

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – 2025 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION BY TOPIC	COMMITTEE/HEARING AND SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
6431	<i>Bills are listed numerically within each subject category – House bills first (with companion Senate bill # below) then Senate bills.</i>			
	BUDGET / REVENUE / TAXES		UPDATED 4-08-25	
HB0017	Would allow Internet gaming – subject to Nov 2026 voter referendum – additional funding source for Blueprint/Kirwan <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Atterbeary	Ways & Means Feb 10	Stalled in committee
HB0023	Property taxes – expands the ability for jurisdictions to establish a special sub-class and special rate (greater than the regular tax rate) for 5 real property assessment codes to benefit transportation projects or education	Delegate Fair	In the Senate – Hearing Budget & Taxation Mar 27	Stalled in committee
HB0035 SB0091	Establishes Income Tax Benefit Transfer Program – allows technology companies to transfer tax credit for R&D operating losses to other businesses	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo Senator Feldman	Ways & Means Hearing cancelled Budget & Taxation Jan 15	Stalled in committee
HB0047	Exempts certain baby products from 6% sales tax	Delegates Szeliga and Sample-Hughes	Ways & Means Withdrawn by sponsor	Withdrawn
HB0060 SB0099	Income tax subtraction – military retirement benefits – increases to \$25K for TY2025 and \$40K for TY2026 and beyond	1 REP + 3 DEM Delegates Senator Salling	Ways & Means Jan 23 Budget & Taxation Jan 15	Stalled in committee
HB0087	Short-term rentals – subject to the local hotel rental tax – imposes hotel health and safety requirements – prohibits certain activities – annual report to the Comptroller	Delegate Foley	Ways & Means Jan 28	Stalled in committee

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SB0132		Senator Feldman	In the Senate Educ, Energy & Environment Hearing cancelled	
HB0133 SB0183	Repeals requirement that the State Department of Assessments & Taxation calculate the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year and notify each MD jurisdiction of its constant yield rate	Departmental (Assessments and Taxation)	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0151 SB0070	Increases the maximum income tax rate a county may impose on MD taxable income from 3.2% to 3.7% beginning in TY2027 – General Assembly intent (but not required) that increased revenue be used for education and transportation <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Palakovich-Carr Senator Rosapepe	Ways & Means Jan 30 Budget & Taxation Jan 15	Stalled in committee
HB0167	Increases the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.75% <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	4 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0183 SB0059	Alters definition of “resident” for income tax purposes – in the State for more than 3 months (currently 6 months) – effective TY2024 <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Charkoudian Senator Rosapepe	Ways & Means Jan 30 Budget & Taxation Jan 22	Stalled in committee
HB0216	Electric vehicle rebate program – \$3K for vehicles / \$1K for 2-wheeled motorcycles / \$2K for 3-wheeled motorcycles or autocycles – 1 per individual, 10 per business entity – repeals excise tax credit <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	Environment & Transportation Feb 6	Stalled in committee
HB0231	Constitutional amendment – prohibits an increase of a State fee or the rate of a State tax, including an alteration of the	Delegate Mangione	Ways & Means Jan 23	

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	rate of an existing tax based on inflation or formula, from taking effect unless the MGA explicitly approves the increased fee or tax rate by a “yea” and “nay” vote			Stalled in committee
HB0250	Income tax credit – firearm safety devices – up to \$200/year – must apply to Comptroller for tax credit certificate – includes external safety lock, gun safe, locked carrying case, etc.	Delegate Vogel	Ways & Means Jan 30	Stalled in committee
HB0278	Income tax subtraction – enhanced agricultural management equipment – equipment designated by the Secretary of Agriculture by regulation would qualify	Delegates Bouchat and Fair	Ways & Means Jan 23	Stalled in committee
HB0342	State transfer tax – increases 0.5% rate on residential properties to rate levels higher than non-residential at some levels – will increase the cost of a home purchase <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Ruth	Ways & Means Feb 4	Stalled in committee
HB0350 SB0319	Budget Bill (FY2026) – total appropriation \$67,300,649,773	Request of Governor	In the Senate Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0351 SB0320	Creation of State debt – MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2011-2024	Request of Administration	In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0352 SB0321	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025	Request of Administration	In the Senate Conference Committee report adopted	PASSED

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HB0390 SB0327	Affordable housing – county governments may exempt rental housing from county property tax if 50% of rental units meet affordable housing criteria	4 DEM delegates Senator Hettleman	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0401 SB0056	State assumes the cost of phone calls placed by incarcerated individuals <i>Opposed by MFRW</i> <i>Note: estimated cost -- \$8M/year</i>	7 DEM delegates Senator Waldstreicher	Judiciary Feb 4 Judicial Proceedings Jan 9	Stalled in committee
HB0590 SB0759	Creates a Maryland income tax subtraction modification for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee	Delegates Vogel and Griffith Senator Kagan	Ways & Means Feb 6 In the House – 1 st Reading House Rules & Exec Noms	Stalled in committee
HB0631 SB0189	Prohibits the taking by eminent domain of private property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural or conservation easement <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	11 REP + 12 DEM delegates Senators Brooks and Hettleman	Economic Matters Mar 4 Judicial Proceedings Jan 23	Stalled in committee
HB1400 SB0823	No Tax on Tips Act – incrementally increases the State minimum wage to \$20 by 1 Jul 2028 – removes small employer exemption – limits the amount of tips that are exempt (credit on tax return vs. exemption) <i>MFRW has concerns about the minimum wage increases.</i>	16 DEM delegates Senator McCray	Economic Matters Mar 4 Finance Mar 5	Stalled in committee

