

# The 90 Day Report

**A Review of the 2025 Legislative Session**



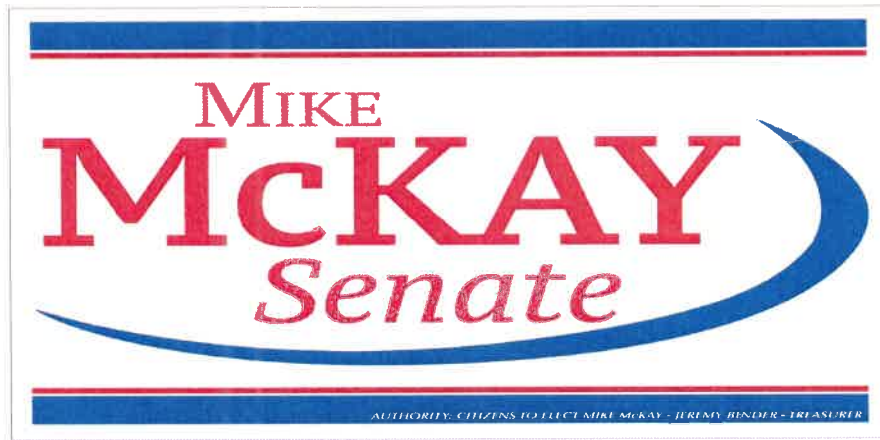
**Senator Mike McKay, District 1**

**Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties**



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With the conclusion of the 2025 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly, I wanted to share with you, the elected body, a report from your legislator, representing Appalachia Maryland, encompassing Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties in District 1.

The Department of Legislative Services creates a 90 Day Report each year. It is a review of the Legislative Session for the President of the Senate, the Honorable Bill Ferguson, the Speaker of the House, the Honorable Adrienne Jones, and the Members of the General Assembly. You are equally important to me and therefore I have created a similar report for District 1.

This 90 Day Report contains the status of legislation of legislation and funding either sponsored or cosponsored by me, as your representative in Annapolis. This year I have posted my votes from the floor to include every Third Reader vote given by me. I have enclosed how I vote and the results of each bill. My goal was to encourage all to participate in open and transparent government and be accountable to all by posting this on social media as soon as possible.

I hope that this will encourage my fellow legislators to follow my lead and engage in the conversation, contribute, and weigh in on matters to District 1 and the State of Maryland. I look forward and hope to have many conversations with you as we prepare for the 2026 Session in Annapolis.

## McKay Bills for 2025

LR/Bill Number	Bill Title	Bill Status	Drafter	Committee	Hearing Date/Time	Crossfile Number (Delegate)
1	SB396 Public Safety Officer - Performance of Duties - Death Benefit	PASSED	Matthew Buzard	Appropriations	3/25/25 @ 1pm	HB76 (Del. Lehman)
2	SB399 Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines	PASSED	Darragh Moriarty	Economic Matters	Unknown	HB1270 (Del. Hinebaugh)
3	SB421 Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements	PASSED	Kira Baran	Judiciary	3/25/25 @ 1pm	HB616 (Del. Hutchinson)
4	SB455 Special Police Licensing	PASSED	Jameson Lancaster	Judiciary	3/25/25 @ 1pm	N/A
5	SB456 Dental Services	PASSED	Michael Creighton	Health & Government Operations	4/1/25 @ 1pm	HB265 (Del. Bagnall)
6	SB639 Garrett County - Bids and Contracts	PASSED	Samantha Fairbanks	Health & Government Operations	3/25/25 @ 1pm	LR1998 (Del. Hinebaugh)
7	SB734 Business Regulations - Self Storage Permitting	PASSED		Economic Matters	Unknown	HB734 (Del. Johnson)
8	SB826 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025	PASSED	Erica White	Economic Matters	Unknown	HB685 (Del. Hinebaugh)
9	SB698 Garrett County - DNR Collecting Tax from Savage River Lodge	WITHDRAWN	Patrick Tracy	EEE	3/4/25 @ 1pm	(Del. Hinebaugh)
10	SB762 Law Enforcement Discipline Procedures	WITHDRAWN		JPR	3/4/25 @ 1pm	(Del. Christ)
11	SB397 Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Rides - Exception (In Remembrance of Gay "Pappy" Boward)	DID NOT PASS	Christopher Daffin	JPR	2/4/25 @ 1pm	N/A
12	SB398 Criminal Procedure - Automated Expungement	DID NOT PASS	Claire Rossmark	JPR	2/5/25 @ 1pm	HB545 (Del. Moon)
13	SB420 Deep Creek Lake Protection and Restoration Fund - Purpose, Use, and Funding - Sunset Extension	DID NOT PASS	Unknown	EEE/Budget & Tax	2/11/25 @ 1pm	HB684 (Del. Hinebaugh)
14	SB454 Department of Juvenile Services - Employees - Prohibited Convictions	DID NOT PASS	Kira Baran	JPR	2/7/25 @ 1pm	HB652 (Del. Pippy)
15	SB492 Commission to Study the Dental Hygienist Shortage	DID NOT PASS	Amanda Hunt	Finance	2/11/25 @ 1pm	HB849 (Del. Lopez)
16	SB616 Criminal Law - Human Remains, Pet Remains, and Prohibited Activities in Cemeteries	DID NOT PASS	Amanda Hunt	JPR	2/12/25 @ 1pm	HB1000 (Del. Simmons)
17	SB711 Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board - Alterations and Establishment	DID NOT PASS	Darragh Moriarty	Environment & Transportation	3/27/25 @ 1pm	N/A
18	SB763 Garrett County Hotel Tax Bill	DID NOT PASS	Tyler Babich	Budget & Tax	2/25/25 @ 1pm	HB1278 (Del. Hinebaugh)
19	SB996 Approval Voting	DID NOT PASS	Unknown	Rules	On Voting List	N/A
20	SB1046 Body Worn Camera	DID NOT PASS	Kira Baran	JPR	4/2/25 @ 1pm	N/A

## McKay Legislative Bond Initiatives for 2025

	County of Origin	LBI Title	LBI Status	Grantee	Amount Requested	Delegate Crossfile
1	Garrett County	Oakland Volunteer Fire Department - Fire House	AWARDED	Oakland Volunteer Fire Department	\$200,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
2	Garrett County	Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department - Chase Car	REALLOCATED	Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department	\$50,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
3	Garrett County	Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department - Air Packs	REALLOCATED	Garrett County Government	\$75,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
4	Garrett County	Ski Patrol	AWARDED	WISP	\$100,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
5	Allegany County	Good Will Fire Company No. 1 Tanker Replacement	AWARDED	Good Will Volunteer Fire Company No. 1	\$100,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
6	Allegany County	City of Cumberland - Intersection	AWARDED	City of Cumberland	\$100,000	Del. Jason Buckel
7	Allegany County	Frostburg State University Baseball Complex	AWARDED	Frostburg State University	\$1,000,000	Del. Jason Buckel
8	Allegany County	Little Orleans Volunteer Fire Department - Building	AWARDED	Orleans VFD	\$50,000	Del. Terry Baker
9	Garrett County	Bio-Mass Demonstration Project	NOT AWARDED	Garrett County Government	\$150,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
10	Garrett County	Town of Oakland Community Center	NOT AWARDED	Town of Oakland	\$100,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
11	Allegany County	Barton Fire Department	NOT AWARDED	Barton Hose Company No. 1	\$900,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
12	Allegany County	Oak Hill Cemetery	NOT AWARDED	Oak Hill Cemetery Association of Allegany County, Inc.	\$100,000	Del. Jim Hinebaugh
13	Allegany County	Archway Station, Inc. - Women with Children Recovery House	NOT AWARDED	Archway Station, Inc	\$100,000	Del. Jason Buckel
14	Allegany County	Friends Aware - HVAC System	NOT AWARDED	Friends Aware, Inc	\$282,000	Del. Jason Buckel
15	Allegany County	Camp Potomac	NOT AWARDED	Scouting America - Laurel Highlands Council	\$100,000	Del. Terry Baker



Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of the 447<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly. It was an honor to continue to serve you this Session now in a new capacity as State Senator, serving our Appalachia Region of District 1 encompassing Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties. Your calls, e-mails, and letters have been instrumental in making decisions to benefit the residents of our District, Region, and our State. I was proud to be a member of seven separate committees and caucuses this year:

- Judicial Proceedings Committee
- Executive Nominations Committee
- Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review
- Joint Committee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation,
- Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families
- Maryland Veterans Caucus
- Fire/EMS Coalition

Our primary responsibility, as the Maryland General Assembly, is to pass a balanced budget while maintaining our priorities in education, public safety, healthcare, and protecting our natural resources.

## **2025 End-of-Session Wrap-Up – FY26 Operating Budget**

Prior to the start of the 2025 Session in January, Maryland lawmakers knew they had to contend with a \$3 billion budget deficit which is projected to grow to \$7 billion within the next three years.

Maryland Democrats attempted to deflect blame for the state's fiscal woes on the new occupant of the White House; however, Maryland's financial challenges existed long before Inauguration Day, and are a direct result of two things:

- **Years of passing of aspirational spending mandates with no funding source** – like the Blueprint for Maryland's Future – that were passed over Republican opposition and Governor Larry Hogan's vetoes.
- **A long-standing overreliance on the Federal government to balance the budget.** For more than two decades, economists have warned that Maryland was exceptionally vulnerable to changes in federal spending. Instead of supporting efforts to grow and develop Maryland's private sector to reduce this dependency, Maryland Democrats continue to pass new taxes and fees that chase them away.

Passing a budget is the only constitutionally mandated duty of the General Assembly, and this year, it took until Sine Die to pass the \$67 billion operating budget. The Operating Budget is made up of two pieces of legislation – the Budget Bill and the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA). The BRFA is the piece of legislation that travels along with the budget bill to make the legislative changes necessary to balance the budget and is where the nasty taxes and fees are hidden.

