



MSBA Bill Report 4B - Business and Taxation (2024.02.09)

February 9, 2024

(2024.02.09)

MD - HB1014 Maryland Estate Tax - Unified Credit

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Estate Tax - Unified Credit (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Christopher T. Adams (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:

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: SB928

Statutes Amended:

7-309 Article - Tax - General

MD - HB1018 Manufacturing Business Personal Property Tax - Exemption

Last Action: Text - First - Manufacturing Business Personal Property Tax - Exemption (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lily Qi (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Exempting all personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business that is a small or medium-sized enterprise from the personal property tax.

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

6-104,

7-109,

7-222,

7-225,

7-225.1,

7-508 Article - Tax - Property

MD - HB1028 Business Regulation Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Regulations for Retail Use

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle supply equipment in the State; and requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to submit a report on the development and enforcement of the regulations adopted under this Act to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: SB951

Statutes Amended:

19-1001 through 19-1003 Article - Business Regulation

7-901 Article - Public Utilities

MD - HB1049 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

(2024.02.09)

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB1040

Statutes Amended:

13-301,

14-1328 Article - Commercial Law

[MD - HB1067 Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax - Assessments - Appeals and Corrections](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax - Assessments - Appeals and Corrections (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

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:

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after June 30, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

13-402,

13-508,

13-509 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1116 Business Regulation - Restaurants and Traders - Licensing Requirements](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

(2024.02.09)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing an exception for licensed restaurants to the requirement that a person who does business as a trader or an exhibitor have a trader's license.

Statutes Amended:

17-1803 Article - Business Regulation

MD - HB1126 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Last Action: Text - First - Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; and authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB785

Statutes Amended:

3-2301 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - HB1135 Financial Institutions - Community Benefit Plan Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Financial Institutions - Community Benefit Plan Act of 2024 (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Melissa Wells (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

(2024.02.09)

Requiring certain regulated financial institutions to develop a community benefit plan in connection with certain applications to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation relating to financial services; requiring the Commissioner to exercise certain oversight authority relating to the adequacy of the community benefit plans and attainment of goals under the plans; establishing the Community Reinvestment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to finance certain community development activities; etc.

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

11-503.1,

1-501 through 1-507,

2-118,

2-118.2,

2-120,

5-203,

6-712 Article - Financial Institutions

190.,

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1142 Montgomery County and Prince Georges County Enforcement of Local Vacant Property Laws](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Montgomery County and Prince Georges County Enforcement of Local Vacant Property Laws (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Authorizing Montgomery County and Prince George's County to enforce certain local laws related to the maintenance of a vacant dwelling or building owned by a business entity by imposing certain civil and criminal fines and penalties of certain amounts.

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government

[MD - HB1156 Commercial Law - Consumer Wire Transfers - Liability \(Elder Fraud Prevention Act of 2024\)](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

(2024.02.09)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB930

Statutes Amended:

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

[MD - HB1180 Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions \(Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions (Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024) (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate C. T. Wilson (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting licensees that sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices at retail from displaying cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices for sale unless located behind a counter; requiring certain licensed retailers to verify an individual's date of birth before selling cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices in a certain manner; altering the application fee for a county license to sell cigarettes at retail; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1056

Statutes Amended:

10-107 Article - Criminal Law

12-403 Article - Health Occupations

16.5-101,

16.5-214.2,

16.5-217.1,

16.7-101,

16.7-102,
16.7-201,
16.7-202,
16.7-203,
16.7-204,
16.7-204.1,
16.7-204.2, 16.7-206,
16.7-211,
16.7-213.1,
16-201,
16-209.1, 16-302,
16-308.3 Article - Business Regulation

MD - HB1182 Commercial Law - Maryland Antitrust Act - Enforcement Remedies

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Maryland Antitrust Act - Enforcement Remedies
(February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "restitution" to include disgorgement in certain provisions relating to remedies under the Maryland Antitrust Act.

Statutes Amended:

11-209 Article - Commercial Law

MD - HB1184 State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

(2024.02.09)

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

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.

Cross-filed Bill: SB154

Statutes Amended:

14-501,

14-801 through 14-805 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1204 Economic Development Tax Credit Programs - Qualified Position and Qualified Employee - Definitions](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Economic Development Tax Credit Programs - Qualified Position and Qualified Employee - Definitions (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "qualified position" for purposes of eligibility for and the calculation of benefits under the One Maryland and More Jobs for Marylanders economic development programs; altering the definition of "qualified employee" for purposes of eligibility for and calculation of the credit against the income tax for certain business entities located in an enterprise zone; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-702,

10-741 Article - Tax - General

6-401,

6-403,

6-801,

6-804 Article - Economic Development

(2024.02.09)

[MD - HB1210 Income Tax - Credit for Cybersecurity Measures Undertaken by Small Businesses](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Credit for Cybersecurity Measures Undertaken by Small Businesses (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate April Rose (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for a certain small business that employs 50 or fewer employees for costs incurred by the small business during the taxable year for certain cybersecurity measures undertaken by the small business; making the credit refundable; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Statutes Amended:

10-758 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1217 Alcoholic Beverages - Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries - Direct Delivery and Direct Shipment](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Alcoholic Beverages - Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries - Direct Delivery and Direct Shipment (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 19, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages permits authorizing the direct delivery or shipment of beer, wine, or liquor to a consumer; establishing that affiliates of the holders of nonresident brewery permits or nonresident distillery permits are included in certain production limits; authorizing common carriers to transport, if applicable, beer or liquor; establishing the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages delivery or shipping permit; etc.

