



**MSBA Bill Report 3A - Litigation and
ADR (2024.01.30)**

January 30, 2024

[MD - HB712 Public Information Act - Denials - Confidential Information](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Information Act - Denials - Confidential Information (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing that a custodian is required to deny inspection of certain confidential information only if the disclosure is likely to result in substantial competitive harm to the person from which the information was obtained; and establishing that a custodian may deny inspection of certain confidential information only if the disclosure is likely to result in substantial competitive harm to the entity that owns the information.

Statutes Amended:

4-335,

4-348 Article - General Provisions

[MD - SB590 Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics \(Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics (Equal Opportunity for All Marylanders Act) (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Altering certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination based on certain protected characteristics to include prohibitions on discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, marital status, and disability.

Statutes Amended:

10-304,

10-305,

2-207,

3-209 Article - Criminal Law

11-102,

12-113,
12-305,
12-503,
12-603,
12-702,
12-704 Article - Commercial Law

13-219,

19-101,
19-102,
19-103,
19-114,
19-115 Article - State Finance and Procurement

14-5F-10,

19-311 Article - Health Occupations

15-112,

27-910 Article - Insurance

16-204,

16-304 Article - Land Use

16-305 Article - Housing and Community Development

18-204,

7-507 Article - Public Utilities

19-408,

19-710,
19-725 Article - Health - General

23-605,

23-806,
6-104,
7-128 Article - Education

3-304,

3-307 Article - Labor and Employment

5-106,

8-102 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-214 Article - Tax - Property

8-707 Article - Human Services

8A-801 Article - Real Property

MD - SB619 Criminal Law - Cannabis-Related Offenses - Civil Penalties

Last Action: Text - First - Criminal Law - Cannabis-Related Offenses - Civil Penalties (January 26, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Substituting civil penalties in place of criminal penalties for certain offenses relating to possessing, possessing with the intent to distribute, and cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products.

Cross-filed Bill: HB441

Statutes Amended:

5-101,

5-601,

5-601.1,

5-601.2,

5-602,

5-603,

5-607 Article - Criminal Law