



**MSBA Bill Report 1 - Negligence,
Insurance, and Workers' Compensation
Law (2024.01.20)**

January 20, 2024

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.01.20)

[MD - HB30 Health Insurance Conformity With Federal Law](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB217

[MD - HB36 Insurance - Protections After Loss or Damage to Property](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a public adjuster, or anyone acting on behalf of a public adjuster, from soliciting or attempting to solicit a client within 24 hours after a loss or damage as covered by an insurance contract or between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.; altering the statements that are required to be included in a public adjuster contract; and altering the services with respect to which it is a fraudulent insurance act for a contractor to take certain actions.

Cross-filed Bill: SB231

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[MD - HB67 Insurance - Penalties - Unauthorized Insurers, Insurance Producers, and Public Adjusters](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the maximum civil penalty to which an unauthorized insurer or person that violates certain provisions of State insurance law is subject for each violation; and altering the maximum civil penalty that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may impose, in addition to suspending or revoking the license, on the holder of an insurance producer license or a public adjuster licensee for each violation of State insurance law.

Cross-filed Bill: SB229

[MD - HB90 Insurance - Hearing Representation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

Cross-filed Bill: SB230

[MD - HB110 Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Private Review Agents](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Private Review Agents (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring that certain criteria and standards used by private review agents for health insurance utilization review relating to mental health and substance use disorder benefits meet certain requirements; requiring a private review agent to take certain actions before issuing an adverse decision; and specifying the procedure for private review agents to follow when making decisions related to mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

Cross-filed Bill: SB93

MD - HB158 Courts - Prohibited Indemnity and Defense Liability Agreements

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that requires the promisor to defend a promisee against claims brought by a third party.

Cross-filed Bill: SB31

MD - HB162 Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Recreational Facilities

Last Action: Text - First - Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Recreational Facilities (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Workers' Compensation Law (2024.01.20)

Cosponsor: Delegate David Moon (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Establishing that a provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of a recreational facility that purports to limit the recreational facility's liability, or release the recreational facility from or indemnify or hold harmless the recreational facility against liability, for injury caused by or resulting from the negligence or other wrongful acts of the recreational facility or its agents or employees is void and unenforceable under certain circumstances.

[MD - HB176 Vehicle Towing or Removal - Insurer of Record - Electronic Notification](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Environment and Transportation (House)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner.

Cross-filed Bill: SB149

[MD - HB184 Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Gabriel Acevero (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care services for residents of the State by January 1, 2026; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to Healthy Maryland, including provisions regarding eligibility, participation by and payments to health care providers, benefits, payroll premiums, funding, and collective negotiations with health care providers; etc.

[MD - HB190 Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - First Responders](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - First Responders (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Providing that a first responder who is diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist with post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed under certain circumstances to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under workers' compensation law; and specifying that the presumption does not limit any other right or claim an individual may have under workers' compensation law.

[MD - HB197 Unemployment Insurance - Work Search Requirement - Exemption for Federal Civilian Employees During a Federal Government Shutdown](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance - Work Search Requirement - Exemption for Federal Civilian Employees During a Federal Government Shutdown (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work-attached.

Cross-filed Bill: SB234

[MD - HB205 Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024 (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner beginning in calendar year 2027 and each calendar year thereafter; etc.

MD - HB218 [Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums \(Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Limiting eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005, to taxpayers who are at least 85 years old with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for a joint filer; altering the maximum amount of the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Cross-filed Bill: SB86

MD - HB229 [Vehicle Laws - Motor Vehicle Insurance Companies - Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in the Administration's online verification program for vehicle insurance policies for law enforcement and administrative purposes; and requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details.

Cross-filed Bill: SB254

[MD - HB240 Health Insurance - Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans - Restriction](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 2:30 p.m. (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a carrier from canceling an individual health benefit plan if a policyholder has made a premium payment before the end of the grace period, the amount of the premium payment made is less than the aggregate amount of the net monthly premium due as of the date of the payment, the amount of the deficiency is \$10 or less, and the policyholder pays the remainder of the net monthly premium due within 30 days after a written notice of the deficiency is sent by the carrier.