(2024.02.09)

Cross-filed Bill: SB1041

Statutes Amended:

13-825 Article - Tax - General

2-132,

2-132.1,

2-142 through 2-147,

2-148,

2-148.1,

2-149,

2-149.1,

2-150 through 2-152,

2-153,

2-154,

2-167 through 2-176,

2-202,

2-207 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

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

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

Statutes Amended:

9-268 Article - Tax - Property

[MD - HB1255 Labor and Employment - Automated Employment Decision Tools - Prohibition](#)

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

(2024.02.09)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, an employer from using an automated employment decision tool to make certain employment decisions; and requiring an employer, under certain circumstances, to notify an applicant for employment of the employer's use of an automated employment decision tool within 30 days after the use; and providing certain penalties per violation for an employer that violates the notification requirement of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB957

Statutes Amended:

3-718 Article - Labor and Employment

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

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: SB818

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

13-116,

3.5-101,

3.5-301,

3.5-303,

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

[MD - HB1280 Sales and Use Tax Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles Transportation Trust Fund](#)

(2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - Sales and Use Tax Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles Transportation Trust Fund (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate April Miller (R)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute to the Transportation Trust Fund revenue from the sales and use tax that is attributable to the sale of electricity used to charge an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station or used to charge an electric vehicle and is not sold under a residential or domestic rate schedule on file with the Public Service Commission; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1076

Statutes Amended:

2-1302.1 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1282 Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction \(Economic Competitiveness Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Wayne A. Hartman (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

Cross-filed Bill: SB923

Statutes Amended:

10-105 Article - Tax - General

[MD - HB1294 Artificial Intelligence Tools - Income Tax Credit and Sales and Use Tax](#)

(2024.02.09)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Caylin Young (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from issuing a tax credit certificate for the purchase of certain cybersecurity technologies or services for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2023; altering the definition of "digital product" under the State sales and use tax to include certain artificial intelligence tools; allowing a credit against the State income tax for costs paid or incurred by a qualified buyer for certain artificial intelligence tools; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-733.1,

10-758,

11-101 Article - Tax - General

MD - HB1299 Consumer Protection - Maryland Consumer Protection Act - Trade or Commerce Violations

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

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the applicability of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to include certain unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices in trade or commerce, including any economic activity within the State that involves or relates to any commodity or service.

Statutes Amended:

13-101,

13-301,

13-303,
13-401 Article - Commercial Law

MD - HB1449 Zoning Board of Appeals Decisions or Zoning Actions Judicial Review

Last Action: Text - First - Zoning Board of Appeals Decisions or Zoning Actions Judicial Review
(February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Applying to charter counties and the City of Baltimore certain provisions relating to a request for judicial review of certain decisions of a board of appeals or a zoning action; specifying when a person is aggrieved by a board of appeals decision or a zoning action of a legislative body for purposes of requesting judicial review by a circuit court; authorizing certain corporations, unincorporated associations, and other organizations to file a request for judicial review of a board of appeals decision or a zoning action; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1045

Statutes Amended:

10-103,
1-401,
4-401 Article - Land Use

MD - SB785 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (February 1, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure, a bridge or highway owned, controlled, or maintained by the State or a county or municipality, necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; and authorizing the Attorney General or a State's Attorney to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1126

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

3-2301, 3-2302 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - SB908 [Income Tax - Addition Modification - Interest for and Depreciation of Residential Rental Property](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Addition Modification - Interest for and Depreciation of Residential Rental Property (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Malcolm Augustine (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing, under certain circumstances, an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for interest paid or accrued by a certain disqualified single-family property owner in connection with certain single-family residential real property and for any amount deducted by a disqualified single-family property owner for the depreciation of certain single-family residential real property; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-204,

10-305 Article - Tax - General

MD - SB923 [Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction \(Economic Competitiveness Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction (Economic Competitiveness Act of 2024) (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Decreasing, over 5 taxable years, the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

10-105 Article - Tax - General

MD - SB928 Maryland Estate Tax Unified Credit

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1014

Statutes Amended:

7-309 Article - Tax - General

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

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jim Rosapepe (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

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

(2024.02.09)

Cross-filed Bill: HB1156

Statutes Amended:

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

MD - SB951 Business Regulation Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Regulations for Retail Use

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle supply equipment in the State; and requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to submit a report on the development and enforcement of the regulations adopted under this Act to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1028

Statutes Amended:

19-1001 through 19-1003 Article - Business Regulation
7-901 Article - Public Utilities

MD - SB954 Corporations and Associations - Transparency - Beneficial Ownership

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

(2024.02.09)

Requiring certain business entities to file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation a report including certain information regarding beneficial owners of the entities; and prohibiting the inspection of the reports in certain circumstances.

