



**MSBA Bill Report 2A - Elder, Disability,
and E&T Law (2024.01.23)**

January 23, 2024

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MD - HB45 Natural Resources - Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From Decedent's Estate

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 2:30 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearings:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 3:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal, from a decedent's estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

Cross-filed Bill: SB284

MD - HB48 Courts - Justices and Judges - Selection and Retention

Last Action: Reassigned to Judiciary Ways and Means (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committees:

Judiciary (House)

Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Decreasing the term of office for the judges of the circuit courts; increasing the number of years between successive retention elections for judges of the Appellate Court of Maryland and justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; and providing that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election in November 2024.

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[MD - HB403 End-of-Life Option Act \(The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act) (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committees:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; establishing requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying, including requirements related to requests for aid in dying, consulting physicians, mental health assessments, the disposal of drugs prescribed for aid in dying, health care facility policies, and the effect of aid in dying on insurance policies; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB443

[MD - HB420 State and Local Parks - Play Area Accessibility - Communication Boards](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (January 23, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct communication boards in certain newly constructed public play areas; defining "communication board" as a device that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to communicate; authorizing the Department and local governing bodies to construct communication boards when making alterations to certain existing public play areas; and providing funding for the construction of communication boards.

[MD - HB432 Courts and Judicial Proceedings and Criminal Procedure - Technical Corrections - References to Intellectual Disability](#)

(2024.01.23)

Last Action: Text - First - Courts and Judicial Proceedings and Criminal Procedure - Technical Corrections - References to Intellectual Disability (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Replacing references to mental retardation with references to an intellectual disability in certain provisions of law.

Statutes Amended:

3-101,

3-105,

3-106,

3-108,

3-109,

3-110,

3-112,

3-114 Article - Criminal Procedure

3-801,

3-8A-01,

3-8A-17.3,

3-8A-19 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

[MD - SB267 Motor Vehicle Administration - Death Certificates - Issuance of Copies](#)

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:

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to access electronically from the Maryland Department of Health a copy of a death certificate and, on request, provide any person authorized by regulations with a certified or abridged copy of a death certificate; and authorizing the Administration to set and collect a fee for processing and issuing death certificates, subject to certain limitations.

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Cross-filed Bill: HB230

MD - SB284 Natural Resources - Sale, Barter, or Exchange of Mounted Specimens From Decedent's Estate

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m. (January 11, 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 31, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the sale, barter, or exchange of a legally acquired mounted specimen of a game bird, excluding a migratory game bird, or game mammal from a decedent's estate and the specimen is part of the personal property being liquidated or distributed.

Cross-filed Bill: HB45

MD - SB413 Discrimination - Military Status - Prohibition

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Dawn Gile (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:

Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to public accommodation, housing, employment, financial transactions, education, insurance, the provision of public utility services, and State personnel actions.

Statutes Amended:

12-305,

12-503,

12-603,

12-702,
12-704 Article - Commercial Law

13-303,
2-206,
26-701,
26-703,
26-704 Article - Education

15-1A-22,
2-202 Article - Insurance

17-402,
17-402.1,
7-507 Article - Public Utilities

19-342,
19-355,
2-1001,
2-1002,
2-1003,
2-1004 Article - Health - General

20-101,
20-1103,
20-302,
20-304,
20-401,
20-402,
20-501,
20-601,
20-602,
20-603,
20-604,
20-605,
20-606,
20-610,
20-702,
20-704,
20-705,
20-707 Article - State Government

2-302 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

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8-707 Article - Human Services

[MD - SB443 End-of-Life Option Act \(The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act) (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; establishing requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying, including requirements related to requests for aid in dying, consulting physicians, mental health assessments, the disposal of drugs prescribed for aid in dying, health care facility policies, and the effect of aid in dying on insurance policies; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB403

[MD - SB453 Mental Health - Emergency Evaluation and Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Mental Health - Emergency Evaluation and Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs (January 22, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring a peace officer, when the peace officer receives a petition for emergency evaluation for an individual, to transport the emergency evaluatee to a nearby emergency facility, rather than the nearest emergency facility; authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to evaluate an emergency evaluatee for purposes of involuntary admission; requiring each county to establish an assisted outpatient treatment program; etc.