



**MSBA Bill Report 1 - Elder, Disability,  
and E&T Law (2024.01.20)**

**January 20, 2024**

(2024.01.20)

[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 Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (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 - 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. Atterbary (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 - HB60 Rehabilitation Services - Disability - Definition**

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** January 31, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "disability" relating to the provision of rehabilitation services in the State to align with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and defining "disability" as any physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment or independent living.

**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

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**MD - HB68** Continuing Care Retirement Communities - Governing Bodies, Grievances, and Entrance Fees

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

**Date:** February 1, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Altering the membership of governing bodies of continuing care retirement communities by increasing the number of subscribers; altering the number of times select committees of providers without a governing body are required to meet with subscribers each year; requiring the Department of Aging to collect certain information about internal grievances; altering the processes for the termination of a continuing care agreement; and altering the process for refunding certain entrance fees.

Cross-filed Bill: SB76

**MD - HB93** Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bernice Mireku-North (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:

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent to no more than 2 months' rent after the date on which the tenant vacates a leased premises if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder, the management of which is substantially limited by the leased premises.

Cross-filed Bill: SB162

[MD - HB98 Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Deafblind Co-Navigation Services Program - Established](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 14, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Robbyn Lewis (D)

Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Mike Griffith (R)

Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Delegate Natalie Ziegler (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:

Establishing a Deafblind Co-Navigation Services Program in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide co-navigation services at no cost to deafblind individuals in the State; and defining Co-Navigation Services as services providing visual and environmental information or sighted services to assist with communication accessibility in an individual's preferred language and communication mode, and to assist with accessing an individual's physical surroundings and making informed decisions about those surroundings.

Cross-filed Bill: SB185

[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 - HB118 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole**

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

Cross-filed Bill: SB128

### **MD - HB185 Correctional Services - Medical Parole - Life Imprisonment**

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Medical Parole - Life Imprisonment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

Cross-filed Bill: SB132

### **MD - HB194 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Seniors - State Supplement**

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mark Edelson (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:

Increasing the amount of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit that the State is required to provide for a household that includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$60 per month; and requiring the State to provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$60 per month.

**MD - HB215 Human Services - Attendant Care Program - Ongoing Additional Supports**

Last Action: Text - First - Human Services - Attendant Care Program - Ongoing Additional Supports (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the purpose of the Attendant Care Program to include the provision of financial assistance for ongoing additional supports that increase an individual's independent performance of essential daily activities and is requested by an eligible individual.

Cross-filed Bill: SB226

**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 - HB255 Interagency Committee on Aging Services Repeal**

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

**Date:** February 1, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services, and applying the Act prospectively.

Cross-filed Bill: SB223

**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:

Economic Matters (House)

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



(2024.01.20)

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 - HB324 Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act - Transfers as Custodian for the Benefit of a Minor - Authorization of Court](#)**

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

**Date:** January 31, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Increasing, from in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$50,000, the threshold amount for certain transfers by a personal representative, trustee, or conservator as a custodian for the benefit of a minor to require authorization by a court.

Cross-filed Bill: SB75

**[MD - HB325 Estates and Trusts - Interested Person - Definition](#)**

Last Action: Text - First - Estates and Trusts - Interested Person - Definition (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Altering the definition of "interested person" for purposes of provisions of law governing the estates of decedents, guardians of persons and property, trusts, and powers of attorney.

Cross-filed Bill: SB164

**MD - HB326** Estates and Trusts - Appointment of Personal Representative - Objections

Last Action: Text - First - Estates and Trusts - Appointment of Personal Representative - Objections  
(January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing only an interested person or unpaid claimant, rather than any person, to file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative of an estate of a decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: SB80

**MD - HB336** Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Materials for Individualized Education Program Meetings

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Materials for Individualized Education Program Meetings (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Catherine M. Forbes (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D)

Delegate Eric Ebersole (D)

Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Delegate Michele Guyton (D)

Delegate Julian Ivey (D)

Delegate Stephanie Smith (D)

Delegate Jen Terrasa (D)

Delegate Dana Jones (D)

Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Delegate Karen Toles (D)

Delegate Nick Allen (D)

Delegate Pam Lanman Guzzone (D)

Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

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Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

**Date:** January 31, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Requiring a local school system to provide to parents at certain individualized education program meetings for children with disabilities certain written informational materials regarding the Maryland ABLE Program in a certain manner; requiring the State Treasurer to develop informational materials about the Maryland ABLE Program that may be distributed electronically or by hand; and requiring the State Treasurer to provide informational materials to the State Board of Education and county boards of education.

**[MD - HB349 Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study](#)**

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Aging to contract with an independent consultant to complete an insurance study on public and private options for leveraging resources to help individuals prepare for long-term care services and support needs; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report by December 31, 2024 summarizing the progress of the study and a final report by December 31, 2025 to the Governor and General Assembly on the results of the study.

**[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 - HB359 Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person - Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings](#)**

(2024.01.20)

Last Action: Text - First - Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person - Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings (January 17, 2024)

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

Cosponsors:

Delegate Stephanie Smith (D)

Delegate Marlon Amprey (D)

Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Delegate Kent Roberson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring an automatic stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; and requiring, to effectuate service of process for certain civil actions against an alleged disabled person, the temporary or permanent guardian of the property of the disabled person to be served.