The Governor and Democrats are touting an income tax cut for two thirds of Marylanders, which amounts on average to just \$60 per person. However, when you look at the overall impact of the new taxes and fees contained in this Budget, every Maryland family and business owner will pay net "Moore," not net less. This year's BRFA included \$1.8 BILLION in new and increased taxes making it the largest tax increase in Maryland's history.

The biggest losers this year are individual taxpayers and Maryland businesses as well as local governments that will be absorbing costs that were punted to them by the State. These costs will still be paid by taxpayers – they'll just be writing that check to their local government instead of the State of Maryland.

**This budget did not have to include tax increases.** Senate Republicans offered amendments to the budget that would have cut the \$1.8 billion needed to eliminate new revenue sources. The cuts proposed by our caucus to get there included:

- A 5% across the board spending cut for state agencies.
- A state employee hiring freeze and pause in planned cost-of-living salary increases.
- Pausing spending increases for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future
- Rolling back Medicaid eligibility that had been significantly expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, a family of four making \$100,000 is eligible for Medicaid.

Unfortunately, these proposed cuts and many others were rejected, and Maryland's families and business will pay more.

### **2025 End-of-Session Wrap-Up – Education**

The Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act (SB 429) was the Governor's bill that made tweaks to the implementation and funding plan for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan). The Blueprint costs the state \$4 billion/year and is the biggest driver of Maryland's projected budget deficit in the coming years. Our members appreciated that the Governor recognized that the current trajectory of the Blueprint was unsustainable and was willing to make funding cuts and changes but would have liked to see him do significantly more to reduce costs and increase flexibility at the local level.

The Blueprint continues to be an enormous financial concern as implementation continues – driving deficits at both the state and local levels. This year, our members supported a number of measures to bring down the costs and increase flexibility, including a pause in additional Blueprint funding and eliminating the increase of collaborative time – holding the current standard at the 80/20 ratio. Unfortunately, those proposals were defeated, however, conversations about the costs of the Blueprint will undoubtedly be front and center as we look ahead to 2026.

### **2025 End-of-Session Wrap-Up – Energy**

Other than the budget, Maryland's energy crisis and skyrocketing electric bills were the dominant issue this session.

Marylanders across the state are facing steep increases in electricity and gas prices, and they want to know why. The culprit is recent legislation passed by Democrats



in the General Assembly in the name of climate action and clean energy that is driving up costs for families and businesses.

As they continue to sell these policies as necessary steps toward a greener future, they are ignoring the immediate and painful financial burden of these policies on ratepayers. The state is pursuing an aggressive transition to renewable energy without a realistic plan to manage costs, improve grid reliability, or provide sufficient alternatives for consumers. Instead of balancing environmental concerns with economic common sense, lawmakers pushed an agenda that makes energy more expensive and less reliable.

As the 2025 Session began, lawmakers were inundated with complaints from constituents demanding action to lower their utility bills, and there was no magic solution to provide immediate relief. Democrats did pass a package of three main energy bills, but they fell woefully short in giving real ratepayer relief or making the necessary policy changes to reduce Marylanders' energy rates. The bills additionally do not give enough confidence to potential investors to seriously look at Maryland as a friendly place to invest in generation infrastructure.

### **2025 End-of-Session Wrap-Up – Child Victims Act**

The Maryland Child Victims Act, enacted in 2023, is a significant piece of legislation that eliminated the statute of limitations for civil lawsuits related to child sexual abuse. It allows survivors to file claims at any time, regardless of when the abuse occurred. The Act also redefined "sexual abuse" to include acts where an institution "allowed or encouraged" the abuse, thereby broadening the scope of potential defendants to include organizations that may have facilitated such misconduct.

In February 2025, the Maryland Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Act, affirming that the General Assembly had the authority to make these changes retroactively. Following the enactment, there have been a surge in lawsuits, particularly targeting the state's juvenile justice system, with thousands alleging systemic abuse in youth detention facilities.

In response to billions of potential financial liability, coupled with Maryland's growing budget deficit in the coming years, Maryland lawmakers passed [HB 1378](#) to limit future liabilities, reducing settlement caps and restricting claimants to one payment per lawsuit.

The measure, which now goes to Gov. Wes Moore, reduces caps on settlements from \$890,000 to \$400,000 for cases filed after May 31st for state institutions and

from \$1.5 million to \$700,000 for private institutions. It also changes the 2023 law to only allow each claimant to receive one payment, instead of being able to collect for each incident of abuse.

The Governor has not announced if he will sign this bill, and there may be several Constitutional challenges based on the different treatment of public and private entities in the law.

### **2025 End-of-Session Wrap-Up – Public Safety**

The Maryland Second Look Act (HB 853) will allow individuals serving life sentences who committed their crimes when they were between the ages of 18-25 to petition for an initial release after serving at least 20 years. This includes those convicted of the most violent crimes including rape and murder. These individuals can make repeat petitions every three years, retraumatizing the family and loved ones of their victims repeatedly. These “look backs” are in addition to seventeen other opportunities for reduced sentences that already exist in Maryland law.

Senate Republicans attempted to amend the bill to exclude the worst offenders and were successful on one account. An amendment by Senator Jack Bailey received bipartisan support for removing the initial release option for those convicted of murdering first responders in the line of duty. The amendment passed on a close 24-23 vote. Fortunately, the amendment survived and was part of the final bill.

Despite this win for our first responders, the Second Look Act was still a bad bill.

### **Fire/EMS Coalition**

I have been proud to be a member of the Fire/EMS Coalition over the past few years in my time in Maryland General Assembly. The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. It is an honor to assist our first responders in making sure that their priorities are supported and passed into the Maryland General Assembly. The Coalition is made up of Delegates and Senators who meet every Monday during Session with seven voting organizations that vote on what the Coalition will support.

I was proud to once again chair the Coalition in this year and assist in the direct passage of many great pieces of legislation that will benefit our first responders and the people of Maryland.

## **8 Bills Pass**

In my third year as a Senator, the Senate passed a rule limiting the amount of proposed legislation a Senator could bring forward. This did not affect me, as I did not have as many initiatives this year as previously. I submitted twenty bills this year and was proud to get eight passed. While it may not have been as high a success rate, it is the same amount of bills that were passed last year. I am incredibly happy the General Assembly passed these excellent bills, and I will push for some of those that did not make it next year. The bills that passed are as follows:

**Senate Bill 396: Public Safety Officer – Performance of Duties – Death Benefits**

**Senate Bill 399: Natural Resources – Wildland Areas – Overhead Transmission Lines**

**Senate Bill 421: Criminal Law – Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements – Statute of Limitations and Prohibition**

**Senate Bill 455: Security Guard Agencies – Special Police Officers – Application for Appointment**

**Senate Bill 456: Dental Services – Qualification for Maryland Dent-Care Program**

**Senate Bill 639: Garrett County – Bids and Contracts**

**Senate Bill 734: Business Regulations – Self Storage Permitting**

**Senate Bill 826: Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025**

## **District 1 Wins**

This year there have been great wins for our District. The Board of Public Works and the General Assembly approved many funds for projects throughout Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties. All three received a grand total of **\$1,109,916,164** from the Capital Budget. Broken down, Garrett County will receive **\$165,556,259**; Allegany County will receive **\$536,996,021**; and Washington County will receive **\$407,363,884** for this year. Local bond initiatives for our District are below:

**Oakland Volunteer Fire Department (Garrett County): \$100,000**

**Ski Patrol Headquarters (Garrett): \$100,000**

**Good Will Fire Company No. 1 Tanker Replacement (Allegany): \$100,000**

**Orleans Volunteer Fire Company Building (Allegany): \$50,000**

**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Western Maryland – Radiation Therapy Linear Accelerator (Allegany): \$600,000**

**Messick Road Industrial Park Development (Allegany): \$100,000**

**Mechanic and Harrison Street Intersection Improvement (Allegany): \$100,000**

**Allegany Museum Restoration Project (Allegany): \$100,000**

**Frostburg State University Baseball Field (Allegany): \$1 Million**

**Boys and Girls Club of Washington County (Washington): \$200,000**

**Federal Little League (Washington): \$125,000**

**Western Enterprise Fire Company No. 4 (Washington): \$317,000**

**Boonsboro Public Works Complex (Washington): \$175,000**

**Williamsport Town Hall (Washington): \$310,000**

**Valley Little League (Washington): \$125,000**

**Smithsburg High School Field House (Washington): \$400,000**

**Boonsboro Advanced Metering System (Washington): \$125,000**

**Boonsboro Crestview Water Pressure Reduction and Bypass (Washington): \$125,000**

**Williamsport Memorial Library (Washington): \$400,000**

**Meritus Commons (Washington): \$750,000**

It was a pleasure to work with my District One colleagues during the past ninety days. As we move into the interim, I look forward to spending more time with my family and returning to my small business in LaVale, Maryland. Please do not hesitate to call my office if I may ever be of assistance. My email address is

mike.mckay@senate.state.md.us and our district office number is 240-362-7040.  
Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving as your State Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "McKay" clearly distinguishable.

