HB52 State Employees - Parental Bereavement Leave

Last Action: First Reading Appropriations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

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

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that certain State employees are entitled to use up to 10 days of parental bereavement leave with pay within 60 days after the death of the employee's child or the employee experiences a stillbirth; and prohibiting certain State entities from requiring State employees entitled to parental bereavement leave under the Act to use any other paid leave available to the employee.

Cross-filed Bill: SB109

# MD - HB53 Task Force to Study E-Commerce Monopolies in the State (E-Commerce Antimonopoly Study of 2024)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Chao Wu (D) Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 30, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Establishing the Task Force to Study E-Commerce Monopolies in the State to investigate the business practices and industry impacts of e-commerce businesses that individually have annual revenue exceeding \$10,000,000,000, have a presence in the State, and are engaged in selling on their own online platforms first-and third-party products; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

### MD - HB54 Property Tax - Transfer to Heir - Payment Plans

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House) **Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Exempting an instrument transferring residential real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent from certain requirements for the payment of taxes on real property if the heir of the decedent enters into a payment plan to pay all the taxes due and owed on the property; requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to contract with a vendor to operate an installment payment program for the payment of taxes in which any homeowner may enroll; etc.

### MD - HB63 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (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 eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain 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; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: SB6

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

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (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:

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 for certain residential real property owned by a public school employee under certain circumstances; 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 for certain buildings if the owner made certain health or safety improvements on or after July 1, 2024; etc.

### MD - HB89 Income Tax - Credit for Individuals Without Motor Vehicles (One Less Car Act of 2024)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robbyn Lewis (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:

Allowing, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, but before January 1, 2029, a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified taxpayers if, for at least 6 months of the taxable year, the taxpayers were not listed as an insured on another individual's personal motor vehicle liability insurance policy and the taxpayers and entities controlled by the taxpayers or the taxpayers' dependents did not own or lease a motor vehicle required to be registered with a state; making the credit refundable; etc.

### MD - HB90 Insurance - Hearing Representation

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: February 1, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

Cross-filed Bill: SB230

### 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 - HB106 Human Services - Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E) Program -

#### Establishment

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Appropriations Committee

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

### Summary:

Establishing the Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E) Program in the Department of Human Services to train participants on how to establish and run a small business; requiring the Department to establish eligibility criteria and a process to enroll eligible individuals; and authorizing the Department to provide up to \$10,000 in business start-up funding to each participant who successfully completes the PA2E Program and develops a viable business plan.

Cross-filed Bill: SB265

### MD - HB112 Persons Doing Public Business Disclosure Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB291

### MD - HB122 General Provisions Commemorative Month Small Business Month

Last Action: Text - First - General Provisions Commemorative Month Small Business Month

(January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Queen (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of May as Small Business Month; and requiring the proclamation to urge citizens and organizations to observe Small Business Month properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

# MD - HB136 Employment Standards, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Employer Adverse Actions - Prohibition

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 24, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints, investigations, proceedings, or hearings under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint.

Cross-filed Bill: SB233

### MD - HB143 Condominiums - Sales Contracts - Asbestos Disclosure

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 30, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Establishing the unenforceability of contracts for the sale of condominium units that do not contain certain notice relating to the presence of asbestos.

Cross-filed Bill: SB46

# MD - HB154 Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Application Filing Deadline - Extension for Homeowner Protection Program Enrollees

Last Action: First Reading Ways and Means (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners' property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within 3 years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: SB286

### MD - HB155 Maryland Energy Administration - Carbon Capture Opportunity Program - Establishment

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Energy Administration - Carbon Capture Opportunity Program -

Establishment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D) Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Carbon Capture Opportunity Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to assist nonprofit and for-profit businesses engaged in carbon capture projects or carbon capture research; and requiring the Administration to establish application procedures, provide technical assistance to participating businesses, assist participants in applying for federal and private grant funding, and publicize the availability of the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: SB384

### MD - HB174 Property Tax Assessment - Appeals to Maryland Tax Court - Filing Fee

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

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:

Requiring a taxpayer, when filing an appeal to the Maryland Tax Court of a property tax assessment for income-producing property valued greater than \$5,000,000, to pay a \$100 nonrefundable fee to the Maryland Tax Court.