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HB1410	State transfer tax – exemption for first-time home buyers – changes from 0.25% to zero – all buyers must be first-time purchaser – principal residence <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	5 REP delegates	Ways & Means Feb 26	Stalled in committee
HB1554	Imposes sales and use tax on business-to-business services <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Moon	Ways & Means Mar 12	Stalled in committee
SB1045		Senator Hettleman	Budget & Taxation Mar 12	
HB1556	Delays by 2 years enforcement of requirements and penalties of the Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Stein	Environment & Transportation Mar 12	Stalled in committee
SB0058	Requires employers with at least 50 employees to provide at least 12 hours of paid parental school engagement leave each school year to attend meetings and conferences related to the schooling of the employee's child <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Senator Benson	Finance Jan 29	Stalled in committee
SB0340	Would allow Internet gaming – subject to Nov 2026 voter referendum – additional funding source for Blueprint/Kirwan <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Senator Watson	Budget & Taxation Jan 29	Stalled in committee

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SB0355	<p>Delays implementation of the Family Medical Leave Program for 2 years – will result in operational savings of \$17.6M in FY2026 and \$19.5M in FY2027</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Based on existing projections of future benefit payments under current law, special fund expenditures for FAMLI benefits decrease by \$1.8 billion in fiscal 2027 and \$1.9 billion in fiscal 2028, assuming no employers participate in private plans. Per the MD Dept. of Labor, the bill results in operational savings of \$17.6 million in fiscal 2026 and \$19.5 million in fiscal 2027.</p> <p><i>Supported by MFRW</i></p>	Senator Hershey	Finance Feb 5	Stalled in committee
	CANNABIS			
HB0012 SB0214	Sale or display of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) without the appropriate license – allows Field Enforcement Division to issue a citation, seize, destroy or confiscate	Departmental (Alcohol, Tobacco and Cannabis Commission)	<p>In the House Returned Passed</p> <p>In the Senate Returned Passed</p>	PASSED
HB0132 SB0215	Cannabis – on-site consumption establishments and events – registration, authorizations and limitations, vendor permits, taxation	Maryland Cannabis Administration	Economic Matters Feb 18	Stalled in committee
	CRIMINAL LAW / PUBLIC SAFETY			
HB0014	Theft – victim notification – prosecutor must notify victims in misdemeanor theft cases of court proceedings, appeals and sentence reviews	Delegate Conaway	Judiciary Jan 21	Stalled in committee

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BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION BY TOPIC	COMMITTEE/HEARING AND SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
HB0037	Right to organize – Constitutional Amendment –fundamental right to organize and collectively bargain on compensation, hours, etc. if employed in MD	Delegate Vogel	Appropriations Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0055	Good Cause Expungement – misdemeanor or felony – after completion of the sentence, parole, probation, etc. – petition the court and demonstrate “good cause”	16 DEM delegates	Judiciary Mar 4	Stalled in committee
HB0079	Prohibits knowingly sending fake, fraudulent or altered documents through the mail	Delegate Conaway	Judiciary Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0103 SB0154	Makes permanent the funding mechanism for ACE (Access to Counsel in Evictions) – mandates an annual appropriation of \$14M	Delegate Rosenberg Senators Guzzone and Hettleman	Appropriations Feb 11 In the House Appropriations Favorable report	Stalled in committee
HB0110 SB0106	Driver’s license suspension for non-payment of child support – adds requirement that the Child Support Administration petition the Court for authorization before notifying MVA to suspend	Delegates Simpson and Taylor Senator Muse	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Judicial Proceedings Judicial Proceedings Jan 22	Stalled in committee
HB0120	Child support – authorizes a minor who is the legal and custodial parent of a child to file an action for child support	Delegate Taveras	Judiciary Jan 30	Stalled in committee
HB0122	Police accountability – authorizes a police officer to file a complaint of misconduct with a police accountability board	Delegate Young	Withdrawn by sponsor	Withdrawn
HB0154	Fraudulent possession of residential real property – establishes procedures for sheriff’s office to remove	Delegate Conaway	Judiciary Jan 21	Stalled in committee

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	occupant and return possession to the owner (identical to HB0164)			
HB0164	Fraudulent possession of residential real property – establishes procedures for sheriff’s office to remove occupant and return possession to the owner (identical to HB0154)	Delegate Conaway	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Judicial Proceedings	Stalled in opposite chamber
HB0165 SB0512	Custodial interrogation of minors – statement made by a minor is presumed involuntary and inadmissible if officer intentionally used information known by the officer to be false in order to elicit the statement	Delegate Acevero Senator Henson	Judiciary Jan 30 Judicial Proceedings Feb 7	Stalled in committee
HB0179 SB0011	<i>Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025</i> Multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be joined and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred – defines “organized retail theft” <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	2 REP + 3 DEM delegates Senator Watson	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0180	Establishes the Gun Violence Victim Relocation Program through the Victim Services Unit of the Governor’s Office on Crime Prevention and Policy -- \$10M budget appropriation	Delegate Addison	Judiciary Mar 5	Stalled in committee
HB0182 SB0118	Speed cameras – \$40 civil penalties increased in residential areas and school zones to \$55 for 16-19 mph over, \$95 for 20-29 mph over, \$180 for 30-39 over, \$350 for 40+ mph over <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Stewart Senator Waldstreicher	In the House Passed Enrolled In the House – 1 st Reading House Rules & Exec Noms	PASSED