Senator Mike McKay, District 1

Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland

Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties



## Garrett County Wins for 2025

### County income breakdown

Property Tax 29.2%, Income Tax 9.7%, other taxes 7.7%, Survive Charges 6.7%,  
Federal Grants 11.7%, State Grants 28.9%, other 6.1%  
Property Tax rate 1.05 per Capita ranking 3

### Department of Natural Resources

	Total
Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area - Natural Resource Police New Office Garage and Storage Facility	\$4,290,000
Sang Run State Park - General Store Renovation	637,571
Loch Lynn Heights - Playground Replacement	149,600
Mountain Lake Park - Leo Martin Park Lighting Improvements	10,100
Monitoring and Ecosystem Assessment of Deep Creek Lake	4,711,852

### Maryland Department of the Environment

Lead Line Identification Initiative	\$360,000
Grantsville Lead Service Line Inventory	30,000
Oakland Lead Service Line Identification Initiative	30,000

### Maryland Higher Education Commission

Garrett College - Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program	\$237,875
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### Interagency Commission on School Construction

Southern Middle School Addition and Renovation	\$1,000,000
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### Maryland State Library Agency

New Friendsville Library	\$1,116,000
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### Board of Public Works

Exterior Shell Replacement - McHenry Barrack "W"	\$1,300,000
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**Maryland Higher Education Commission**

Garrett/WVa Reciprocity Grant 143,488

**State Aid to Local Governments**

County, Municipal, Subdivision Aid \$48,400,000  
Primary and Secondary Education (Per Pupil \$9,366) 30,403,890  
Libraries 304,000  
Community Colleges 6,960,000  
Police, Fire, and Public Safety 575,000  
Transportation 3,158,000  
Miscellaneous 7,040

**Legislative Bond Initiatives**

Oakland VFD \$100,000  
Ski Patrol 100,000  
Kitzmilller VFD 50,000  
Grantsville VFD 75,000

*Senate Approved House Approved*

**Garrett County**

**Total**

**\$104,149,416**

## Allegany County Wins for 2025

### County Revenue by Source

Property Tax 13.5%, Income Tax 15.5%, other taxes 1.7%, Survive Charges 6.1%,  
 Federal Grants 13.3%, State Grants 44.4%, other 5.6%  
 Property Tax rate .975 per Capita ranking 24

### Department of Natural Resources

Wills Mtn entrance	\$1,000,000
Cumberland - Fairmont Ave Park and playgrounds	225,000
Midland - Baker Park Soccer playgrounds	75,000

### Maryland Higher Education Commission

ACM	376,000
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### Maryland Department of the Environment

Mill Race combined sewer overflow storage	\$2,100,000
Evitts Creek Combined sewer overflow	177,000
Cumberland Dry Run Dam Overtopping Protection System Design	57,000
DeHaven and Mason Road water connection to Allegany County	1,725,000

### Interagency Commission on School Construction

Frost Elementary School Addition	\$266,000
Washington Middle School	2,694,000

### University System of Maryland

FSU (operating budget)	\$141,669,765
ACM-Workforce Training Center	543,000
ACM - Facilities Grant	\$376,000

### Board of Public Works

NBCI facilities fund projects	1,500,000
Finan Center - electrical Upgrades	500,000
Finan Center - Exterior Door replacement	425,000
Finan Center - roof replacement	850,000
Finan Center - Water Tower	\$3,051,000



Division of Corrections - West Region	(operating budget)	Total
WCI		\$7,745,617
NBCI		5,067,434

**Budget Language**

Assuming that FSU supports the usage of the subject artificial turf baseball field in conjunction with the twin goals of promoting economic development and “sports tourism” to Allegany County, and for utilization of the field the Allegany County Delegation would enthusiastically support this Capital Budget request.

MD Department of Health	(operating budget)	Total
Finnan Hospital Center		\$38,267,660

State Aid to Local Governments	(thousand of \$)	Total
County, Municipal, Subdivision Aid		\$163,129,000
Primary and Secondary Education ( <i>Per Pupil \$16,267</i> )	7,635	124,198,545
Libraries		1,139,000
Community Colleges		13,453,000
Police, Fire, and Public Safety		1,578,000
Transportation		5,099,000
Miscellaneous		17,659,000

Legislative Bond Initiatives	Total
Goodwill VFD	\$100,000
UPMC equipment	600,000
Orleans VFD	50,000
Messick Rd Industrial Park	100,000
Cumberland Mech. Harrison Street intersection improvements	100,000
Allegany Museum	100,000
FSU Baseball Field Improvements	1,000,000

**Allegany State Investment \$536,996,021**

## Washington County Wins for 2025

(in Thousands)

<b>County income breakdown</b>	
Property Tax 18.7%, Income Tax 16.1%, other taxes 3.0%, Service Charges 6.0%, Federal Grants 13.8%, State Grants 37.6%, other 4.8%	
Property Tax rate .928 per Capita ranking 21	
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>	
Sideling Hill Wildlife Management access road improvements	\$1,436,000
Williamsport - Byron Park Memorial Park playgrounds	229,000
Funks town - Jerusalem park Improvements	275,000
<b>Maryland Department of the Environment</b>	
Town of Funks town lead service identification	\$2,530,000
Town of Hancock lead service identification	389,000
Town of Funks town Waste Water Treatment Plant	2,650,000
<b>Maryland Environmental Service</b>	
Fort Frederick State Park - water Distribution	\$1,068,000
MCI - Wastewater treatment plant	\$6,791,000
<b>Maryland Department of Health (operating budget)</b>	
Potomac Center	\$24,763,724
<b>Interagency Commission on School Construction</b>	
Boonsboro Elem - window replacement	\$706,000
New Downsville Pike Elm School	5,713,000
Lincolnshire Elm - HVAC	\$602,000
Smithsburg Elm. Mechanical system	514,000
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
District Court renovations	\$2,948,000

Division of Corrections - West Region	(Operating Budget)	Total
MCI		\$4,940,003
MCTC		9,634,004
Roxbury		8,465,829

State Aid to Local Governments	(thousand of \$)	Total
County, Municipal, Subdivision Aid		\$326,716
Primary and Secondary Education (Per Pupil \$13,162)	21,584	284,088,608
Libraries		2,292,000
Community Colleges		22,722,000
Police, Fire, and Public Safety		2,850,000
Transportation		7,658,000
Miscellaneous		7,107,000

Board of Public Works	Total
DGS - Hagerstown District Court elevator replacement	1,500,000
DPSCS - Roxbury Kitchen floor replacement	750,000
MDH - Potomac Center Life safety system	1,750,000

Legislative Bond Initiatives	Total
Williamsport Library	400,000
Washington Boys and Girls Club	200,000
Federal Little League	125,000
Western Enterprise VFD	230,000
Williamsport Town Hall	310,000
Hagerstown CVW	550,000
Meritus Hospital	750,000
Valley Little League	100,000

**Washington County State Investment \$407,363,884**

# Third Reader Votes

A "third reader" vote is the final vote that is taken on a bill in the House. Each bill receives three readings on the floor in each chamber before it becomes law. The first reading is when the bill is introduced and referred to the appropriate committee. The second reading is when a bill comes back to the floor after being amended and passed out of its respective committee (not all bills get this far). This is also when the bill can be amended on the floor by all members of the chamber. The third reading for "final passage" is when the final version of the bill with all amendments is voted on before making its way to the Senate, or the Governor if the bill started out in the Senate.

As your elected representative, I believe in transparency and letting my constituents know how I vote on every bill that comes to the Senate floor.

**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 54 - Motor Vehicles - Specially Designed Vintage Reproduction Registration Plates**

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 109 Maryland Public Ethics Law - School Boards - Compliance Certification  
Requiring each school board to certify to the State Ethics Commission, on or before October 1 each year, that the school board is in compliance with certain requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”

Ronald Reagan



**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken

**Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 4 Economic Development - West North Avenue Development Authority –  
Alterations**

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of law; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

*Passed 46-0, McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 9 Maryland Higher Education Commission - Academic Program Approval -  
Revisions**

Requiring certain nonpublic institutions of higher education to submit a certain letter of intent regarding intended new graduate level programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission in a certain manner and every 6 months; and repealing a certain provision of law that limited which institutions of higher education could propose or implement certain academic programs for certain graduate level programs under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 36 Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline

Authorizing the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for costs related to the operation of the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, including software interfaces and joint training; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 41 Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board - Membership – Alteration

Adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 86 Online Sports Wagering - Problem Gambling Resources - Required Contact Information

Requiring a mobile sports wagering licensee to publish the phone number for and link to the website of the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling on the homepage of its online sports wagering website and mobile application.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 142 Marriage - Confidential Communication

Clarifying that "spouse" includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; and establishing that a spouse, who is the alleged victim, is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 163 Health – General Article – References to Mental Health

Replacing references to mental hygiene with references to mental health in certain provisions of law governing public health.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 180 Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following five years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of five years under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 184 Charitable Organizations - Late Fees and Registration - Suspension and Cancellation Requirements

Authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 187 Drunk Driving - Commercial Driver's Licenses - Disqualification From Driving

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify any individual from driving a commercial motor vehicle for 1 year if the individual, while holding a commercial instructional permit or commercial driver's license, drives or attempts to drive any motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood or breath is 0.08 or greater.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 197 Maryland Correctional Training Commission – Membership

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 199 Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault Exam and Treatment Reimbursement

Providing that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, rather than the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, is responsible for payment to a physician, qualified health care provider, and hospital for providing certain services to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*



SB 203 Vehicle Laws - Exceptional Hauling Permits for Farm Products

Creating an exception for vehicles carrying fluid milk products to the prohibition against driving a vehicle subject to an exceptional hauling permit on the interstate highway system; altering certain weight limits and tolerances under an exceptional hauling permit; altering the preventive maintenance documents that an individual operating under an exceptional hauling permit must possess; and altering certain record-keeping requirements and the application of certain administrative penalties under an exceptional hauling permit.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 222 Public Health – Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council – Membership

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee.

*Passed 45-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 224 Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs - Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee

Authorizing a local health department or community-based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 231 State Government - Public Employee Relations Act – Alterations

Repealing the condition that must be met for a certain exclusive representative to meet with a new employee by video or similar technology; providing that a certain employee organization has the right to membership dues deductions until the employee organization ceases to be the exclusive representative of a bargaining unit; altering certain requirements for the deputy directors appointed by the Public Employee Relations Board; and altering certain procedures regarding the timing of exclusive representation elections.

