



**MSBA Bill Report 4B - Elder, Disability,
and E&T Law (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 - HB1041 Criminal Law - Hate Crimes - Religion and Disability](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Hate Crimes - Religion and Disability (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Defining "disability" as it relates to laws prohibiting hate crimes; and prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit certain crimes motivated either in whole or in substantial part by another person's religion.

Statutes Amended:

10-301,

10-304 Article - Criminal Law

[MD - HB1043 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study](#)

(2024.02.09)

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly to conduct a study of Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance coverage to measure the number and percentage of individuals who have been denied health coverage for the treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, both inclusive; and requiring the Department and the Administration to jointly report their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: SB945

[MD - HB1069 State Government Commission for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Government Commission for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Commission for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing as an independent unit of State government to provide and advocate for accessible and comprehensive services, and foster inclusivity, equal opportunities, and improved quality of life, for individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1084

Statutes Amended:

9-3801 through 9-3806 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1145 Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Hypertension](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Mike Rogers (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

(2024.02.09)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal demonstrate disablement for purposes of workers' compensation and are deemed to have hypertension for purposes of an occupational disease presumption for hypertension if certain requirements are met.

Cross-filed Bill: SB844

Statutes Amended:

9-502,

9-503 Article - Labor and Employment

[MD - HB1150 Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act Maryland 529 Program](#)

[Exemption](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Exempting certain accounts under the Maryland 529 Program from the provisions of the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB800

Statutes Amended:

17-104 Article - Commercial Law

[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)

(2024.02.09)

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:

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 - 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 - HB1258 Estates and Trusts - Estate Administration - Publication of Notice](#)

(2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - Estates and Trusts - Estate Administration - Publication of Notice (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the registers of wills for each county and Baltimore City to, in coordination, establish a centralized website for use by all registers to publish certain notice; altering certain requirements for publication of notice relating to the appointment of a personal representative, a request for judicial probate, and estates administered by a foreign personal representative; and repealing the requirement that a foreign personal representative record a certain certification with the register.

Statutes Amended:

2-208,

2-210,

5-403,

5-503,

7-103,

7-104,

9-112 Article - Estates and Trusts

[MD - SB907 Motor Vehicles - Disability Parking Placards - Photo Identification](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Malcolm Augustine (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on request, to issue a disability parking placard with an embedded color photograph of the placard holder; and requiring a parking placard with an embedded color photograph of the placard holder to include a privacy sleeve that allows a person to freely display or hide the color photograph.

Statutes Amended:

13-616.1 Article - Transportation

[MD - SB928 Maryland Estate Tax Unified Credit](#)

(2024.02.09)

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.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1156

Statutes Amended:

12-1501 through 12-1507,

4A-102,

4A-108 Article - Commercial Law

MD - SB945 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study

Last Action: Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (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 the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly to conduct a study of Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance coverage to measure the number and percentage of individuals who have been denied health coverage for the treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, both inclusive; and requiring the Department and the Administration to jointly report their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1043

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

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

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

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

Summary:

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

Cross-filed Bill: HB548

(2024.02.09)

MD - SB1084 State Government - Commission for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing

Last Action: Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

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

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Commission for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing as an independent unit of State government to provide and advocate for accessible and comprehensive services, and foster inclusivity, equal opportunities, and improved quality of life, for individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1069

Statutes Amended:

9-3801 through 9-3806 Article - State Government