Cross-filed Bill: SB279

# MD - HB175 Occupational Licensing and Certification Criminal History Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: February 7, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to change a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB54

### MD - HB205 Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024 (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

#### Summary:

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner beginning in calendar year 2027 and each calendar year thereafter; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB104

MD - HB211 Business Regulation - Contractors, Subcontractors, and Brokers - Prohibited Conduct

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Deni Taveras (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: February 7, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Prohibiting a person from serving or acting as a broker between a contractor and subcontractor during the 5-year period immediately following the date the person was convicted of an offense constituting criminal malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance under any federal or State law.

### MD - HB218 Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (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:

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: SB86

### MD - HB220 Homestead Property Tax Credit - Calculation of Credit for Dwelling Purchased by First-Time Homebuyer

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robert B. Long (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: January 25, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing certain local governments to allow, by law, a first-time homebuyer in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit for property that includes a newly purchased dwelling using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner may receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

### MD - HB223 Commercial Law - Mortgage Loans - Verification of Ability to Repay

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Queen (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House) **Date:** January 30, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Exempting mortgage loans made by community development financial institutions from certain requirements to verify the borrower's ability to repay.

### MD - HB226 Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing a property tax credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation real property tax on certain properties that provide permanent supportive housing; providing for the calculation of the tax credit; providing for the recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring a certain reimbursement by the State to a county or municipal

corporation for a certain percentage of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB269

### MD - HB243 Property Tax - Tax Sales - Revisions

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring that certain property be withheld from tax sale; authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property designated for redevelopment purposes; altering certain provisions of law concerning abandoned property that is sold for less than the lien amount; altering certain requirements concerning the rate of redemption for properties sold at tax sale; etc.

### MD - HB246 Commercial Law - Credit Regulation - Earned Wage Access and Credit Modernization

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 23, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Subjecting certain earned wage access products to the Maryland Consumer Loan Law and other provisions that regulate entities that provide consumer credit, revolving credit, and closed end credit; restricting the acceptance of tips by certain lenders under certain circumstances; providing for the licensing or registration of certain entities offering earned wage access products with certain

exemptions; limiting the costs and fees associated with obtaining an earned wage access product; etc.

### MD - HB248 Property Tax - Assessment Appeal Boards and Supervisors - Regional Organization

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Assessment Appeal Boards and Supervisors - Regional

Organization (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing certain regions for supervisors of real property assessments offices; altering the geographic jurisdiction of property tax assessment appeal boards from county to regional; establishing the membership of the regional boards; and prohibiting an employee of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from concurrently being a member of a regional board, serving as the Administrator of the regional boards, or being employed as staff for a regional board.

### MD - HB250 Financial Institutions - Third-Party Service Providers - Examinations

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 23, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to examine a third-party service provider as to services and activities performed on behalf of an entity licensed or chartered by the Office of Financial Regulation.

### 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.

### MD - HB254 Commercial Law - Credit Regulation - Predatory Loan Prevention (True Lender Act)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 23, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Prohibiting a person from engaging in certain activities to evade certain requirements relating to lending or the extension of credit; establishing that a person is a lender subject to certain statutory requirements under certain circumstances; etc.

# MD - HB262 Consumer Protection - Consumer Reporting Agencies - Information in Consumer Credit Reports

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 30, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

Cross-filed Bill: SB41

### MD - HB271 Limited Liability Companies - Articles of Organization - Required Information

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: February 6, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring a limited liability company to include in its articles of organization the name and home address of each member who is authorized to act on behalf of the limited liability company; requiring a limited liability company to update information required under the Act in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from filing certain documents with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the person knows or has reason to know contain false information; providing a maximum \$5,000 penalty for a violation; etc.

### MD - HB272 Cannabis Licensing and Registration - Use of Straw Ownership - Prohibition

Last Action: Text - First - Cannabis Licensing and Registration - Use of Straw Ownership - Prohibition (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from applying for or holding a cannabis license or registration under certain circumstances if an ownership interest in the license or registration is for the limited purpose of satisfying certain requirements of registration or licensure; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to deny a certain application or revoke a cannabis license or registration if the applicant, licensee, or registrant is convicted of a violation of the Act; etc.

# MD - HB280 Local Government - Condominium and Homeowners Associations - Repair and Rehabilitation Funds

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D) Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a county or a municipality to establish a certain fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or a homeowners association; and requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under the Act.