*Passed 35-11. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 238 Department of Housing and Community Development - Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program - Local Rehabilitation Program Administration

Expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors.

*Passed 45-0. McKay Voted Yea*

SB 251 Maryland Public Ethics Law - Training and Financial Disclosure Requirements – Revisions

Altering the format of training on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided by the State Ethics Commission to certain State employees and regulated lobbyists to be either through online training or live presentation; and altering the scope of disclosure for the employment of an individual or a member of the individual's immediate family reported in a financial disclosure statement.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Voted Yea*

**Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken



**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 11 Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025**

Providing that 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; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a 90-day period with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 40 Vehicle Laws - Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles - Electronic Notice to Owner**

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 47 State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Revisions**

Clarifying the definition of "physical therapist assistant" as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first-class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 121 Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Inspection and Extension

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 125 Residential Real Property - Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Service

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 138 Public Safety - Maryland 9-1-1 Board and Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Regulatory Authority

Authorizing the Maryland 9-1-1 Board to adopt regulations to implement and enforce certain responsibilities of the Board; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the responsibilities of the Department.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 157 Maryland Disability Service Animal Program – Established

Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities to refer eligible individuals to certain training entities, provide additional funding mechanisms to assist eligible individuals, and encourage participants to reach out to other individuals who could benefit from the Program; requiring the Department to select a nonprofit training entity for participation in the

Program; and establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund to pay a participating nonprofit training entity

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 160 Residential Property - Assignment of Contracts of Sale - Disclosure Requirements and Rescission

Authorizing a seller and buyer of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that a buyer is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 183 State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Notification of Constant Yield Tax Rate – Alteration

Repealing the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 209 State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors - Sunset Extension and Report

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report with information regarding the Commission to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 212 Department of Aging - Aging Services - Program Repeal and Consolidation

Repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities of the Committee to the Department of Aging; authorizing the Department to enter into agreements and contracts, adopt regulations, and adopt policies and procedures to implement and coordinate services to older adults; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 213 Department of Aging - Aging Services - Program Repeal and Consolidation  
Altering from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027, the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for expenses associated with maternal and child health population health improvements.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB217 Health Occupations Boards - Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions  
Continuing certain health occupations boards and the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and Committee; and altering the membership of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 228 Limited Line Credit Insurance - Qualification of Applicants

Altering certain requirements relating to programs of instruction for applicants for certain limited lines credit insurance licenses; and requiring the insurer that provides the program of instruction to retain records relating to the program of instruction while in use and for a period of at least 5 years after its last use.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 248 Department of Service and Civic Innovation - Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways – Revisions

Altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; and repealing the Executive Fellows Program

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 255 Military Department – Chief of Staff and Aides – Appointment Authority

Authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; and establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 08 Education - Maryland Civic Excellence Program – Established**  
Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program as a voluntary program in which local school systems may participate to recognize students and public schools that promote the civic readiness and civic engagement of students in public schools in the State; establishing minimum criteria for the award of a Seal of Civic Excellence and designation as a Center of Civic Excellence; and requiring participating local school systems to submit an annual report to the Department of Education.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 19 Estates and Trusts - Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees**  
Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; and authorizing trustees who are financial institutions or members of the Maryland Bar to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a schedule of rates filed with an appropriate agency.

*Passed 44-0 McKay voted Yea*

**SB 22 Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland to examine and analyze the efficiency, uniformity, and quality of fiduciary adjudication in Maryland and make recommendations; requiring the orphans' courts, circuit courts, registers of wills, and Administrative Office of the Courts to comply with certain requests of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and make recommendations on or before January 1, 2026.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 32 Real Property - Holding Over - Expedited Hearing and Service of Summons for Active Duty Service Members

Requiring the District Court to hold a hearing on a tenant holding over within 45 days after a landlord makes a complaint if the landlord or the landlord's spouse is on active duty with the United States military; and authorizing a private process server to serve a certain summons if the constable or sheriff of the county fails to serve the summons within 10 days after the summons is issued by the court.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 48 Department of General Services - Identification Cards - Veteran Status Notation

Authorizing the Department of General Services to include a notation on a certain identification card indicating that the holder is a veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain the consent of a certain holder of an identification card before transmitting certain information to a certain executive agency; and prohibiting the Department from transmitting certain information obtained on an application for an identification card except under certain circumstances.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 51 Accountants - Licensed Out-of-State Practice Privileges – Qualifications

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 84 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and



requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 89 Department of the Environment - Notation of Veteran Status

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish a certain process in collaboration with one or more boards under the Department's direction and control that requires a board to include a notation indicating veteran status on a professional license or certificate and to assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 101 Wicomico County - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations

Prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 102 Insurance Pooling - Public Entity – Definition

Altering the definition of "public entity" to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 144 Corporations and Associations - Limited Worker Cooperative Associations - Authorization (Maryland Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act)

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 147 State Board of Stationary Engineers - Member Appointments - Advice and Consent of the Senate

Providing that the Governor appoint members of the State Board of Stationary Engineers with the advice and consent of the Senate.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 156 Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Establishment

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a program to provide universal newborn nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns

residing in the State; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide certain coverage and reimbursement for universal newborn nurse home visiting services; requiring a report on the status of newborn nurse home visiting services by December 1, 2026; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 162 Agriculture - Departmental Authority Over Identification, Inspection, and Sale of Cantaloupes – Repeal

Repealing the Department of Agriculture's authority over the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 176 Agriculture - Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan - Uses of Information

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to use information from a soil conservation and water quality plan for certain enforcement actions and statistical purposes.

*Passed 32-13 McKay voted Nay*

SB 286 Domestic Partnership and Marriage - Required Information

Clarifying required information for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; and requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with the register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 293 County Boards of Education - Antibias Training for Members - Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)

Requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member's term.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 299 Cannabis Agents - Registration - Security Guards

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 315 Maryland Environmental Service - Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

Altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service by replacing the State Treasurer with the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee; and providing that certain provisions of law relating to terms of members of the Board do not apply to the Secretary of Planning and the Executive Director.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 347 Adult Protective Services - Investigations and Disclosure of Information

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 371 State Board of Pharmacy - Renewal Notices - Electronic Means

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 561 Corporations and Associations - Electric Cooperatives - Nonescheat Capital Credits

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 208 Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology Program – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities; providing the purpose of the Program is to increase access to assistive technology services and devices for individuals with disabilities, support the State's efforts to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with

disabilities of all ages, including underrepresented populations, and ensure statewide access to assistive technology lending libraries; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 210 Maryland Transportation Authority - Tolls, Fees, and Other Charges - Temporary Adjustment

Increasing from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status determination authorizing the temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, or other charges by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 214 Cannabis - Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10-108 of the Criminal Law Article; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 223 Department of Aging - Senior Call-Check and Social Connections Program

Renaming the Senior Call-Check Service and Notification Program to be the Social Connections Program; repealing certain provisions of law related to the Senior Call-Check Service and Notification Program; establishing the Social Connections Program to provide certain communication to eligible older adults to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement; authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 226 Maryland Farms and Families Fund - Purpose and Use – Alterations

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund to match purchases made with FMNP, SNAP, and WIC benefits at certain farmers markets and farm stands, support nonprofit farmers markets by providing logistical and marketing support to increase the use of federal nutrition programs at these markets, and to support nonprofit organizations or other responsible persons to implement the Program.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 230 Human Services - Local Departments of Social Services – Audits

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless it is determined more audits are required, with which the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services conducts or contracts for financial and compliance audits of local departments of social services.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 236 Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to submit certain information to the Secretary of Planning under certain circumstances; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 240 Department of Agriculture – Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for purposes of communicating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission issues relating to young and beginning farmers in the State; and repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 245 Municipalities - Annexation Resolutions - Submission to Department of Planning

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 260 State Government - Forms - Reporting Requirement – Repeal

Repealing a requirement that certain departments or units of State government annually submit a report on the management of forms to the Department of General Services.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 271 Maryland Tort Claims Act - Employees of an Office of a Sheriff

Providing that an employee of the office of a sheriff of a county or Baltimore City is immune from liability under the Maryland Tort Claims Act in the same manner as a sheriff or deputy sheriff.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 285 Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act - Reports of Attorney General – Frequency

Altering from each month to every 6 months the frequency with which the Attorney General is required to report to the General Assembly on options for recovering economic damages arising from the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken



**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 92 Peace Orders and Criminal Harassment - Intentional Visual Surveillance**

Authorizing a certain person to petition for a peace order against another person whom the petitioner alleges has conducted intentional visual surveillance of areas of the petitioner's residence where the petitioner has a reasonable expectation of privacy and expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

**SB 202 Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations**

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

**SB 273 Peace Orders and Protective Orders - Military Protection Orders**

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

**SB 334 Criminal Law - Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning - Prohibitions and Penalties**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or fraudulent burning that causes the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

SB 348 Criminal Law - Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent - Modifications  
Altering the definition of "private place" as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

SB 356 Public Health - Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Carlton R. Smith Act)

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.

*Passed 33-11, McKay voted Yea*

SB 390 Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statements and Certificates of Violations

Authorizing technicians, employed by or under contract with a certain agency, to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; and requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation.