Cross-filed Bill: SB227

[MD - HB251 Unemployment Insurance - Covered Employment - Employees of Governmental Entities or Charitable, Educational, or Religious Organizations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance - Covered Employment - Employees of Governmental Entities or Charitable, Educational, or Religious Organizations (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Specifying that certain limitations on the payment of benefits to employees of governmental entities or charitable, educational, or religious organizations do not apply with respect to service in other covered employment, including covered employment for a for-profit employing unit, even if the service is provided exclusively for a governmental entity or a charitable, educational, religious, or other organization.

[MD - HB252 Insurance - Holding Companies - Group Capital Calculation and Liquidity Stress Test](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring certain controlling persons of certain insurers in an insurance holding company system to file an annual group calculation as directed by the lead state commissioner of the insurance group; requiring certain controlling persons of certain insurers in an insurance holding company system to file the results of a liquidity stress test for certain years; and providing for the confidentiality of certain information.

[MD - HB262 Consumer Protection - Consumer Reporting Agencies - Information in Consumer Credit Reports](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

Cross-filed Bill: SB41

[MD - HB265 Insurance - Producer Licensing Requirements - Education and Experience](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Insurance - Producer Licensing Requirements - Education and Experience (January 12, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Lily Qi (D)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Repealing the requirements for education and experience for licensing of certain insurance producers, including producers for property and casualty insurance, life insurance, health insurance, annuities, certain limited lines, and related products.

Cross-filed Bill: SB336

MD - HB339 Unemployment Insurance - Disqualification - Stoppage of Work Caused by Labor Dispute

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance - Disqualification - Stoppage of Work Caused by Labor Dispute (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Joe Vogel (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (D)

Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Delegate Linda Foley (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Summary:

Establishing that the disqualification from receiving unemployment insurance benefits due to a stoppage of work does not apply for any week beginning after the first 14 days of an individual's unemployment resulting from the stoppage of work that exists because of a labor dispute at the premises where the individual was last employed.

MD - HB349 Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study

Last Action: Text - First - Department of Aging - Long-Term Care Insurance - Study (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Department of Aging to contract with an independent consultant to complete an insurance study on public and private options for leveraging resources to help individuals prepare for long-term care services and support needs; and requiring the Department to submit an interim report by December 31, 2024 summarizing the progress of the study and a final report by December 31, 2025 to the Governor and General Assembly on the results of the study.

MD - HB350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)

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Last Action: Text - First - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB360

MD - SB31 Courts - Prohibited Indemnity and Defense Liability Agreements

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

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 a provision in a contract or agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that requires the promisor to defend a promisee against claims brought by a third party.

Cross-filed Bill: HB158

MD - SB41 Consumer Protection - Consumer Reporting Agencies - Information in Consumer Credit Reports

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the items of information that a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from including in a consumer credit report.

Cross-filed Bill: HB262

[MD - SB68 Reckless and Negligent Driving - Death of Another - Must-Appear Violation \(Sherry's and Christian's Law\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator J. B. Jennings (R)

Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Senator Chris West (R)

Senator Ron Watson (D)

Senator Dawn Gile (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person, unless a court for good cause shown waives the requirement to appear.

[MD - SB93 Health Insurance Utilization Review Private Review Agents](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Insurance Utilization Review Private Review Agents (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Malcolm Augustine (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring that certain criteria and standards used by private review agents for health insurance utilization review relating to mental health and substance use disorder benefits meet certain requirements; requiring a private review agent to take certain actions before issuing an adverse

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decision; and specifying the procedure for private review agents to follow when making decisions related to mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

Cross-filed Bill: HB110

MD - SB104 Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2024 (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, the dependent allowance, and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Secretary of Labor to set the taxable wage base and the maximum weekly benefit amount in a certain manner beginning in calendar year 2027 and each calendar year thereafter; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB205

MD - SB142 Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2024)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.

MD - SB149 Vehicle Towing or Removal Insurer of Record Electronic Notification

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

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Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner.

