



**MSBA Bill Report 5A - Litigation and
ADR (2024.02.14)**

February 14, 2024

MD - HB1311 Criminal Law - Obscene Material - Device Filters

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, all devices activated in the State to enable a certain filter to prevent minors from accessing obscene material; prohibiting a certain person from deactivating the filter; providing that a manufacturer of a device and certain persons are subject to civil and criminal liability for certain conduct related to device filters; authorizing the Attorney General to take certain actions against persons who violate the Act; etc.

Statutes Amended:

11-203,

11-203.1 Article - Criminal Law

MD - HB1397 Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics

Last Action: Text - First - Human Relations - Discrimination - Protected Characteristics (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gary Simmons (D)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

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.

Cross-filed Bill: SB590

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 - SB1113 Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Event Ticket Sales

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Event Ticket Sales (February 5, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (R)

Summary:

Requiring an operator, a primary ticket seller, or a ticket resale marketplace for an entertainment event to grant a ticket purchaser a refund for the purchase of a ticket under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain practices relating to the sale of event tickets; prohibiting a contract that controls the distribution of event tickets from including certain provisions; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-310.2 Article - Commercial Law