### MD - HB287 Tax Credits Homeowners and Renters Income Calculation

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

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

Date: February 6, 2024

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

Summary:

Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of "assets" for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters.

Cross-filed Bill: SB342

### MD - HB294 Estates and Trusts - Vessel Transfers - Excise Tax and Title Fee Exemption

Last Action: Text - First - Estates and Trusts - Vessel Transfers - Excise Tax and Title Fee Exemption (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist (R)

Delegate Jay A. Jacobs (R)

Committees:

Ways and Means (House)

Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting the imposition of an excise tax or title fee for the transfer of certain vessels to a trust or from a trust to certain beneficiaries under certain circumstances.

### MD - HB309 Cooperative Housing Corporations - Dispute Settlement

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne Healey (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 13, 2024

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

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

#### Summary:

Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

Cross-filed Bill: SB15

### MD - HB350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)

Last Action: Text - First - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB360

# MD - HB361 Property Tax Exemption for Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Limitation on Generating Capacity - Alteration

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Exemption for Community Solar Energy Generating Systems -

Limitation on Generating Capacity - Alteration (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Carl Jackson (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Increasing, from 2 megawatts to 5 megawatts, the limitation on the generating capacity for certain community solar energy generating systems that are exempt from personal property taxes.

### MD - HB369 Income Tax - Senior Tax Credit - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Joe Vogel (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 the calculation of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old.

# MD - HB384 Prince George County Business Improvement Districts Sale of Commercial Property PG 4024

Last Action: Text - First - Prince George County Business Improvement Districts Sale of

Commercial Property PG 4024 (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Prince George's County Delegation Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development to notify and consider comments from the board of directors of a certain business improvement district corporation before the sale of certain commercial property; and providing that a certain district corporation has the preemptive right to the purchase of certain commercial property under certain circumstances.

### MD - HB385 Wage Payment and Collection - Pay Stubs and Pay Statements - Required Information

Last Action: Text - First - Wage Payment and Collection - Pay Stubs and Pay Statements - Required Information (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)

Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Delegate Diana M. Fennell (D)

Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D)

Delegate Kent Roberson (D)

Delegate Gary Simmons (D)

Delegate Deni Taveras (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Veronica Turner (D)

Delegate Kriselda Valderrama (D)

Delegate Melissa Wells (D)

Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

### Summary:

Requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include the employer's name, the dates of work covered by the pay period, the number of hours worked, the rates of pay, the gross and net pay earned, the amount and purpose of all deductions, a description of the information used by the employer to calculate the employees gross and net pay, and for each employee paid at a piece rate, the applicable rate and number of pieces.

Cross-filed Bill: SB38

### MD - HB391 Corporations and Associations - Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)

### Cosponsors:

Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)

Delegate Brian M. Crosby (D)

Delegate Debra Davis (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)

Delegate Matthew Morgan (R)

Delegate Edith J. Patterson (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Delegate Joe Vogel (D)

Delegate C. T. Wilson (D)

Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: February 6, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Repealing uncodified provisions of law relating to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington, commonly known as the "Vestry Act"; and providing for the governance of religious corporations in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington.

Cross-filed Bill: SB429

### MD - HB401 Property Tax Exemption - Rental Income - Reporting Requirement

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Exemption - Rental Income - Reporting Requirement (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lily Qi (D) Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Requiring the owner of real property that is exempt from real property tax under certain provisions of law to report any rental income that is attributable to the property to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB369

### MD - SB6 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

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### MSBA Bill Report 1 - Business and Taxation (2024.01.20)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on the dwelling house of certain 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; and altering the criteria for determining the amount of the credit.

Cross-filed Bill: HB63

### MD - SB14 Economic Development - Tourism Zones - Designation and Benefits

Last Action: Text - First - Economic Development - Tourism Zones - Designation and Benefits

(January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a municipal corporation to designate, by law, an area within that political subdivision as a tourism zone under certain circumstances; authorizing Baltimore City or a municipal corporation to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from certain admissions or amusement charges levied in a tourism zone; etc.