*Passed 33-10, McKay voted Nay*

SB 68 Public Schools - Restorative Practices Schools - Comprehensive Plan

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026 on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

*Passed 31-13, McKay voted Nay*

SB 266 Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy - Planning Principles



Altering the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; and requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

*Passed 44-0, McKay voted Yea*

### **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

### **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

#### **SB 5 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal**

Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### **SB 44 Reckless and Negligent Driving - Death of Another - Must-Appear Violation (Sherry and Christian's Law)**

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.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### **SB 81 Criminal Law - Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties**

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 94 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; requiring the Program to develop and implement an education campaign to inform eligible program recipients and health care providers about the benefits of blood pressure monitoring and the availability of certain assistance; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report beginning December 1, 2027 on the program's outcomes.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 196 Procurement - Electronic Transactions - Clarification of Fees Due

Specifying that fees collected for electronic transactions for procurements are those due to the State and not any fees due to a third party.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 326 Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Peer Support Programs

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 330 Property Tax Credit - Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations

Altering, for purposes of a certain property tax credit for a certain dwelling, the definition of "fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker" to include disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers who have died regardless of the cause of death; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the amount of the credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker or the surviving spouse or cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted for the dwelling; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 344 Property Tax Credit - Retail Service Station Conversions

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on real property if use of the real property has

been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act 50% of forgone revenue.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 358 Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library - Funding and Budget Submission

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; and requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before June 1 each year.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 381 Motor Vehicles - Automated Enforcement Programs - Privacy Protections

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system without a warrant, subpoena, or court order unless the use is for an appropriate traffic enforcement purpose; and establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the removal and destruction of recorded images.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 413 Consumer Protection - Consumer Contracts - Limitations Periods

Establishing that any provision of a consumer contract that sets a shorter period of time to bring an action under or on the consumer contract than is required under the law of the State at the time the contract is issued or delivered is void as against public policy; providing that a violation of the Act is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 443 Trafficking Regulated Firearms - Felony Classification

Reclassifying the prohibition against transporting a regulated firearm into the State for the purpose of unlawfully selling or trafficking the firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty on conviction of imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 455 Security Guard Agencies - Special Police Officers - Application for Appointment

Authorizing a certain security guard agency to apply for the appointment of special police officers in order to protect property owned or leased by the security guard agency's clients.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 502 Property Tax - Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Expansion to Judicial Officer

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide a certain property tax credit to certain judicial officers, surviving spouses, or cohabitants; requiring the county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a correctional officer and judicial officer; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 513 Real Property - Unlawfully Restrictive Covenant Modifications - County or Municipality Notice Requirements

Altering notice requirements relating to the recordation of a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant by authorizing a county or municipality to provide notice by publication in a certain newspaper once per week for 4 successive weeks, or by posting at a courthouse in a certain manner, or on the official website of a county or municipality.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 540 Common Ownership Communities - Recreational Common Areas - Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or

ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, or religious or philosophical beliefs.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 545 Criminal Law - Child Pornography - Prohibitions and Penalties

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing or viewing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 13 years; providing that a violation of the Act is a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years; and providing that a sentence under the Act may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence imposed for certain other crimes.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 548 Family Law - Child Custody – Determinations

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 603 University of Maryland, College Park Campus – TerpsEXCEED Program – Funding

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in fiscal year 2027, an appropriation of \$350,000 to the University of Maryland, College Park Campus TerpsEXCEED (EXperiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program to provide educational and employment opportunities to students with intellectual disabilities.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 533 Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing  
Administrative Charges**

Altering the deadline for the completion of the process of review by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day after the date that the appropriate official employed by the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident; etc.

*Passed 44-1. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 23 Natural Resources - State Boat Act – Auctioneers**

Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 50 Local Government - Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and  
Visitors Bureau Designation**

Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 73 Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program – Renaming**

Renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program to be the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 85 Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans' cemeteries to honor members of the uniformed services, veterans, and other individuals in the State who are blind or visually impaired.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 103 Boating Accidents - Reporting Requirement - Property Damage

Specifying that property damage that results from an accident that involves any vessel subject to the State Boat Act while on the waters of the State includes damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers for purposes of a certain reporting requirement.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 164 Terminology and Obsolete References - Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 194 State Finance and Procurement - State Leasing of Real Property

Increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property from less than 2,500 square feet to up to 5,000 square feet; altering the time frame during which the State is required to advertise the need for rental of building space from at least 30 days to 20 days before proposals for lease are due; requiring the advertisement to be in certain newspapers providing notice to at least the people of the affected locality; and requiring the notice to be posted on the Department's website and eMaryland Marketplace.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 262 Election Law - Special Elections

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; requiring the State Administrator to conduct a special election in accordance with State law and regulations if the State Administrator determines a conflict exists between State law

and regulations and a county charter or other county law relating to the conduct of a special election; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 2 General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election.

*Passed 45-1. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 24 Annotated Code - Terminology - Clergy and Churches, Faith Institutions, and Places of Worship**

Altering certain terminology throughout the Annotated Code that refers to a clergyman to refer to a member of the clergy and churches to refer to faith institutions and places of worship; and defining "faith institution" as any Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, or Hindu congregation, or any other religious society, congregation, or denomination.

*Passed 45-1. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 27 Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees**

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 37 Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)**

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.



*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 52 Health Occupations - State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Revisions

Altering certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the practice of chiropractic in the State related to Board membership, licensure of chiropractors, the discipline of chiropractors, and the denial of licenses to applicants; authorizing the Board to inspect chiropractor offices under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 67 Health Occupations Boards - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Authorizing health occupations boards to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license, certificate, or registration and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal veterans benefits.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 72 Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency; requiring each health occupations board that requires evidence of English proficiency to post a statement on their website that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of proficiency; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

SB 131 Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive area; requiring the governing body to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 153 Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and House Environment and Transportation Committee - Code References - Revisions

Altering certain provisions of law to reflect the renaming of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to be the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; altering certain provisions of law to reflect the renaming of the House Environmental Matters Committee to be the House Environment and Transportation Committee; altering certain provisions of law to reflect changes to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 172 Maryland Veterans Trust - Board of Trustees – Membership

Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary's designee.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 174 Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold multistate licenses to practice social work in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for withdrawal from the Compact; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar legislation in six other states.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 178 Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit - Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated

Altering the name of Arundel Habitat for Humanity, Inc., to be Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated, for purposes of a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation tax imposed on the entity; authorizing the tax credit for any real property owned by the entity; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 182 Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program - Eligibility - Family Members of Veterans

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include a spouse or dependent of an eligible veteran.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 246 Maryland Veterans Trust - Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

Expanding the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include providing monetary and other assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families; and authorizing the Maryland Veterans Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 252 Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal

Repealing a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 257 Election Law - Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.

*Passed 39-7. McKay voted Nay*

SB 259 Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Election Plan Requirements

Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 265 Environment - Reservoir Augmentation Permit – Establishment

Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining "Reservoir Augmentation" as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; establishing an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department to make recommendations on whether the program

should be extended or made permanent and any statutory or regulatory changes necessary; etc.

*Passed 45-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 296 Public Information Act – Public Access Ombudsman – Delegation of Powers

Authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate to a staff member of the Office of Public Access Ombudsman any of the powers and duties granted to the Ombudsman that are appropriate to the staff member's training and expertise.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 302 Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program – Alterations

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying certain limitations on awards or investments provided to certain small businesses under the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 307 Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Student Member Scholarship – Increase

Increasing the scholarship award for a student member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education who completes a full term on the county board from \$8,000 to \$15,000.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 378 State Library Agency - Family Literacy Pilot Program – Establishment

Establishing the Family Literacy Pilot Program administered by the State Library Agency in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Correctional Education Council to foster and strengthen family relationships by enabling certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording of a children's book; and requiring the State Library Agency to submit a report to the General Assembly on the results of the Program on or before December 1, 2028.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 451 Adult Education - High School Diploma by Examination - Requirements and Study

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in the same language

from English- or Spanish-language examinations offered by the Department; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 459 Education and Health - Emergency Use Epinephrine – Alterations

Altering the defined term "auto-injectable epinephrine" to be "emergency use epinephrine" and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; and altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 522 Home Builders - New Home Sales - Notice of Appliance Warranty Registration

Requiring a person registered to build a new home to provide at the time of closing for the initial sale of a new home information about the warranties for appliances registered by the person, including the date of the warranty registration and the time remaining under the warranty.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 547 Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling – Establishment

Establishing the Commission to Study Health Insurance Pooling to study the pooling of public employee health insurance purchasing between the State, counties, municipal corporations, and county boards of education in the State to maximize value and efficiency while maintaining a broad package of benefits and reasonable premiums for public employees; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 578 Business Regulation - Home Improvement Guaranty Fund - Alterations

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 665 Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act – Revisions

Making certain virtual currency subject to the abandoned property laws in the State; establishing certain provisions to determine certain information about certain apparent owners of abandoned property; altering and establishing certain provisions pertaining to the presumption of abandonment for certain types of property;

establishing certain procedures to establish the death of a certain insured or certain annuitant; altering the procedures for filing a claim with the Comptroller to reclaim abandoned property; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 674 Maryland Commission for Women - Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control

Requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to establish the Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control to study access to over-the-counter birth control; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by January 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

*Passed 34-12. McKay voted Nay*

SB 684 Public Health - Health Equity Dashboard

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard on a quarterly basis, as determined by data availability.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 719 Somerset County - Property Tax - Emergency Services Tax

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to impose an emergency services tax on all property subject to the county property tax to pay costs of emergency services; prohibiting the county commissioners from initially imposing or subsequently increasing an emergency services tax until after a public hearing is held; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 43-2. McKay voted Yea*

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

SB 42 Environment - Interjurisdictional Watersheds - Flood Management

Requiring the Department of the Environment to designate the watersheds of Carroll Creek in Frederick City and Frederick County, Gwynns Falls and Jones Falls in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and Herring Run, including the

Herring Run Stream in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and all their headwaters and tributaries as interjurisdictional flood hazard watersheds.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 88 Election Law - Municipal Elections – Administration

Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipality to support the administration of the municipality's elections; and altering the deadline for municipalities to request that the State Board of Elections include on a ballot offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election and the certification that must be included in the request.