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HB0186	Composition of Police Trial Boards – replaces administrative law judge or retired district or circuit court judge with an attorney who meets 7 criteria	Withdrawn by sponsor	Judiciary Feb 25	Withdrawn
HB0187 SB0170	Benefits exploitation – illegal to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport or obtain an individual with the purpose of appropriating that individual’s government benefits for personal benefit	2 REP + 9 DEM delegates Senator West	Judiciary Jan 28 Judicial Proceedings Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0190 SB0181	Geriatric (age 60+) and medical parole – alters factors considered when deciding whether an individual is suitable for parole	4 DEM delegates Senator Hettleman	Judiciary Feb 25 In the Senate Conference Committee Appointed	Stalled in committee
HB0202	Fraudulent conveyance, lease, or possession of residential real property – claiming to convey property the grantor does not own or have authority to transfer – provisions for removal and restoring possession to owner	Delegate Nawrocki	Judiciary Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0223	Child abuse and neglect investigations – agency must provide notice of rights to parent or caretaker upon initial contact	Delegate Crutchfield	Judiciary Feb 13	Stalled in committee
HB0233 SB0576	MD Worker Freedom Act – employer-sponsored meetings on religious or political matters – employee participation must be voluntary	7 DEM delegates 4 DEM senators	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Finance In the Senate Recommitted to Finance	Stalled in committee

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HB0236 SB0092	Peace orders – intentional visual surveillance – added to the list of acts for which an individual may petition for a peace order	Delegate Valentine Senator Corderman	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0238 SB0533	Police accountability – time limit for filing administrative charges – changed “filing of a complaint by a citizen” to “date that the appropriate official employed by the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident”	Delegates Cardin and Grammer 4 REP senators	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Judicial Proceedings In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0255	Outlaws no-knock search warrants – imposes 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. timeframe for executing a warrant – requires prior notice to occupants <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Acevero	Judiciary Feb 25	Stalled in committee
HB0289	Requires Corrections to develop an apprenticeship program in skilled trades to assist incarcerated individuals in developing marketable job skills <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Metzger	Judiciary Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0305 SB0287	Prohibits intentionally interfering with another entering or leaving a “religious facility” – does not prohibit speech – does not apply to the chief executive officer of the facility (or designee), an agent of the religious facility, or law enforcement personnel	Delegate Rosenberg Senator West	Judiciary Feb 11 Judicial Proceedings Jan 30	Stalled in committee
HB0487 SB0484	Unhoused individuals – cannot be charged with vagrancy or any other violation related to their lack of appropriate housing – must be provided an “adequate alternative indoor space” free of charge – intent that courts “...liberally construe...to maximize the protections afforded...”	Delegate Mireku-North Senator Muse	Judiciary Feb 12 In the Senate – Hearing Judicial Proceedings	Stalled in committee

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	<i>Opposed by MFRW</i>		Feb 6	
HB0560 SB0046	Fraudulent possession of residential real property – establishes procedures for sheriff's office to remove occupant and return possession to the owner	Delegate Holmes Senator Watson	Judiciary Feb 11 In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0635 SB0292	Requires that a police officer document all reasons for a traffic stop – would no longer allow certain violations as a primary basis for a traffic stop: expired or improper tags, failure to use headlights, littering, excessively noisy, bus lane violation, etc. <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	28 DEM delegates Senator Sydnor	Judiciary Feb 12 Judicial Proceedings Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB709 SB0651	Landlord/Tenant – allows jurisdiction to adopt provisions prohibiting landlords from failing to renew a lease or terminating a holdover tenancy without “good cause” – describes 10 situations constituting “good cause” <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	17 DEM delegates Senators Lam and Muse	Environment & Transportation Feb 18 Judicial Proceedings Feb 18	Stalled in committee
HB1368 SB0314	Defines the process for issuance of a new Maryland birth certificate with a sex designation that differs from the sex designation on the original birth certificate – identified on the birth certificate as “female”, “male”, or “X” (for unspecified or another) <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	8 DEM delegates Senators Lam and Waldstreicher	Health & Government Ops Feb 21 Environment & Transportation 1st Reading Finance Feb 5	Stalled in committee
HB1433	Juvenile court – jurisdiction – repeals provisions specifying that the court does not have jurisdiction over a child at least	6 DEM delegates	Judiciary Feb 26	

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SB0422	14 years old alleged to have committed a crime that, if committed as an adult, is punishable by life imprisonment <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	Judicial Proceedings Feb 4	Stalled in committee
SB0061	Authorized interception of oral communications – cell phones and security cameras – 2 new exceptions under Maryland’s Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act	Senator West	Judicial Proceedings Jan 16	Stalled in committee
SB0074	Constitutional Amendment -- Judges – increases the mandatory retirement age of all judges in the State from 70 to 75 <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Senator Muse	Judicial Proceedings Jan 23	Stalled in committee
SB0075	Parent Accountability Act -- juveniles – probation and treatment services – requires a treatment service plan by the Department of Juvenile Services and that parent, guardian or custodian participate in appropriate rehabilitative services	Senator Benson	Judicial Proceedings Jan 28	Stalled in committee
SB0122	Law enforcement officers – adds to protected classes under Maryland’s hate crimes statutes <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Senator Folden	Judicial Proceedings Jan 16	Stalled in committee
SB0291	Prisoner who has served at least 20 years of their sentence can seek a sentence reduction – include victim notification requirement – considerations include “individual’s family and community circumstances at the time of the offense, including any history of trauma, abuse, or involvement in the child welfare system” <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Senator Sydnor	Judicial Proceedings Jan 30	Stalled in committee
	EDUCATION			
HB0057	Requires school boards to adopt a policy prohibiting use of cell phones during instructional time	Delegate Fraser-Hildalgo	Ways & Means Jan 29	Stalled in committee