### MD - SB15 Cooperative Housing Corporations - Dispute Settlement

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R) Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 8, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering procedures for the dispute settlement mechanism under the Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

Cross-filed Bill: HB309

# MD - SB24 Consumer Protection - Retail Sales - Return and Exchange Policy (Right to Refund Information Act)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing: Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring, before the completion of certain retail sales transactions, that merchants provide to consumers notice of the merchants' refund and exchange policies or policies of no refunds or exchanges by conspicuously displaying a certain notice; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

# MD - SB25 Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue

Worker - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering, for purposes of a certain property tax credit, the definition of "fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker" to include disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who have died regardless of the cause of death; requiring, under certain circumstances, the amount of the credit for a certain dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker or the surviving spouse or cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted for the dwelling; etc.

MD - SB30 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund - High Impact

<u>Development Project Program</u>

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing: Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Establishing the High Impact Development Project Program within the Department of Commerce to provide financial assistance to industrial development agencies or enterprises undertaking high impact, placemaking projects that will support manufacturing activities; requiring the Department to award financial assistance to entities carrying out high impact development projects under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; etc.

### MD - SB38 Wage Payment and Collection - Pay Stubs and Pay Statements - Required Information

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing: Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring that the statement regarding earnings required to be provided to employees by employers be written on the physical pay stub or online pay statement and include the employer's name, the dates of work covered by the pay period, the number of hours worked, the rates of pay, the gross and net pay earned, the amount and purpose of all deductions, a description of the information used by the employer to calculate the employee's gross and net pay, and for each employee paid at a piece rate, the applicable rate and number of pieces; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB385

### MD - SB41 Consumer Protection - Consumer Reporting Agencies - Information in Consumer Credit

### Reports

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing: Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

Cross-filed Bill: HB262

### MD - SB46 Condominiums - Sales Contracts - Asbestos Disclosure

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (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:

Establishing the unenforceability of contracts for the sale of condominium units that do not contain certain notice relating to the presence of asbestos.

Cross-filed Bill: HB143

### MD - SB53 Real Property - Transfer to Heir - Exemption From Prepayment

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)
Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring real property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: HB29

# MD - SB54 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB175

### MD - SB58 Income Tax - Senior Credit - Alterations

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Senior Credit - Alterations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Altering, under certain circumstances, eligibility for and the value of a credit against the State income tax for certain residents who are at least 65 years old.

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### MD - SB64 Income Tax - Credit for Employers Providing Parental Engagement Leave

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Employers Providing Parental Engagement Leave

(January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate) **Date:** January 24, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; requiring a certain qualified employee to obtain the signatures of a certain county board member and certain school personnel under certain circumstances; and making the credit refundable under certain circumstances.

### MD - SB67 Property Tax Credit Retail Service Station Conversions

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Credit Retail Service Station Conversions (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

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 credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act an amount equal to a 50% of forgone revenue.

Cross-filed Bill: HB12

# MD - SB85 Corporations and Associations - Limited Worker Cooperative Associations - Authorization (Maryland Limited Cooperative Association Act)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 7, 2024 **Time:** 2:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

### MD - SB86 Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024) (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: HB218

### MD - SB104 Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024 (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner beginning in calendar year 2027 and each calendar year thereafter; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB205

### MD - SB109 State Employees - Parental Bereavement Leave

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing: Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 1, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Providing that certain State employees are entitled to use up to 10 days of parental bereavement leave with pay within 60 days after the death of the employee's child or the employee experiences a stillbirth; and prohibiting certain State entities from requiring State employees entitled to parental bereavement leave under the Act to use any other paid leave available to the employee.

Cross-filed Bill: HB52

# MD - SB138 Baltimore CityProperty TaxesAuthority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property

Last Action: Text - First - Baltimore CityProperty TaxesAuthority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)
Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

and Abandoned Property (January 10, 2024)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set a special property tax rate for a vacant or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: HB2

### MD - SB154 State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses

Last Action: Text - First - State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone

Businesses (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to meet federal procurement standards and to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; establishing a certain percentage price preference; and establishing certain penalties.

### MD - SB158 Cannabis Licensing - Zoning Requirements - Alteration

Last Action: Text - First - Cannabis Licensing - Zoning Requirements - Alteration (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Repealing a provision of law that exempts the use of a facility by a cannabis licensee from certain county or municipal zoning requirements if the facility is used by a grower, processor, or dispensary that held a certain Stage One Preapproval for a license before October 1, 2022, and was not operational before October 1, 2022.

### MD - SB169 Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund

Last Action: Text - First - Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; authorizing, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Fund; etc.