*Passed 45-0 McKay voted Yea.*

SB 258 Natural Resources - Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

Altering the fees for resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses, angler's licenses, and trout stamps; and repealing the exemption from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp under certain circumstances for a holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 444 Public Safety - Gun Buyback Programs - Destruction of Firearms

Requiring a person or an entity operating a gun buyback program to destroy a firearm, including all components and parts attached to the firearm, that is traded in at a certain gun buyback program; authorizing a certain person or entity to contract with a law enforcement agency, an organization, or a business to destroy certain firearms; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to revoke a certain person's dealer's license if the person violates the provisions of the Act.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 523 State Employees - Cancer Screening - Paid Leave

Providing that certain State employees are entitled to up to 4 hours of paid cancer screening leave in any 12-month period after obtaining approval from their appointing authorities.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 594 Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

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*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 264 Plant Disease Control - Nurseries - Inspection, Certification, and Licensing Fees**

Increasing the inspection fee that a nursery is required to pay to the Secretary of Agriculture in a specified manner; increasing the annual certification fee that a nursery is required to pay from \$100 to \$150; and increasing the annual license fee that a broker or dealer is required to pay from \$100 to \$150.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Nay.*

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 7 Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a certain training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 17 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Veterans' Organizations**



Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans' organization) license; reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans' organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and authorizing a Class C (veterans' organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 26 Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Revisions (Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)

Establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of certain public bodies; altering the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act as it applies to certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; requiring the Commissioner to develop standards for protecting employees of public bodies from workplace violence; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 110 Estates and Trusts - Priority of Claims on an Estate - Unpaid Child Support

Prioritizing the payment of unpaid child support over certain other claims on an estate of a decedent with insufficient assets to pay all claims in full.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 117 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Septic System Upgrade Program

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish performance-based funding levels for best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems using a certain evaluation and ranking process; requiring the Department to make certain eligible funding levels available on its website; altering priorities for funding the repair or replacement of certain on-site sewage disposal systems by identifying failing systems located within the watershed of a nitrogen-impaired body of water; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 126 Estates and Trusts - Resignation of Trustee – Notice

Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days' notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all co-trustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 135 Estates and Trusts - Fiduciaries - Attorney-Client Privilege

Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 152 Criminal Law - Crimes Relating to Animals - Conviction and Sentencing

Establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not include certain activities; establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense and shall be deemed an individual victim for purposes of the sentencing guidelines stacking rule; establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 239 State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment – Repeal

Repealing a duplicative provision of law requiring each county government, local school system, and local health department, in consultation with the local emergency manager, to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment in a manner and frequency established by the Department of Information Technology.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 244 State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Revisions

Altering the duties of the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the duties of the Office of Security Management in the Department of Information Technology; altering the content of a certain report on the activities of the Office and the state of cybersecurity preparedness in the State; and altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies and a statewide cybersecurity strategy.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 261 State Board of Public Accountancy - Sunset Extension and Report

Continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to

July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 267 Election Law - Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process

Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 269 Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions

Altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 274 Criminal Procedure - Child Victims - Testimony in Child Abuse Cases

Altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 275 Modernization of Military Laws Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination,

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 276 Educational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions

of law governing education to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 373 State Personnel - BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department - Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Processes

Altering the collective bargaining process between the State and uniformed fire employees of the BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department by requiring the parties to reach a collective bargaining agreement on or before September 30 of the year in which the collective bargaining agreement will expire; and establishing a process of binding arbitration in the event of an impasse.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 421 Criminal Law - Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements - Statute of Limitations and Prohibition

Extending from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery to begin at the time local authorities knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing landscaping or part of the grounds of a cemetery.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 445 Department of Human Services - Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program – Administration

Requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources; and repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 474 Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Notices, Reporting, and Examinations

Requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by the carrier for a type of service has grown by more than 10% in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of a certain examination.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 284 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours of Operation Violations - Civil Penalties

Establishing for a first offense by a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City of operating the licensed premises outside specified hours of operation without obtaining a certain exemption a fine of not less than \$1,000 or suspension of the license or both, and for a second or subsequent offense a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$20,000 or suspension of the license or both.  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 304 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 662 Baltimore City - 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

Requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending to July 1, 2028, the expiration date for a certain Class B license for the purpose of transfer to the 3600 block of Boston Street in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; etc.  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 731 Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Baseball Stadium License – Alterations

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B-Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 798 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 839 Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

Authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer and wine; and limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings to 0.5 ounces from each offering and 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in 1 day.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 869 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees

Altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 511 Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Plan Requirements (Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Act)

Requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a plan regarding pregnant and parenting students to include referral to on-campus or off-campus services to assist regarding the availability of or eligibility for certain government assistance programs and any other programs, scholarships, or subsidies that may be available for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the plan on the institution's website on or before August 1, 2026.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 597 Higher Education - Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program - Eligible Institutions

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include certain students attending the Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 602 County Boards of Education - Special Education Service Delivery Models - Publication Requirement

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally-placed private school students; and defining "parentally-placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 636 Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Tasting Permits

Altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; and altering the amounts of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may taste under the permits.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 722 Department of the Environment - Definition of Ecological Restoration

Defining the term "ecological restoration" as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through specified measures; and requiring the Department of the Environment to update its regulations, as appropriate, to incorporate the definition of ecological restoration or be consistent with the definition of ecological restoration.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 734 Business Regulation - Licensing - Definition of Storage Warehouse

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of "storage warehouse" to exclude a self-service storage facility.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 738 Frederick County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License – Alterations

Increasing from 5 ounces to 6.5 ounces of wine by the glass that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a certain customer for on-premises consumption.

*Passed 43-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 744 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Notice

Altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; and providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 745 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License - Record-Keeping Requirements

Repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 746 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Licenses - Golf Simulator Facilities

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; and clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward the maximum number of nine Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 754 Commercial Financing - Small Business Truth in Lending Act

Regulating commercial financing transactions, including by establishing requirements related to certain disclosures, calculations of annual percentage rates, terms of repayments, and other related items, and the extension of specific offers.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 785 Labor and Employment - Unpaid Parental Leave - Definition of Employer

Altering the definition of "employer" to exclude employers who are covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for the current year from being required to provide to employees a certain unpaid parental leave benefit in the State.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*



SB 788 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B-D-7 Licenses

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue additional B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 800 Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

Establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in an arts and entertainment district; and providing an annual license fee of \$250.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 802 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts private or public events at a venue that meets certain criteria; and establishing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 811 Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be October 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 910 Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses

Establishing the rural special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license as a multiple event license in Caroline County; and authorizing holders of certain

multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for use at subsequent events under the license.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 923 Public Schools - High School Sports Officiating Services - Procurement Requirements

Establishing requirements for local school systems that issue invitations for bids for high school sports officiating services for boys' and girls' high school sports; authorizing the Department of Education to develop guidelines to assist a local school system in the implementation of the provisions of the Act, including additional criteria for determining which high school sports qualify as similar boys' and girls' high school sports.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 939 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Authorizations and Revisions

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee of not more than \$250 for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses; and authorizing the Board to issue certain alcoholic beverages licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 503 Washington County - Board of License Commissioners – Membership

Requiring that certain numbers of members of the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County belong to certain political parties based on the aggregated number of votes in the preceding election of the Board of County Commissioners.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 568 Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners - Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation

Increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 670 Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license for use by certain theaters; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; establishing an annual license fee of \$150; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 826 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025

Establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 888 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - License and Permit Distance Requirements

Authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license for a licensed premises located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall; and authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board from issuing a new Class B beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license if the establishment is located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 618 Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)

Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the license, identification card, or moped operator's permit of an applicant who indicates that the applicant has a nonapparent disability includes a certain notation; requiring the Administration to establish certain public outreach efforts; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 49 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals**

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a sheriff to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

*Passed 46-0. McKay did not vote.*

**SB 60 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for calcium score testing for individuals who have at least three of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or a family history of premature coronary artery disease.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 158 Estates and Trusts - Maryland Trust Decanting Act - Notification and Document Transmittal**

Specifying the manner in which notice regarding an exercise of the decanting power or the sending of a document under the Maryland Trust Decanting Act is required to be provided.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 200 Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans - Renaming

Renaming the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to be the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans; and providing that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans is the successor of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 227 Workers' Compensation - Payment From Uninsured Employers' Fund – Revisions

Altering the process by which an award is payable from the Uninsured Employers' Fund; requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to make the Fund a party to a claim filed against an uninsured employer; authorizing a covered employee or the dependents of a covered employee to apply to the Director of the Fund for payment from the Fund; altering requirements related to notice of claims, payment of awards, and reimbursement of awards; and requiring the Fund to pay certain additional awards under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 229 Health Services Cost Review Commission - User Fee Assessment - Repeal of Sunset

Repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law related to the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 279 Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing the regulation of business, economic development, insurance, and labor and employment to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 327 Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

Authorizing an owner of real property used for rental housing and the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for maintaining

at least 50% of the rental housing units located at the real property as affordable dwelling units for at least 15 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 337 Elections - Local Boards of Elections - Open Meeting Requirements (Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)

Requiring each local board of canvassers to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 341 Baltimore City - Raffles - Organizations Affiliated With a Professional Major League Baseball Team

Authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional major league baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles; requiring the organization to obtain a permit to conduct raffles from an agency designated by the Baltimore City government; providing that a permit to hold certain raffles expires at the end of the calendar year in which the permit was issued; authorizing a raffle ticket to be sold and received on an electronic device located within Baltimore City; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 352 Baltimore County - Republican Party Central Committee – Elections

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 360 Revenge Porn - Civil Action and Criminal Offense

Authorizing a person to bring and maintain a civil action for defamation against another who distributes a computer-generated visual representation that is indistinguishable from an actual visual representation of the person and is of a sexual or intimate nature; and prohibiting a person from knowingly distributing a

certain computer-generated visual representation of another under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 374 Counties - Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters - Required Coverage (James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage without the requirement for copayment, coinsurance, or deductible to professional firefighters for cancer screening in accordance with certain guidelines; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management and certain counties and municipalities to ensure that certain employee health benefit plans comply with coverage requirements for professional firefighters.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 391 Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Review of Report and Recommendations

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to annually review a certain report published by the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Commission to make any recommendations that the Commission determines are appropriate based on its review of the report.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 414 Income Tax Credit - Parent of Stillborn Child

Allowing a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth or a certificate of fetal death has been issued; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 418 Carroll County - Prospective Employees and Volunteers - Criminal History Records Check

Repealing certain limitations on the prospective employees or volunteers of Carroll County for whom the Department of Human Resources of Carroll County may request a criminal history records check.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 453 State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions

Clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions pertaining to limitations of liability for damage to real or tangible personal property; and clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions limiting the recovery of costs related to the use of replacement contractors under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 619 Judiciary Department - Commission on Judicial Disabilities - Temporary Appointment

Allowing the chair of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; and allowing the Governor, upon certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 623 St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$71,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 639 Garrett County - Bids and Contracts - Advertisement Exceptions

Providing that, in Garrett County, a certain requirement to advertise for bids does not apply to a certain contract for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time or for certain vehicles.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 641 Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for minors and adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 656 Baltimore County Board of Education - Alterations of Elected Member Districts and Establishment of Redistricting Process



Requiring certain members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be elected from certain districts in certain elections; and establishing the process for how the Baltimore County school board districts are reapportioned after each decennial census of the United States.