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	<i>Supported by MFRW</i>			
HB0061	Public school construction – construction or renovation of a public school building or parking lot must be designed, engineered, and constructed to support solar canopy installation	Delegate Charkoudian	Appropriations Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0068	Prohibits in-person attendance at a public school by a student accused of a violent crime until investigation is complete and student is no longer a suspect <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Mangione	Ways & Means Jan 23	Stalled in committee
HB0072 SB0008	Establishes the Maryland Civic Excellence program – recognizes students (Seal of Civic Excellence) and public schools (Center of Civic Excellence) that promote civic readiness and civic engagement – requires that students pass the MD Comprehensive Assessment for Government and pass certain social studies courses	Delegate Vogel Senators Kagan and Ready	Ways & Means Jan 29 In the House – Hearing Ways & Means Mar 19	Stalled in committee
HB0137	Prohibits in-person attendance at a public school by a student charged with a violent crime until found not delinquent or the charge is dismissed <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	13 REP delegates	Ways & Means Jan 23	Stalled in committee
HB0147	Requires school boards to adopt a policy prohibiting use of a cell phones during the school day by elementary and middle school students <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	2 REP + 3 DEM delegates	In the Senate Special Order until 4/07	Failed
HB0156	Limits public school sponsored junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports to students of the female sex <i>Supported by MFRW – an MFRW priority</i>	24 REP delegates	Ways & Means Jan 29 <u>Unfavorable</u> report	Stalled in committee

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HB0157 SB0136	Safe Schools Fund – grant applications – authorizes the School Safety Subcabinet to reallocate funds in the Safe School Fund to local school systems that have spent their allocation and demonstrate need within the same fiscal year	Delegate Griffith Senator Folden	Appropriations Jan 28 In the House – Hearing Appropriations Mar 26	Stalled in committee
HB0161	Requires development of a comprehensive health education framework that includes “family life and human sexuality” and “gender identity and sexual orientation” <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegates Fair and Atterbeary	In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0192	Requires school boards to adopt a policy prohibiting use of a cell phones during the school day – high school students may use cell phones during lunch <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Mangione	Ways & Means Jan 29	Stalled in committee
HB0197 SB0068	Restorative Practices Schools – State Dept of Education must develop a comprehensive plan for establishment of a Restorative Practices School for use by county Boards that want to establish one <i>Note: “Restorative Practices” is a communally and culturally responsive relationship-focused student discipline model – includes use of peer mediation and circle processes.</i>	Delegate Pasteur Senator Brooks	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0207 SB0268	Undocumented students – out-of-state tuition exemption – reduces (from 3 years to 2 years) the number of years before an academic year that an individual or their parent/guardian must file taxes to be eligible for in-state tuition	Delegate Pasteur Senator Brooks	In the Senate Educ, Energy & Environment 1 st Reading Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 22	Failed

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HB0282	Prohibits sexually explicit materials in elementary, middle, and secondary public school libraries and media centers <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Mangione	Ways & Means Unfavorable report	Stalled in committee
HB0324	County Boards of Education – anti-bias training required for all members at least once during the member’s term	Delegates Korman and Atterbeary	In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
SB0293		Senator Feldman	In the Senate Returned Passed	
HB0326	Allows student service hours credit to students successfully completing an eligible financial literacy course	Delegate Forbes	Educ, Energy & Environment Mar 7	Stalled in committee
SB0715		Senators Brooks & Watson	Educ, Energy & Environment Mar 7	
HB0504	Kirwan funding schedule modifications – reduces “target per pupil amount”, delays “collaborative time per pupil amount” by 4 years, reduces “special education per pupil amount” – recommends reduced workloads for some teachers – flexible schedules and staffing plans – and more (bill is 63 pages long) <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	The Administration	In the Senate Passed Enrolled	PASSED
SB0429			In the House – 1 st Reading House Rules & Exec Noms	
HB0588	Require Dept of Juvenile Services to notify school that one of their students is in DJS custody – disposition of charges and educational programming and services provided to the student <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	7 REP delegates	Judiciary Feb 26	Stalled in committee
HB0630	Requires school boards to adopt a policy prohibiting use of a cell phones during instructional time - allows lunch time use - mentions social media apps and websites	5 REP + 11 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Feb 12	Stalled in committee
SB0368		Senator Watson	Educ, Energy & Environment	

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	<i>Supported by MFRW</i>		Jan 29	
HB1211	Requires law enforcement to notify various entities responsible for the education of students when a student is arrested for certain offenses or is a known gang member <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	10 REP delegates	Ways & Means Mar 5 Judiciary	Stalled in committee
HB1374 SB0780	Pre-Kindergarten programs – changes eligible “Tier 1 child” to 3-year-olds whose family income is ≤ 300% of the federal poverty level <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	31 REP delegates 3 REP senators	Withdrawn by sponsor Withdrawn by sponsor	Withdrawn
HB1385 SB0948	Parental rights – child’s education – parental involvement policy – publicly posting policies (via website or written copy) – parental right to review all curricula and instructional materials – notice to parent when student seeks to use gender pronoun different from biological sex <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	13 REP delegates Senator Ready	Ways & Means Mar 3 Educ, Energy & Environment Mar 7	Stalled in committee
SB0029	Phone Free Schools – pilot program in Carroll County and Montgomery Couty – establishment	Senator Waldstreicher	Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 29	Stalled in committee
SB0078	Juvenile child sex offenders – offense would constitute a felony as an adult – prohibits in-person attendance at a public or nonpublic school – expands offense requiring registration as a sex offender <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Senator Salling	Judicial Proceedings Jan 28	Stalled in committee
SB0588	A junior varsity or varsity athletic team or sport designated for girls, females, or women may not include students of the male sex <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	4 REP + 1 DEM senators	Educ, Energy & Environment Mar 5	Stalled in committee