MD - SB191 Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit - Public School Employees PG 503-24

Last Action: Text - First - Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit - Public School Employees

PG 503-24 (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on dwellings that are owned by certain eligible employees of the Prince George's County Public School System; providing for the maximum amount of the credit; requiring the Prince George's County government to submit a certain report concerning the credit to certain persons on or before a certain date; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024; etc.

# MD - SB198 Income Tax - Credit for Parent and Guardian Volunteers in Elementary and Secondary Schools

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Parent and Guardian Volunteers in Elementary and Secondary Schools (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Allowing certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in a certain elementary and secondary school a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$20 for each volunteer hour, not to exceed \$500; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain application and tax credit certificate; requiring a certain county board member or school administrator to issue tax credit certificates in a certain manner; making the credit refundable; etc.

### MD - SB202 Income Tax Caregiver Tax Credit

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax Caregiver Tax Credit (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax equal to 30% of certain qualified expenses paid or incurred to provide care or support to certain qualifying family members; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

### MD - SB209 Economic Development Maryland Economic Development Commission Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

#### Summary:

Altering certain requirements relating to industry representation on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the purpose of the Commission; repealing a requirement that the Office of International Trade make a certain report to the Commission; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Tourism Development Board submit certain plans to the Commission.

### MD - SB215 Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account - Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the type of financial assistance that may be provided by eligible fund managers who receive grants from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account in the Department of Commerce.

Cross-filed Bill: HB26

### MD - SB230 Insurance - Hearing Representation

Last Action: Text - First - Insurance - Hearing Representation (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

Cross-filed Bill: HB90

### MD - SB233 Employment Standards, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage - Employer Adverse Actions

### - Prohibition

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024
Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Prohibiting employers from taking or threatening to take adverse action against an employee because the employee takes certain actions regarding rights and responsibilities, complaints,

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investigations, proceedings, or hearings under certain provisions of law; and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate a violation of the Act on the Commissioner's own initiative or on receipt of a written complaint.

Cross-filed Bill: HB136

### MD - SB263 Real Property Assessments - Revaluation of Property on Transfer After Appeal

Last Action: Text - First - Real Property Assessments - Revaluation of Property on Transfer After

Appeal (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring that real property be revalued during a 3-year assessment cycle if, within 1 year after the assessment of a property is reduced due to an appeal, the property transfers for consideration that exceeds the value of the property before the reduction of the assessment.

Cross-filed Bill: HB20

### MD - SB265 Human Services - Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E) Program -

### Establishment

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate) **Date:** February 6, 2024

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

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

#### Summary:

Establishing the Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (PA2E) Program in the Department of Human Services to train participants on how to establish and run a small business; requiring the Department to establish eligibility criteria and a process for enrolling eligible individuals; and authorizing the Department to provide up to \$10,000 in business start-up funding to each participant who successfully completes the PA2E Program and develops a viable business plan.

Cross-filed Bill: HB106

### MD - SB269 Property Tax Credit - Permanent Supportive Housing - Established

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate) **Date:** January 24, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Establishing a property tax credit against the State, county, and municipal corporation real property tax on certain properties that provide permanent supportive housing; providing for the calculation of the tax credit; providing for the recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring a certain reimbursement by the State to a county or municipal corporation for a certain percentage of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB226

# MD - SB276 Property Tax - Submission of Building Permits to Supervisor of Assessments - Estimated Construction Cost

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Submission of Building Permits to Supervisor of

Assessments - Estimated Construction Cost (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring local permit offices to include a construction cost estimate when submitting a copy of a building permit to the supervisor of assessments of the county where the building is located.

Cross-filed Bill: HB35

### MD - SB279 Property Tax Assessment - Appeals to Maryland Tax Court - Filing Fee

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax Assessment - Appeals to Maryland Tax Court - Filing Fee

(January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

(2024.01.20) Summary:

Requiring a taxpayer, when filing an appeal to the Maryland Tax Court of a property tax assessment for income-producing property valued greater than \$5,000,000, to pay a \$100 nonrefundable fee to the Maryland Tax Court.

Cross-filed Bill: HB174

### MD - SB280 Notarial Acts - Protest Form Requirement - Repeal

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024) Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing the requirement that a notary public use a certain protest form.