*Passed 44-3. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 663 Earned Income Tax Credit - Notice of Eligibility – Alteration

Altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide notice of the maximum income eligibility for the earned income tax credit for the calendar year to all employers in the State to include an electronic means of notification.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 773 Health Benefit Plans – Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements

Requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts paid by or on behalf of an enrollee or a beneficiary when calculating the enrollee's or beneficiary's contribution to a cost sharing requirement for certain health care services; requiring administrators, carriers, and pharmacy benefits managers to include certain cost sharing amounts for certain high-deductible health plans after an enrollee or a beneficiary satisfies a certain requirement; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 277 Health Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 305 Financial Institutions and Activities - Virtual Currency Kiosks - Registration and Regulation

Establishing registration and operating requirements for a virtual currency kiosk operator to operate a virtual currency kiosk in the State; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to investigate and enforce the Act in a certain manner; and authorizing the Commissioner to assess against a virtual currency kiosk operator a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each knowing and willful violation of the Act.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 472 Property Tax - Property Adjacent to Rail Stations - Subclasses and Special Rates

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of improvements to real property located within 1 mile of a rail station and to set a special property tax rate for the property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to set, by law, a tax penalty against the total tax liability on the property for which a special tax rate has been set; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 516 Property Tax - Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain large family child care homes; increasing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes and centers and day care centers; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 550 Baltimore City - Property Tax - Authority to Establish a Subclass and Special Rate for Vacant Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain property owned by a nonprofit organization but no longer used for the purpose for which the nonprofit organization was established and to set a special property tax rate for that property.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 571 Anne Arundel County - Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses - Population Ratio Quota

Establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; and prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel

County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 795 State Procurement Preferences - Blind Industries and Services of Maryland - Packaging and Repackaging

Requiring a State or State aided or controlled entity to require a prime contractor to procure certain janitorial products packaged or repackaged by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 797 Dorchester County - County Property Leases - Notice Exemptions

Exempting a lease of county property for a term of 5 years or less made by Dorchester County from certain notice requirements.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 833 Department of Human Services - Study on Private Treatment Foster Care Homes

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Human Services to review and reallocate a portion of the Department of Human Services' annual budget to be used to provide child care stipends to certain private treatment foster care homes to cover child care expenses in a manner similar to public treatment foster care homes; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2027, the Secretary to include in the Department's annual budget proposal certain funding for child care stipends for private treatment foster care homes; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 860 Gaming - Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games and Revenue From Illegal Markets

Prohibiting a person from operating, conducting, or promoting online sweepstakes games or supporting the operation, conducting, or promotion of online sweepstakes games; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to deny certain license applications and revoke certain licenses under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission from issuing a license to certain persons or allowing the person to commence or continue operations under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 902 Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

Repealing the June 30, 2025, termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier's provider panel; requiring that a certain referral procedure required to be established and implemented by certain carriers require the carrier to provide certain assistance to a member in identifying and arranging coverage for a specialist or nonphysician specialist for treatment of mental health or substance use disorder services; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 981 Hospitals - Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts – Policies

Altering provisions of law related to a hospital's financial assistance and collection of debts policies; specifying the percentage by which a hospital is required to reduce a patient's out-of-pocket expenses under certain circumstances; adding to the notice requirements relating to a hospital's financial assistance policy; prohibiting a hospital from filing a civil action to collect a debt against a patient whose outstanding debt is at or below \$500; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 572 Anne Arundel County - Development Impact Fees

Repealing certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 581 Civil Actions - Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet - Compensatory Damages (Buddy's Law)

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person's ownership, direction, or control.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 585 Criminal Law - Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition - Retired Law Enforcement Officials

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against entering or trespassing on real property while wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm for a retired law enforcement official who has retired in good standing from a law enforcement

agency of the United States, the State or another state, or a local unit in the State or another state under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-2. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 589 Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard

Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid-related settlement information with the public; requiring counties and municipalities receiving settlement funding to provide certain information to the Department to include on the dashboard in a certain manner; etc.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 598 Property Tax – Low–Income Housing Tax Credit – Valuation of Property

Requiring the supervisor of assessments for a county to evaluate a certain net operating income calculation when determining the value of commercial real property that is developed under low-income housing provisions of federal law; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 601 Education - Dependent Children of Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of a service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring a local school system to coordinate with the parents or guardians of a certain child with a disability and the school district in a certain sending state to prevent a delay in transferring the child; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on the advance enrollment procedures established by the Act; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 615 Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures

Altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot; requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot be written in plain language; altering the deadline by which ballot questions must be prepared and certified; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 622 Courts - State Reporter - Publication of Cases

Repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 629 Appellate Court of Maryland - Sessions at Educational Institutions

Authorizing the Appellate Court of Maryland, in conjunction with the administrations of secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State, to hold sessions at secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 652 Local Government – Local Personnel – Leave With Pay

Establishing that an employee of a governmental unit of a county or a municipality in the State may be entitled to disaster service leave with pay under certain circumstances; authorizing certain governmental units to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave; and authorizing a governmental unit of a county or a municipality to provide leave with pay under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 655 Courts - Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program – Establishment

Establishing an Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program within the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide expertise in artificial intelligence to the circuit courts and the District Court in the form of expert testimony on the authenticity of electronic evidence the court determines may have been created or altered using artificial intelligence; and authorizing the Governor for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 667 Gaming - Slot Machines - Skills-Based Amusement Devices

Altering the definition of "slot machine" to provide that certain skills-based amusement devices excluded from the definition may award merchandise, tickets, tokens, or other objects that do not exceed a certain minimal value per play and may be accumulated and exchanged for merchandise or prizes of a certain value.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 693 State Retirement and Pension System - Reemployment Earnings Limitations - Maximum Average Final Compensation

Clarifying that the maximum average final compensation that certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System is to be based on the minimum annual salary on the standard State pay scale as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year in order to be exempt from a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and adding an average final compensation reemployment exemption for the temporary suspension of a retirement allowance for disability retirees.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 695 Labor and Employment - Uninsured Employers' Fund Board - Membership and Reserves

Altering the membership of the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board; and requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to establish reserves to meet potential losses of the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 698 Washington County - Sales and Use Tax Exemption - Target Redevelopment Area

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment that is purchased for use in the Mount Aetna Technology Park in Washington County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 706 Gaming - Problem Gambling - Prevalence Study and Fund Revenue

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling, with an initial study to be completed on or before July 1, 2030; requiring the Secretary of Health, on or before November 1 each year, beginning in 2026, to submit a report to the General Assembly on how the funds in the Problem Gambling Fund have been expended on treatment and prevention programs; and altering the distribution of certain fantasy competition and sports wagering proceeds.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 708 Sports Wagering - Independent Evaluation of Sports Wagering Content – Required

Requiring, rather than authorizing, certain sports wagering licensees and sports wagering operators that advertise in the State to contract with certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate the sports wagering licensee's sports wagering content, sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners.  
*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 730 Gaming - Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board – Repeal  
Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 774 Property Tax - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Broadband Service Providers

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, subject to certain limitations, to use a certain method when determining the value of the operating property of a provider of rural broadband service; authorizing the Department to use a certain replacement cost approach only if the value determined is less than the value determined using a certain income approach; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 776 Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to review existing State adverse decision reporting requirements for all health payers in the State and make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 830 Workers' Compensation - Claims Application Form - Authorization for Release of Information

Altering the entities to which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application filed with the Workers' Compensation Commission to include the Uninsured Employers' Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund; altering the information which a claimant is required to authorize the release in a claim application to include additional claims filed by the claimant and information in the custody of the Commission.