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	ELECTIONS / VOTING			
HB0044	Circuit court judges – election on a nonpartisan basis – two highest vote getters advance to the General Election	Delegate Wu	Ways & Means Feb 12	Stalled in committee
HB0052	Allows a county to enact a law that will allow 16-year-olds to vote in School Board elections <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegate Vogel	Ways & Means Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0067	Absentee ballot cannot be opened if envelope signature is missing <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate R. Long	Ways & Means Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB0075 SB0262	Filling vacancies in a county council or county’s chief executive officer – changes to State election law to address special elections – resolve discrepancies between county charters and State election law	Departmental (State Board of Elections)	In the House Returned Passed In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0091	Requires that an election judge establish a voter’s identity by requiring them to give their month and day of birth, a voter registration card, a MD driver’s license, or a government-issued ID card with photograph <i>Supported by MFRW – MFRW Priority</i>	12 REP delegates	Ways & Means Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB0096	Constitutional Amendment – General Assembly membership – increase by 1 senator and 3 delegates in 2032 – reduces the term of a senator to 4 years	Delegate Bouchat	Rules & Executive Noms Mar 10	Stalled in committee
HB0111 SB0027	Campaign finance – establishes exploratory committees in State campaign finance law – subject to provisions that apply to political committees – donations not subject to	Delegates D. Jones and Palakovich Carr Senator Kagan	Ways & Means Jan 21 In the House – Ways & Means	Stalled in committee

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	limits – details what funds can be used for (staff, communications, website, equipment, etc.)		Mar 18	
HB0115	Allows use of voter registration card, MD driver's license and government-issued photo ID as voter identification <i>Supported by MFRW – HB0091 is preferred</i>	Delegate R. Long	Ways & Means Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB0153	Voter registration – age and notification to minors – lowers the age at which an individual may register to vote – from age 16 to 15 years 9 months – local elections board notification requirement	9 DEM delegates	In the Senate – Hearing Educ, Energy & Environment Apr 2	Stalled in committee
HB0160	Campaign contributions – video lottery operators – repeals prohibition on contributions to a campaign finance entity of a candidate for a non-federal public office in MD	Delegate Cardin	Ways & Means Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0166 SB0185	Ethics law – judicial candidates – adds candidates for judicial positions to those required to provide information on conflicts of interest and financial disclosure	Departmental (State Ethics Commission)	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Judicial Proceedings Judicial Proceedings Jan 14	Stalled in committee
HB0174 SB0002	Special election for General Assembly vacancies when the vacancy occurs 55 or more days prior to the filing deadline for a regular statewide election <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegate Foley Senator Kagan	Ways & Means Jan 28 In the House – Ways & Means Mar 18	Stalled in committee
HB0199 SB0257	State Board of Elections – outreach to permanent absentee voters prior to an election to confirm address and method for receipt	Departmental (State Board of Elections)	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED

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HB0201 SB0093	Absentee ballot application – local board of elections required to send absentee ballot application to eligible voters at least 60 days prior to each statewide primary election	Delegate Wilkins Senator Kramer	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Senate Rules In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
B0203	Constitutional Amendment – establishes a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention – members elected by voters / 3 per county – shall prepare redistricting plans for presentation to the General Assembly	Delegate Bouchat	Rules and Executive Noms Mar 10	Stalled in committee
HB0215 SB0383	Would allow the use of ranked-choice voting in the 2028 statewide primary election for a political party's presidential nominee <i>Opposed by MFRW – MFRW Priority</i>	7 DEM delegates Senator Kagan	Ways & Means Jan 28 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 26	Stalled in committee
HB0237 SB0171	General Assembly vacancy filled by a County Central Committee – establishes process requirements: advertising vacancy, public interviews and voting, voting by roll call or signed ballots <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Delegates Griffith and Palakovich Carr Senator Lam	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Educ, Energy & Environment Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 5	HB stalled in opposite chamber
HB0253	Requires Board of Elections to automatically send absentee ballot to pre-trial detainees <i>Opposed by MFRW</i> <i>Sending a mailed ballot application is more appropriate.</i>	Delegate Harris	Ways & Means Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0274 SB0259	Local Boards of Elections – required to submit Election Day plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election to include plans for polling places, drop boxes and early voting centers	Departmental (State Board of Elections)	Ways & Means Jan 21 In the House – 3 rd Reading Passed Enrolled	PASSED

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HB0285	Requiring State Board of Elections or a local board of elections to provide a candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and include the email address and telephone number of each voter on the list (when available) <i>Supported by MFRW Especially helpful to new candidates</i>	Delegate R. Long	Ways & Means Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB0287	Prohibition – Party and elected public offices – an individual may not simultaneously hold a party office and an elected public office – “party office” means the office of a member of a county central committee of a political party	Delegate Harris	Ways & Means Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0322 SB0088	Municipal elections – authorizes the State Administrator of Elections to enter into MOUs with municipalities to work collaboratively with the municipality to support the administration of the municipality’s elections <i>Note: Some municipalities allow non-citizens to vote. Their voter registration rolls must not be co-mingled with State or county Board of Elections voter registration rolls.</i>	Delegate Wims Senator Kagan	In the Senate Returned Passed In the House -- Hearing Ways & Means Mar 18	PASSED
HB0426 SB0313	Requires that Boards of Elections conduct a “risk-limiting” audit after each statewide election – when different from the electronic vote count, the risk-limiting audit would be used in certifying the election result <i>Opposed by MFRW – recount should be required</i>	Delegates Kaiser and Wilkins Senator M. Washington	In the House Passed Enrolled In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0781 SB0066	Requires that the State Board of Elections establish guidelines for a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities – training program on best practices – collect feedback real-time and make immediate adjustments	10 DEM delegates Senator Ellis	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Educ, Energy & Environment Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 5	HB stalled in opposite chamber

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	<i>Supported by MFRW</i>			
HB0890	Would allow a voter to change their political party affiliation at an early voting center or precinct polling place during a primary election and vote the ballot for the newly selected party affiliation <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Delegates Bouchat and Hornberger	Ways & Means Feb 18	Stalled in committee
HB0983 SB0685	Local Boards of Elections – language-related assistance – need would be determined by the State Board of Elections, local Boards would be required to provide language assistance and materials in certain languages – local boards required to make reasonable efforts to recruit election judges fluent in those languages	Delegates Wilkins and Mireku-North Senator Augustine	In the House Passed Enrolled In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
HB1035 SB0937	Requiring that the MD Energy Administration, the Public Service Commission, and the DNR work with neighboring states and federal agencies to develop new nuclear energy generation stations	The Speaker and Delegate Wilson	In the Senate Returned Passed In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB1043	Boards of Elections – administrative policy changes – public notice requirements – prohibits actions that result in a disparity detrimental to a protected class <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	3 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Feb 24	Stalled in committee
HB1044	A jurisdiction that is determined to have past voting irregularities that discriminated against a protected class must have any election policy changes reviewed and cleared by the Anne Arundel County Attorney General or Anne Arundel County Circuit Court before implementation <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	3 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Feb 24	Stalled in committee