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

Last Action: Text - First - Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Application - Attestation of Gross Income (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing 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 under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

# MD - SB286 Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Application Filing Deadline - Extension for Homeowner Protection Program Enrollees

Last Action: Text - First - Homeowners' Property Tax Credit - Application Filing Deadline - Extension for Homeowner Protection Program Enrollees (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept an application for the homeowners' property tax credit submitted by a homeowner within 3 years after April 15 of the taxable year for which the credit is sought if the homeowner is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: HB154

### MD - SB288 State Board of Individual Tax Preparers - Sunset Extension

Last Action: Text - First - State Board of Individual Tax Preparers - Sunset Extension (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

Summary:

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2036, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

# MD - SB289 State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Office of the Director - Administrative Expenses

Last Action: Text - First - State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Office of the Director - Administrative Expenses (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Increasing from 5% to 15% the percentage of the administrative expenses of the Office of the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the Department may pay from a certain fund.

#### MD - SB291 Persons Doing Public Business - Disclosure Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST) Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB112

### MD - SB321 Property Tax - Credit for Hotel or Residential Development Projects

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, 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 tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

### MD - SB323 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Volunteers

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** January 24, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Increasing, from \$7,000 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying public safety volunteer for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024; requiring each police agency to maintain certain records of the activities of each member of a police auxiliary or reserve, provide each member with a certain report on the preceding calendar year, and provide a certain report and certification that an individual qualified for the subtraction modification; etc.

### MD - SB340 Property Tax - Credit to Offset Increases in Local Tax Revenue

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Nancy J. King (D) Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Date: January 24, 2024

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

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

#### Summary:

Authorizing Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to grant the property tax credit to offset increases in local income tax revenues to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022, but before July 1, 2025, whether or not the homeowner has an application for the homestead property tax credit on file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, notwithstanding a certain provision of law.

### MD - SB342 Tax Credits Homeowners and Renters Income Calculation

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)
Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** January 24, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of "assets" for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters.

Cross-filed Bill: HB287

# MD - SB343 Renters Property Tax Relief and Homeowners Property Tax Credit Programs Gross Income and Assessed Value Limitations Alterations

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the definition of "gross income" to exclude certain public assistance received in a cash grant for purposes of the renters' property tax relief program and the homeowners' property tax credit program; increasing the combined gross income limit used to determine eligibility for the tax credits; and increasing, from \$300,000 to \$450,000, the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners' property tax credit is calculated.

Cross-filed Bill: HB44

# MD - SB346 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income (Keep Our Heroes Home Act)

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sarah K. Elfreth (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Nick Charles (D)

Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)

Senator William G. Folden (R)

Senator Jason C. Gallion (R)

Senator Mary-Dulany James (D)

Senator Nancy J. King (D)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Senator Mike McKay (R)

Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Senator Justin Ready (R)

Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

**Date:** January 24, 2024

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

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

### Summary:

Phasing in, over a period of 3 years, an increase in a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow for a subtraction of all military retirement income beginning in taxable year 2026.

# MD - SB358 Economic Development - Maryland Technology Development Corporation - Application and Reporting Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 6, 2024 **Time:** 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the

geographic area of the applicant's primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.

### MD - SB363 Procurement Contracts - Disclosures to Secretary of State - Beneficial Ownership

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Justin Ready (R) Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate) **Date:** January 24, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the definition of "beneficial ownership" to mean any ownership interest of 25% rather than 5% for the purposes of certain disclosures made by certain businesses to the Secretary of State under certain circumstances.

### MD - SB369 Property Tax Exemption Rental Income Reporting Requirement

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate) **Date:** January 31, 2024

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

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

#### Summary:

Requiring the owner of real property that is exempt from real property tax under certain provisions of law to report any rental income that is attributable to the property to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB401

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Energy Administration - Carbon Capture Opportunity Program -

Establishment (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Karen Lewis Young (D)

Cosponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Carbon Capture Opportunity Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to assist nonprofit and for-profit businesses engaged in carbon capture projects or carbon capture research; and requiring the Administration to establish application procedures, provide technical assistance to participating businesses, assist participants in applying for federal and private grant funding, and publicize the availability of the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: HB155

### MD - SB390 Family Law - Child Support - Actual Income

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D) Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 7, 2024 **Time:** 2:00pm (EST)

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

### Summary:

Altering the definition of "actual income" to include taxes paid by a parent's employer or, if the income is nontaxable, the amount of taxes that would be paid if the income were taxable for purposes of child support calculations.