### [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 - HB426 Places of Public Accommodation - Motion Picture Houses - Captioning](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Places of Public Accommodation - Motion Picture Houses - Captioning (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Harry Bhandari (D)

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Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

**Date:** February 6, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

Cross-filed Bill: SB92

### [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 Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Bryan W. Simonaire (R)

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

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 - SB23 OrphansCourt Judges Elections](#)

Last Action: Text - First - OrphansCourt Judges Elections (January 10, 2024)

(2024.01.20)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring that candidates for judge of the orphans' court appear on the ballot without party designation.

### [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 - 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.

### [MD - SB75 Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act - Transfers as Custodian for the Benefit of a Minor - Authorization of Court](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** January 23, 2024

**Time:** 3:00pm (EST)

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

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Summary:

Increasing, from in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$50,000, the threshold amount for certain transfers by a personal representative, trustee, or conservator as a custodian for the benefit of a minor to require authorization by a court.

Cross-filed Bill: HB324

**MD - SB76 Continuing Care Retirement Communities - Governing Bodies, Grievances, and Entrance Fees**

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Cosponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 8, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Altering the membership of governing bodies of continuing care retirement communities by increasing the number of subscribers; altering the number of times select committees of providers without a governing body are required to meet with subscribers each year; requiring the Department of Aging to collect certain information about internal grievances; altering the processes for the termination of a continuing care agreement; and altering the process for refunding certain entrance fees.

Cross-filed Bill: HB68

**MD - SB80 Estates and Trusts - Appointment of Personal Representative - Objections**

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** January 23, 2024

**Time:** 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing only an interested person or unpaid claimant, rather than any person, to file an objection to the appointment of a personal representative of an estate of a decedent.

Cross-filed Bill: HB326

**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 - SB92 Places of Public Accommodation - Motion Picture Houses - Captioning**

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin Brooks (D)

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:

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

Cross-filed Bill: HB426



**MD - SB116 Orphans' Court Judges - Restriction on Practicing Law**

Last Action: First Reading Judicial Proceedings (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Altering a prohibition on judges of the orphans' court acting as attorneys to prohibit a judge of the orphans' court from acting as an attorney in matters related to the administration of an estate or a guardianship of a minor within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City, or the preparation of an estate plan or estate planning documents that might come within the jurisdiction of the court in any county or Baltimore City following the death of any individual.

**MD - SB128 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole**

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (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:

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.

Cross-filed Bill: HB118

**MD - SB132 Correctional Services Medical Parole Life Imprisonment**

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

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**Date:** February 7, 2024

**Time:** 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

Cross-filed Bill: HB185

**MD - SB142 Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2024)**

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (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:

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.

**MD - SB162 Landlord and Tenant - Termination of Residential Lease - Limitation of Liability for Rent**

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

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Summary:

Limiting a tenant's liability for rent under a residential lease if a physician, counselor, therapist, or psychologist completes a form specifying that the tenant has an intellectual or developmental disability or mental disorder and the tenant vacates the leased premises, the management of which is extremely limited by the leased premises.

Cross-filed Bill: HB93

**MD - SB164 Estates and Trusts - Interested Person - Definition**

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 3:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** January 23, 2024

**Time:** 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the definition of "interested person" for purposes of provisions of law governing the estates of decedents, guardians of persons and property, trusts, and powers of attorney.

Cross-filed Bill: HB325

**MD - SB185 Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Deafblind Co-Navigation Services Program - Established**

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

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:

Establishing a Deafblind Co-Navigation Services Program in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide co-navigation services at no cost to deafblind individuals in the State; and

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defining "co-navigation services" as services providing visual and environmental information or sighted services to assist with communication accessibility in an individual's preferred language and communication mode and to assist with accessing an individual's physical surroundings and making informed decisions about those surrounding.

Cross-filed Bill: HB98

**MD - SB223 Interagency Committee on Aging Services Repeal**

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 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:

Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services; and applying the Act prospectively.

Cross-filed Bill: HB255

**MD - SB226 Human Services - Attendant Care Program - Ongoing Additional Supports**

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

**Date:** February 8, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Altering the purpose of the Attendant Care Program to include the provision of financial assistance for ongoing additional supports that increase an eligible individual's independent performance of essential daily living activities and is requested by an eligible individual.

Cross-filed Bill: HB215

**[MD - SB270 Adult Protective Services - Review Boards - Membership and Terms](#)**

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:

Altering provisions relating to the membership of, and the terms of members appointed to, adult public guardianship review boards.

**[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 - SB349 State Prescription Drug Benefits - Retirees](#)**

Last Action: Text - First - State Prescription Drug Benefits - Retirees (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing certain retirees who began State service before July 1, 2011, to be eligible for prescription drug benefits in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; specifying that prescription drug benefits shall be discontinued for certain Medicare-eligible retirees who began State service on or after July 1, 2011, and their Medicare-eligible spouses and dependent children;

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repealing three Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug programs that provide coverage and assistance to certain retirees; etc.

[MD - SB389 Criminal Procedure - Incarcerated Seniors - Motion to Reduce the Duration of a Sentence](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

**Date:** February 2, 2024

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

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

Summary:

Authorizing an individual who is at least 60 years old and has been imprisoned for at least 20 years to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence, unless the court has held a hearing on a similar motion in the preceding 5 years; and requiring a court to consider certain factors in determining whether to grant a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence and to issue its decision in writing or on the record in open court.