Cross-filed Bill: HB176

[MD - SB172 Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance - Premium Increases - Collisions With Wild Animals](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jack Bailey (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing a premium based on the claims history of an insured where two or fewer of the claims within the immediately preceding 3-year period were for accidents or losses caused by a collision with a free-roaming wild animal and for which the insured was not at fault for the loss.

[MD - SB216 Workers' Compensation - Failure to Insure - Penalties](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Workers' Compensation - Failure to Insure - Penalties (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Increasing, from a penalty not to exceed \$10,000 to a penalty of \$25,000, the penalties for an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance or comply with an order of the State Workers' Compensation Commission regarding an employer's failure to secure required workers' compensation insurance.

MD - SB217 Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law

Last Action: Text - First - Health Insurance - Conformity With Federal Law (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Conforming provisions of State health insurance law with existing federal requirements, including updating effective dates for federal regulations, clarifying federal consumer protection regulations resulting from changes to the federal No Surprises Act, altering the material errors that trigger special enrollment periods, and authorizing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange to adopt an expanded open enrollment period under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB30

MD - SB227 Health Insurance Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans Restriction

Last Action: Text - First - Health Insurance Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans Restriction (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a carrier from canceling an individual health benefit plan if a policyholder has made a premium payment before the end of the grace period, the amount of the premium payment made

is less than the aggregate amount of the net monthly premium due as of the date of the payment, the amount of the deficiency is \$10 or less, and the policyholder pays the remainder of the net monthly premium due within 30 days after a written notice of the deficiency is sent by the carrier.

Cross-filed Bill: HB240

MD - SB229 Insurance - Penalties - Unauthorized Insurers, Insurance Producers, and Public Adjusters

Last Action: Text - First - Insurance - Penalties - Unauthorized Insurers, Insurance Producers, and Public Adjusters (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the maximum civil penalty to which an unauthorized insurer or person that violates certain provisions of State insurance law is subject for each violation; and altering the maximum civil penalty that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may impose, in addition to suspending or revoking the license, on the holder of an insurance producer license or a public adjuster licensee for each violation of State insurance law.

Cross-filed Bill: HB67

MD - SB230 Insurance - Hearing Representation

Last Action: Text - First - Insurance - Hearing Representation (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to allow corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships that are small employers to be represented by certain authorized individuals rather than an attorney in certain hearings held by the Commissioner.

Cross-filed Bill: HB90

MD - SB231 Insurance Protections After Loss or Damage to Property

Last Action: Text - First - Insurance Protections After Loss or Damage to Property (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 1:30pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting a public adjuster, or anyone acting on behalf of a public adjuster, from soliciting or attempting to solicit a client within 24 hours after a loss or damage as covered by an insurance contract or between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.; altering the statements that are required to be included in a public adjuster contract; and altering the services with respect to which it is a fraudulent insurance act for a contractor to take certain actions.

Cross-filed Bill: HB36

MD - SB234 Unemployment Insurance - Work Search Requirement - Exemption for Federal Civilian Employees During a Federal Government Shutdown

Last Action: Text - First - Unemployment Insurance - Work Search Requirement - Exemption for Federal Civilian Employees During a Federal Government Shutdown (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to exempt a federal civilian employee who has been furloughed from the requirement to be actively seeking work for unemployment insurance benefits eligibility if, during the furlough, the employee remains able to work, available for work, and work-attached.

MD - SB254 Vehicle Laws - Motor Vehicle Insurance Companies - Requirements

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:

Requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in the Administration's online verification program for vehicle insurance policies for law enforcement and administrative purposes; and requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details.

Cross-filed Bill: HB229

MD - SB314 Juvenile Law - Willful Misconduct of a Minor - Civil Liability of a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Custodian (Parental Accountability Act)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the joint and several civil liability of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor who commits an act of willful misconduct that results in the death or injury of an individual or damage to property, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to periodically adjust and publish certain maximum liability amounts; and limiting the liability of an insurance provider under the Act.

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MD - SB336 Insurance Producer Licensing Requirements Education and Experience

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing the requirements for education and experience for licensing of certain insurance producers, including producers for property and casualty insurance, life insurance, health insurance, annuities, certain limited lines, and related products.

Cross-filed Bill: HB265