



**MSBA Bill Report 5A - Elder, Disability,
and E&T Law (2024.02.14)**

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MD - HB1076 Education - Blind and Visually Impaired Students - Textbook Equity

Last Action: Text - First - Education - Blind and Visually Impaired Students - Textbook Equity
(February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Denise Roberts (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring each county board of education, on or before January 15 each year, to determine the instructional materials that will be used in the upcoming school year and to coordinate with the Instructional Resources Center to provide the materials in a specialized format to blind or visually impaired students; requiring the State Department of Education to cover the cost to produce materials that are not available in a specialized format; requiring certain textbook publishers to provide an electronic file of certain textbooks; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1091

Statutes Amended:

8-408 Article - Education

MD - HB1339 Health Insurance - Hearing Aids for Adults - Coverage

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

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Teresa E. Reilly (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage for certain hearing aids for adults; authorizing a limit on the benefit payable of \$1,400 per hearing aid every 36 months; and authorizing an insured or enrollee to choose a certain hearing aid and pay a certain amount for the hearing aid without financial or contractual penalty to the provider of the hearing aid.

Cross-filed Bill: SB778

[MD - HB1349 Estates and Trusts - Elective Share of Surviving Spouse - Exclusion of Inherited Property](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 13, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Steven J. Arentz (R)

Summary:

Excluding from a decedent's augmented estate the value of any property inherited by the decedent when calculating the estate from which a surviving spouse may elect to take a certain share.

Statutes Amended:

3-404 Article - Estates and Trusts

[MD - HB1399 Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include the name, physical mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number for the resident agent for each entity required to designate a resident agent as part of the publicly available information about the entity.

Statutes Amended:

1-208 Article - Corporations and Associations

[MD - HB1456 Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability (February 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lesley J. Lopez (D)

Summary:

Requiring that an application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to indicate the applicant's nonapparent disability; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the license, identification card, or moped operator's permit of

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an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability includes an "ND" notation.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1096

Statutes Amended:

11-128,

11-135,

12-306 Article - Transportation

MD - SB1091 Education Blind and Visually Impaired Students Textbook Equity

Last Action: Hearing 2/23 at 9:00 a.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 23, 2024

Time: 9:00am (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring each county board of education, on or before January 15 each year, to determine the instructional materials that will be used in the upcoming school year and to coordinate with the Instructional Resources Center to provide the materials in a specialized format to blind or visually impaired students; requiring the State Department of Education to cover the cost to produce materials that are not available in a specialized format; requiring certain textbook publishers to provide an electronic file of certain textbooks; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1076

Statutes Amended:

8-408 Article - Education

MD - SB1096 Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability

Last Action: Text - First - Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Identification of Nonapparent Disability (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring that an application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to indicate the applicant's nonapparent disability; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the license, identification card, or moped operator's permit of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability includes an "ND" notation.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1456

MD - SB1106 Annual Corrective Bill

Last Action: Text - First - Annual Corrective Bill (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Summary:

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code.

Statutes Amended:

10-1004,

5-1101 Article - Economic Development

10-103,

11-139.3,

11A-121,

3-401,

8A-1502 Article - Real Property

10-405,

10-607,

10-906,

4-1008,

8-1103,

8-2A-02,

8-2A-04,

8-408,

8-409,

8-712.1,

8-716 Article - Natural Resources

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10-902,

16-303,

18-108,

19-502,

19-706.1,

20-1302,

21-101,

21-1215,

24-2302,

24-905,

2-505,

5-301 Article - Health - General

1-204,

1-702,

1-708,

2-329,

3-801,

3-8A-01,

3-8A-17.3,

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

13-1401,

4-111 Article - Criminal Law

13-903 Article - Transportation

13A-604,

3-201,

5-310 Article - Public Safety

14-12B-01 Article - Commercial Law

15-114,

18-1907,

4-201.1,

5-213,

5-223,

5-239,

5-303 Article - Education

15-302,

8-101,

8-503 Article - Health Occupations

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17-101,

7-304 Article - Business Regulation

17-111,

17-202 Article - Estates and Trusts

19-106 Article - Insurance

20-206 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

2-106 Article - Tax - Property

2-1220 Article - State Government

25-204 Article - Local Government

3-101,

3-105,

3-106,

3-108,

3-109,

3-112,

3-114,

6-220 Article - Criminal Procedure

3-302 Article - State Finance and Procurement

3-413,

9-407 Article - Labor and Employment

4-305,

9-609.1 Article - Correctional Services

4-333 Article - General Provisions

5-101,

5-201,

9-1702,

9-204,

9-2501 Article - Environment

7-207.2,

7-704.1 Article - Public Utilities