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HB1094	Authorizes Ranked Choice Voting or Approval Voting in Montgomery County <i>Opposed by MFRW -- precedent-setting for the entire state – includes all elected Constitutional offices (Sheriff, Circuit Court judges, State’s Attorney, County Executive, County Council and Board of Education)</i>	Montgomery County Delegation	Ways & Means Feb 24	Stalled in committee
HB1149 SB0675	Analysis – sources of electricity generation – recommend policy changes – energy sources with lowest costs and greatest benefits to ratepayers	Delegate Adams 5 REP + 3 DEM senators	Economic Matters Feb 21 Educ, Energy & Environment Mar 6	Stalled in committee
HB1280	An unaffiliated voter can change their party affiliation at an early voting center in a primary election and vote that party’s ballot	5 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Feb 26	Stalled in committee
HB1415	Dept of the Environment cannot require a building that received a Use & Occupancy permit prior to 1 Jun 2022 to comply with building energy performance standards until it becomes necessary to replace certain systems	11 REP delegates	Environment & Transportation Mar 5	Stalled in committee
SB0018	Early Voting – reduction in days – currently 2nd Thursday before the election through the Thursday before the election – last day would change to the 2nd Monday before the election <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	Senator Muse	Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 5	Stalled in committee
	ENERGY / ENVIRONMENT / ECONOMY			
HB0049	Creates an alternative compliance fee for owners of a building that fails to meet energy use intensity targets – fee may not be less than the “social cost of greenhouse gases”	Departmental (Environment)	In the Senate Passed Enrolled	PASSED

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SB0256	<i>Opposed by MFRW</i>		Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 13	
HB0062 SB0253	Certain provisions of the law regarding chemical warfare materials under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a U.S. Department of Defense research facility if done for research, development or demonstration purposes	Departmental (Commerce)	Environment & Transportation Jan 29 Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 29	Stalled in committee
HB0069	Post-consumer Recycled Content Program – establishes minimum post-consumer recycled content percentage requirements for certain products	12 DEM delegates	Environment & Transportation Feb 14	Stalled in committee
HB0121 SB0037	Utility Transmission & Accountability Act – annual report from each electric company to the Public Service Commission – each recorded vote cast	Delegate Charkoudian Senator Hester	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0128 SB0149	Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program – secure compensatory payments from fossil fuel businesses to provide a revenue source for MDE admin expenses, climate change efforts, etc.	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo Senator Hester	In the Senate Passed Enrolled In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0131 SB0117	Septic System Upgrade Program – authorizes MDE to establish performance-based funding levels for best available nitrogen removal technology for on-site septic systems that qualify for funding from the Bay Restoration Fund’s Septics Account	Delegate Stein Senator Stein	In the House Returned Passed In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0145	Establishes the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program to provide no-interest loans for	Delegate Boaf	Economic Matters Jan 23	

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SB0105	planning, purchase, and installation of energy systems – authorizes \$5M allocation in FY2027 Budget <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Senator Kagan	In the House – 1 st Reading Economic Matters Appropriations	SB stalled in opposite chamber
HB0155 SB0247	Authorizes DHCD to issue loans in addition to grants for specified energy conservation and renewable energy projects under a program required by the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 – expands the sources of savings when calculating the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions	Departmental (Housing and Community Development)	In the Senate – 1 st Reading Educ, Energy & Environment Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 21	HB stalled in opposite chamber
HB0212	MD Building Performance Standards – fossil fuel use and electric-ready standards – requiring that the Department of Labor adopt a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels – imposes an all-electric standard for some buildings	Delegate Acevero	Environment & Transportation Feb 26 Economic Matters Hearing cancelled	Stalled in committee
HB0213	Natural gas energy generation – authorizes energy generating systems that produce energy from natural gas until the State meets 100% of its energy needs from renewal energy resources, including nuclear	Delegate Mangione	Economic Matters Withdrawn by sponsor	Withdrawn
HB0220 SB0010	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – removes waste-to-energy and refuse-derived fuel from eligibility	Delegate Stewart 1 REP + 2 DEM senators	Economic Matters Feb 20 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 13	Stalled in committee
HB0222 SB0175	Fuel gas piping systems – corrugated stainless steel tubing for fuel gas piping systems – requirements and standards	Delegate Stein	In the House Passed Enrolled In the Senate Passed Enrolled	PASSED

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		Senator Brooks and Lewis Young		
HB0232 SB0346	Establishes the MD Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program – increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers – reduce litter, pollution and costs associated with beverage containers	9 DEM delegates 11 DEM senators	Environment & Transportation Feb 14 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 18	Stalled in committee
HB0270 SB0116	Data centers – requires that MDE, MEA, UM School of Business and DLS conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State – final report to the Governor and General Assembly by 1 Sep 2026	Delegate Crosby Senator Lewis Young	In the House Returned Passed In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB0277 SB0096	Water bottle filling stations or combined filling station and drinking fountain must be installed in all new construction or building undergoing renovation for which a drinking fountain is required	15 DEM delegates Senator Brooks	In the House Returned Passed In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0340	The State may sue businesses for actions that have “contributed to climate change” – publicly traded entities deriving at least 50% of revenues from coal, oil or gas with >\$1B market capitalization <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	17 DEM delegates	Health & Govt Operations Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB0640 SB0034	Overhead transmission lines – the Public Service Commission must consider the impact of overhead transmission lines on properties subject to an existing conservation easement when evaluating application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	8 REP + 13 DEM delegates Senators Brooks and Hettleman	Economic Matters Feb 20 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 13	Stalled by committee