Statutes Amended:

1-210 Article - Corporations and Associations

4-327.1 Article - General Provisions

MD - SB957 Labor and Employment Automated Employment Decision Tools Prohibition

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (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:

Prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, an employer from using an automated employment decision tool to make certain employment decisions; and requiring an employer, under certain circumstances, to notify an applicant for employment of the employer's use of an automated employment decision tool within 30 days after the use; and providing certain penalties per violation for an employer that violates the notification requirement of the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1255

Statutes Amended:

3-718 Article - Labor and Employment

MD - SB958 Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

(2024.02.09)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1438

Statutes Amended:

14-110.4,

14-110.5 Article - Public Safety

2-1504,

2-1701 through 2-1707 Article - Environment

7-1202,

7-1203 Article - Transportation

9-2012,

9-2015,

9-20B-05 Article - State Government

MD - SB998 Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024**Time:** 1:00pm (EST)**Location:** East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a certain provider of earned wage access services to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring a provider to file a certain surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit with the Commissioner in a certain manner; regulating providers and earned wage access services; authorizing a certain consumer to submit a written complaint to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; providing the Commissioner with certain investigatory and enforcement authority; etc.

Statutes Amended:

14-4601 through 14-4611 Article - Commercial Law

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

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit for the purpose of canceling the debt; and requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities on patient debt that was sold.

Statutes Amended:

19-214.2 Article - Health - General

MD - SB1014 State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast and Outreach

Last Action: Text - First - State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast and Outreach (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Nick Charles (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring each unit to publish on the unit's website annually a forecast listing all known and anticipated procurements to be made by the unit in the upcoming fiscal year; requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to consult with each primary procurement unit to identify potential contracting opportunities for and increase outreach efforts to small businesses; requiring the Office to develop a certain program; etc.

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Statutes Amended:

- 14-302 Article - State Finance and Procurement
- 9-302,
- 9-304.1 Article - State Government

MD - SB1027 Property Tax - Appeals - Definition of "Taxpayer"

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Appeals - Definition of "Taxpayer" (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Guy Guzzone (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Defining "taxpayer" for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning property tax appeals to mean a person with a legal interest in a property that is subject to an appeal; and applying the Act retroactively to affect any petition for review of an assessment of property filed after December 1, 2022.

MD - SB1040 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: HB1049

(2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

13-301,

14-1328 Article - Commercial Law

MD - SB1041 Alcoholic Beverages - Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries - Direct Delivery and Direct Shipment

Last Action: Text - First - Alcoholic Beverages - Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries - Direct Delivery and Direct Shipment (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 23, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages permits authorizing the direct delivery or shipment of beer, wine, or liquor to a consumer; establishing that affiliates of the holders of nonresident brewery permits or nonresident distillery permits are included in certain production limits; authorizing common carriers to transport, if applicable, beer or liquor; establishing the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages delivery or shipping permit; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1217

Statutes Amended:

13-825 Article - Tax - General

2-132,

2-132.1,

2-142 through 2-147,

2-148,

2-148.1,

2-149,

2-149.1,

2-150 through 2-152,

2-153,

2-154,

2-167 through 2-176,

2-202,

2-207 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

MD - SB1045 Zoning Board of Appeals Decisions or Zoning Actions Judicial Review

(2024.02.09)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Applying to charter counties and the City of Baltimore certain provisions relating to a request for judicial review of certain decisions of a board of appeals or a zoning action; specifying when a person is aggrieved by a board of appeals decision or a zoning action of a legislative body for purposes of requesting judicial review by a circuit court; authorizing certain corporations, unincorporated associations, and other organizations to file a request for judicial review of a board of appeals decision or a zoning action; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1449

Statutes Amended:

10-103,

1-401,

4-401 Article - Land Use

[MD - SB1076 Sales and Use Tax Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles Transportation Trust Fund](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Sales and Use Tax Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles Transportation Trust Fund (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Paul D. Corderman (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute to the Transportation Trust Fund revenue from the sales and use tax that is attributable to the sale of electricity used to charge an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station or used to charge an electric vehicle and is not sold under a residential or domestic rate schedule on file with the Public Service Commission; etc.

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Cross-filed Bill: HB1280

Statutes Amended:

2-1302.1 Article - Tax - General

MD - SB1087 Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission

(February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Cory V. McCray (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission to guide the State in growing, developing, using, and diversifying artificial intelligence in the State; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024, and each year thereafter.

MD - SB1105 Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign

(February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for certain fiscal years,

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the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

Cross-filed Bill: HB845

Statutes Amended:

2-116.1 Article - Tax - General