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HB0709 SB0651	Landlord/Tenant – allows jurisdictions to adopt provisions prohibiting landlords from failing to renew a lease or terminating a holdover tenancy without “good cause” – describes 10 situations constituting “good cause” <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	17 DEM delegates Senators Lam and Muse	Environment & Transportation Feb 18 Judicial Proceedings Feb 18	Stalled in committee
HB0973 SB0804	Better Buildings Act of 2025 – energy conservation requirements – an electric- and solar-ready standard – new buildings and significant improvements must meet all laundry, water, and space heating needs without the use of fossil fuels	22 DEM delegates 3 DEM senators	Environment & Transportation Feb 26 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 27	Stalled in committee
HB1458 SB0809	Constitutional Amendment – right to minimum wage for tipped workers <i>Opposed by MFRW -- making a minimum wage declaration via a Constitutional Amendment is inappropriate</i>	12 DEM delegates Senator McCray	Economic Matters Hearing cancelled Finance Withdrawn by sponsor	Withdrawn
	HEALTHCARE / LIFE ISSUES			
HB0032 SB0043	Establishes Forensic Review Board and Community Forensic Aftercare Program – facilities that have charge of person who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible	Delegate Charkoudian Senator Augustine	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0039 SB0356	Repeals the prohibition on an individual knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual <i>Opposed by MFRW -- LGBTQ+ activists testified against earlier bills as anti-gay, but HIV can be transmitted to anyone.</i>	1 REP + 10 DEM delegates Senator Smith	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED

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HB0108	Heartbeat Bill – requires an abortion be performed by a physician, rather than a qualified provider – repeals provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion	Delegate Metzgar	Health & Government Ops Feb 27	Stalled in committee
HB0170 SB0213	Extends to 31 Dec 2027 the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for material and child health improvements	Departmental (Health)	In the House Returned Passed In the Senate Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0185 SB0359	Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – reestablishes a mandated appropriation – Governor must include \$3.7M in the annual budget bill beginning in FY2027	8 DEM delegates Senator King	In the Senate Conference Committee Appointed In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
HB0424 SB0357	Prescription Drug Affordability Act – broadens the responsibilities of the PDA Board to include setting upper limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that have led or will lead to an affordability challenge	Delegates Cullison and White Holland Senators Gile and Feldman	In the Senate Passed Enrolled In the House Passed Enrolled	PASSED
HB1328 SB0926	End of Life Option Act – establishes requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying (a/k/a assisted suicide) – mental health assessments, disposal of prescribed drugs, healthcare facility policies, etc. <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	49 DEM delegates Senator Smith	In the House -- Hearing Health & Government Ops Judiciary Mar 3 Judicial Proceedings Hearing cancelled	Stalled in committee

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	IMMIGRATION			
HB0085	Prohibits a county or municipality from enacting a sanctuary policy – requiring full cooperation with federal immigration authorities	Delegate Mangione	Judiciary Feb 19	Stalled in committee
HB0403 SB0387	Correctional facilities – transfer of undocumented immigrants to federal authorities – requires cooperation with the U.S. Department of Security when an inmate (1) is suspected of terrorism or espionage, (2) street gang participant, or (3) convicted of an aggravated felony <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	24 REP delegates Senator Folden	Judiciary Mar 5 Judicial Proceedings Feb 4	Stalled in committee
HB0686 SB0553	U Nonimmigrant status – certification of victim helpfulness – modifies the definition of “helpfulness” – changes “is assisting, has assisted, or is likely to assist” to “has not refused or failed to provide information and assistance...”	17 DEM delegates Senator Augustine	Judiciary Feb 27 Judicial Proceedings Feb 7	Stalled in committee
HB0696 SB0490	Eliminates citizenship requirements for State boards and commissions—requires that boards, committees, commissions, task forces and workgroups reflect the full diversity of the State	20 DEM delegates 16 DEM senators	Health & Government Ops Feb 25 Educ, Energy & Environment Feb 20	Stalled in committee
HB1006	Requires the Attorney General to develop guidelines limiting immigration enforcement in “sensitive” locations (schools, health facilities, houses of worship, places where children gather, social services establishments, places where ceremonies occur, parades, a court house, etc.) <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	50 DEM delegates	Judiciary Feb 27	Stalled in committee
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT / ZONING			

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HB0028	<p>Constitutional Amendment – requires that Baltimore City and all counties adopt a charter home rule form of government by December 31, 2031 – affecting:</p> <p>Commissioner counties: Calvert, Carroll, Garrett, St Mary’s, Somerset, Washington Code counties: Allegany, Caroline, Charles, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Worcester</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Opposed by MFRW</i></p>	Delegate Bouchat	Environment & Transportation Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0038	<p>Local government’s adequate public facilities decisions may not be changed for 4 years following enactment – requires a report to the Department of Planning of school attendance areas with each student’s residence indicated</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Opposed by MFRW</i></p>	Delegate Moon	Appropriations Feb 4	Stalled in committee
HB0080 SB0190	<p>Limits local government zoning authority (off-street parking requirements, preclude mixed-use development) within 0.5 miles of a transit station – special taxes imposed for the benefit of transit-oriented development are exempt from county tax limitations and bond caps</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Opposed by MFRW</i></p>	Departmental (Transportation)	<p>In the Senate Budget & Taxation Hearing cancelled</p> <p>In the Senate Budget & Taxation Jan 29</p>	Stalled in committee
HB0081 SB0661	<p>Requires that farmland taken through condemnation for transmission lines be compensated at 350% of the highest appraised value of the property</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supported by MFRW</i></p>	<p>13 REP + 1 DEM delegates</p> <p>10 REP + 1 DEM</p>	<p>In the House -- Unfavorable report by Economic Matters</p> <p>Judicial Proceedings Feb 11</p>	Stalled in committee
HB0090	Codifies Project Restore Program to assist qualified businesses and organizations whose mission and work contribute to the economic development or historic	Departmental	Ways & Means Jan 23	

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SB0235	preservation of local business districts and whose activities support the small businesses within the jurisdictions they serve	(Housing and Community Development)	Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 21	Stalled in committee
HB0093	Establishes a Homeless Shelter Certification Program – owner and operator certification – mandatory training for staff – building and staffing standards – defines admission standards	Departmental (Housing and Community Development)	Environment & Transportation Feb 4	Stalled in committee
SB0234			Educ, Energy & Environment Jan 21	
HB0097	County or Municipal Corporation Economic Development Authority – expands the definition of authority to include a revenue authority, a redevelopment authority, or other similarly named authorities – expands the powers of an authority – may receive money from any public, private or nonprofit source – may issue bonds	Delegate Qi	Ways & Means Feb 20	Stalled in committee
SB0409		Senator King	In the House – Hearing Ways & Means Mar 20	
HB0286	Replaces comprehensive planning “visions” with mandated “planning principles” that include energy efficient transportation networks, context appropriate new development, equity, resilience, encourage social interaction, restore sensitive ecological systems... <i>Opposed by MFRW</i>	Departmental Planning	In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
SB0266			In the Senate Passed Enrolled	
HB0288	MD Transportation Authority – increases from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status – temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, etc.	Departmental Transportation	In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
SB0210			In the Senate Returned Passed	
HB1164	Homelessness – Right to Rest Act -- prohibits jurisdictions from enacting laws restricting sleeping in public, protecting	Delegate Feldmark	Judiciary Mar 11	

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	oneself from the elements, or sleeping in a legally parked vehicle			Stalled in committee
	SECOND AMENDMENT / FIREARMS			
HB0171 SB0180	Handgun permits – extends the renewal period for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer from 2 years to 5 years	Delegate Valentine Senators West and Carozza	Judiciary Jan 29 In the House – Judiciary 1 st Reading	Stalled in committee
HB0336 SB0994	A person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis	Delegate Grammer Senator Salling	Judiciary Feb 5 Senate Rules -- 1 st Reading Senate Rules	Stalled in committee
HB0387	Imposes an 11% excise tax (in addition to the 6% sales tax) on the sale of firearms in-state and on out-of-state sales to MD residents <i>Opposed by MFRW -- This is in addition to an 11% federal excise tax imposed by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (Pittman-Robertson Act).</i>	20 DEM delegates	Ways & Means Feb 13	Stalled in committee
HB0937	Doubles the sales tax on firearms, accessories and ammunition to 12% <i>Opposed by MFRW -- This is in addition to an 11% federal excise tax imposed by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (Pittman-Robertson Act).</i>	Delegates Young and Mireku-North	Ways & Means Feb 13	Stalled in committee
HB0982	Gun Theft Felony Act of 2025 -- excludes theft of a firearm from the general theft statute – classifies theft of a firearm	38 REP + 9 DEM delegates	Judiciary Mar 5	

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SB0336	as a separate felony offense – establishes penalties for theft of a firearm <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	13 REP + 2 DEM Senators	Judicial Proceedings Jan 30	Stalled in committee
	TRANSPORTATION			
HB0020	Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2025 – makes changes to MDOT’s prioritization and evaluation processes for transportation project planning and funding – establishes an Advisory Committee	Departmental (Transportation)	Appropriations Feb 11	Stalled in committee
SB0198			Budget & Taxation Jan 29	
HB0084	Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2025 – requires that DOT take actions to reduce or offset vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions associated with major highway expansion projects and major capital projects – implement a corresponding multi-modal transportation program (transit, transit-oriented development, pedestrian and bicycle facilities etc.)	Delegate Edelson Senators Gile and Hettleman	In the Senate – Hearing Budget & Taxation Mar 27	Stalled in committee
SB0395			Budget & Taxation Jan 29	
HB0105	Expands the types of projects that MDOT may fund using proceeds from bonds backed by future federal aid	Delegate Edelson	Appropriations Jan 28	Stalled in committee
HB0247	Reduces the period of time (from 9 months to 3 months) during which an unaccompanied homeless youth younger than age 19 who holds a learner’s instructional permit must wait before taking a driver skills exam or driver road exam for a provisional license	9 DEM delegates	Environment & Transportation Jan 30	Stalled in committee
HB0288	MD Transportation Authority – emergency status -- increases maximum duration (from 180 days to 300 days) – allows adjustments to tolls, fees, etc. without public notice and comment requirements	Departmental (Transportation)	In the House Returned Passed	PASSED
SB0210			In the Senate Returned Passed	

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HB0695	Transportation Trust Fund – repeals automatic annual CPI-based tax rate increase – prohibits a mileage-based tax or equivalent – imposes 35% farebox recovery requirement <i>Supported by MFRW</i>	18 REP delegates	Ways & Means Feb 11	Stalled in committee
HB1008	Transportation Freedom Act of 2025 – prohibits imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or similar fees, tolls or taxes – prohibits required installation of a device on a privately owned vehicle to track vehicle miles traveled	35 REP delegates	Ways & Means Feb 18	Stalled in committee
SB0557		9 REP senators	Environment & Transportation Budget & Taxation Mar 6	
SB0014	Electric bikes – title, registration and insurance requirements <i>Supported by MFRW -- same requirements as mopeds and motor scooters</i>	Senator Salling	Withdrawn by Sponsor	Withdrawn