*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 862 State Retirement and Pension System - Administrative Fees – Repeal  
Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain employer contribution rates each fiscal year; requiring the employer contribution rates to include recognition of certain administrative and operational expenses; repealing a requirement that certain administrative and operational expenses of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency be funded by charging each participating employer an administrative fee for each system participant; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 887 County Boards of Education - Reappointment of Incumbent County Superintendent – Authorization

Authorizing a county board of education to reappoint an incumbent county superintendent in a certain manner; and authorizing a county board, at any point during the incumbent superintendent's term, to take action at a public meeting not later than March 1 of the year in which the contract is being renewed to reappoint the incumbent superintendent to serve a new term of 4 years beginning the immediately following July 1.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 911 Property Tax - Exemption for Blind Individuals – Alteration

Increasing the amount of a certain property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by blind individuals or their surviving spouses from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 963 Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund – Establishment

Establishing the Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund to provide for the care, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of abandoned and neglected cemeteries in the State; establishing an income tax checkoff for contributions to the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax returns and to include certain information in income tax return packaged; and requiring an annual report by September 30 to the General Assembly on the donations to the Fund and promotional efforts undertaken by money from the Fund.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 114 Maryland Department of Labor - Licenses - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits

Authorizing units in the Maryland Department of Labor to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on an occupational license and assist in determining eligibility for State and federal benefits.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 249 Pesticide and Pest Control - Revisions to Pesticide Applicator's Law and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

Establishing requirements for the commercial application of general use pesticides, the commercial application of restricted use pesticides, and the private application of restricted use pesticides; requiring a certified private applicator to ensure that certain individuals working under the certified applicator's supervision meet certain requirements; specifying the responsibility and liability of certified applicators for the application of certain pesticides; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 253 Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 263 Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors - License Restoration

Extending from 90 days to 4 years the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 282 Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 354 Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup for the purpose of studying issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 436 Maryland Department of Labor - Study on Building Code Requirements for Single-Staircase Buildings

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to study building code requirements for single-staircase buildings in the State and other States and analyze best practices when drafting building code requirements; requiring the Department to make legislative and regulatory recommendations for the purpose of increasing the affordable housing supply by reducing barriers to multifamily housing development; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 41-6. McKay voted Nay*

SB 580 Washington County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism

Adding Washington County to the list of counties where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 680 Real Estate Commission - Continuing Education Requirements – Alterations

Altering certain requirements for continuing education required for the renewal of a license for real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons, including the number of clock hours, course topics, course instructors, and course application fees.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 964 Dorchester County - Well and On-Site Sewage Disposal Activities - Privatization Program

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, at the request of the Dorchester County government and the local health department or county agency in Dorchester County that has received a well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority by the Department, to establish a privatization program for the

performance of activities associated with the well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority in Dorchester County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 57 Funeral Establishments, Crematories, and Reduction Facilities - Disposition of Unclaimed Remains – Veterans

Requiring a licensed funeral establishment, crematory operator, or reduction facility to take certain actions if a certain veterans service organization does not take possession of certain unclaimed cremains, hydrolyzed remains, or soil remains that qualify for a plot in a veterans cemetery within a certain period of time.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 120 Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems – Alteration

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 33-14. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 136 Education - Safe Schools Fund - Grant Allocations

Authorizing the reallocation of grants from the Safe Schools Fund to local school systems that have fully expended their grant allocation and demonstrate unmet need within the same fiscal year.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 150 Real Property - Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 168 Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells - Construction – Moratorium

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from processing or making any recommendation on a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell within 5 miles of a residential overburdened community; and prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a certain

application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell within 5 miles of a residential overburdened community.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 294 Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Alterations

Altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 306 Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services – Reimbursements

Requiring the State Workers' Compensation Commission to regulate fees and other charges for the reimbursements of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services; and limiting covered reimbursements to a cost index or indexes.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 349 Medical Debt - Complaints for Money Judgment and Real Property Liens

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 357 Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority and Stakeholder Council Membership (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; etc.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 361 Election Law - Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition

Prohibiting a person from using fraud to influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision; and providing that fraud includes the use of synthetic media.

*Passed 42-5. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 399 Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines

Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan's Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line.

*Passed 42-4. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 409 Economic Development - County or Municipal Corporation Economic Development Authority - Powers and Use of Proceeds

Expanding the acceptable names authorized for an economic development authority established by a county or municipal corporation; expanding the powers of an authority, subject to limitations in the articles of incorporation of the authority; authorizing an authority to issue certain bonds in accordance with certain requirements; expanding the authorized uses of tax increment proceeds; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 529 Business Occupations and Professions - Professional Engineers – Examination

Requiring an applicant for a license to practice engineering to pass an examination in the fundamentals of engineering given by the State Board for Professional Engineers before passing the required examination in the principles and practice of engineering.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 566 Real Property - Filing Fee for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure – Increase

Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$600.

*Passed 33-14. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 596 Washington County - Property Tax - Multi-Use Facilities and Economic Development Projects

Altering eligibility requirements for a certain property tax credit for certain business entities that invest a certain amount in certain real property in Washington County and create a certain number of new and permanent full-time jobs in the county; and altering the amount and duration of the property tax credit.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 606 Residential Real Property - Tenants' Right of First Refusal

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 617 State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions

Authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology to issue a limited license to provide eyelash extension services; altering the definition of "provide esthetic services" to include providing eyelash extension services; and requiring an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to be at least 17 years old and have successfully completed a 9th grade education or equivalent, received certain training, and passed a practical and written examination.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 666 Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Department of Housing and Community Development in fiscal years 2027 through 2032 as a grant to community action agencies statewide for measures to combat poverty.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 775 Workgroup to Study Implementation of an Expanded 3-1-1 Nonemergency System

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3-1-1 Nonemergency Telephone System; requiring the Workgroup to review a certain study completed by the Department of Information Technology in order to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the study; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 829 State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Extension and Reports

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to offshore wind projects and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 896 Real Property - Residential Rental Property - Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website, in digital advertisements, in information provided for residential rental search engines, and in applications for a rental unit on the property.

*Passed 41-6. McKay voted Yea.*

**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

SB 46 Real Property - Wrongful Detainer Actions

Prohibiting a person from possessing or claiming a right to possess residential real property the person does not lawfully possess or own, with the intent to defraud another; authorizing the owner of certain residential real property to file a certain sworn affidavit and requiring a sheriff to remove a certain person from residential real property under certain circumstances; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the owner of property from filing a wrongful detainer action.

*Passed 44-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 107 Evidence - Interception of Oral Communications - Fair Housing Testing

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances; and providing that the contents of an intercepted oral communication may be used only for the purpose of enforcing federal, State, or local fair housing laws.

*Passed 28-18. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 181 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the incarcerated individual and the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by older incarcerated individuals; and requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations.



*Passed 36-10. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 844 Maryland Self-Service Storage Act - Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien - Notice Requirements

Requiring an operator of a certain self-service storage facility to notify an occupant in default at least 10 days before conducting a sale of the occupant's property stored in the self-storage facility of the time, place, and terms of the sale by hand delivery, verified mail, or electronic mail at the occupant's last known address; and requiring the operator of a self-storage facility to send a second notice if no response has been received 5 days prior to the sale.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 929 Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility

Establishing the Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility to examine current processes in the State relating to mail-in ballot return, assessing the impact on voters with disabilities, collect information about current practices for accessible alternatives to paper mail-in ballot return, and evaluate the alternatives for individuals with disabilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 956 Health Insurance - Medicare Supplement Policies - Insurance Producer Commission

Requiring a carrier to pay the same commission rate to a broker for the sale of certain Medicare supplement policies sold during a guaranteed issue period as a Medicare supplement policy sold during an open enrollment period.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025,**

SB 105 Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; altering the uses of the

Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; authorizing the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 2027 budget for the Fund; etc.

*Passed 39-7. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 116 Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 186 Natural Resources - Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program

Prohibiting certain regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting the holder of a commercial blue and flathead catfish finfish trotline license from fishing in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay that is south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 207 Drunk and Drug-Impaired Driving and Failure to Remain at the Scene - Revocation of Driver's License

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke the driver's license of a person who has been convicted of, or been granted probation before judgment for, impaired driving that contributes to an accident, or fails to remain at the scene of an accident, that results in the death or life-threatening injury to another person; authorizing a person whose driver's license is revoked under the Act or for homicide by motor vehicle while impaired to apply for license reinstatement after a certain period of time; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 219 Uninsured Employers' Fund - Assessments and Special Monitor

Altering, from 1% to up to 2%, the additional percentage the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board may direct the Workers' Compensation Commission to assess on awards and settlements if the Board determines that the reserves of the Fund are inadequate to meet anticipated losses.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 278 Tax Relief and State Personnel Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing personnel, pensions, and taxation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 313 Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 335 Natural Resources - Canada Geese - Bag Limits

Requiring, during the migratory Canada goose (Atlantic population) hunting season, the bag limit for all Canada geese in the State, including geese found in the Atlantic Flyway Resident Population Hunt Zone and the Atlantic Population Hunt Zone, to conform to the bag limit for Atlantic population Canada geese adopted annually by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 363 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation - Oyster Shucking House Loan Program

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans in an amount up to \$25,000 for certain seasonal full-time jobs; and reducing, from 5 years to 3 years, the number of years that a person must have been a licensed seafood dealer in order to be eligible to receive financing under the loan program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 375 Crimes Relating to Animals - Restrictions on Keeping Roosters

Prohibiting, unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture, a certain person from keeping a certain number of roosters on certain property beginning January 1, 2027, subject to certain exceptions; and authorizing the Department to work in cooperation with a local animal control or law enforcement officer to enforce the Act.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 400 Residential Child Care Programs - Transportation Companies - Regulation (Preventing Abduction in Youth Transport Act of 2025)

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is an immediate and serious risk of dangerous or disruptive behavior; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a civil action against certain transportation companies under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 432 Criminal Records – Expungement and Maryland Judiciary Case Search (Expungement Reform Act of 2025)

Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence; adding to the list of misdemeanor convictions that a person may expunge under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of a charge of possession of cannabis if the conviction was later pardoned by the Governor; etc.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 439 Higher Education - High Impact Economic Development Activities - Alterations

Altering the definition of "high impact economic development activity" to exclude cost savings related to the reduction in the number of University System of Maryland employees; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to report certain information relating to high impact economic development activities; making a high impact economic development activity subject to State procurement law; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 447 Hospitals - Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions - Procedures

Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on an individual presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the individual has an emergency medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of an individual who has an emergency medical

condition; prohibiting a hospital from taking adverse action against a provider for not transferring a patient who is not stabilized; etc.

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### SB 600 Baltimore City - Stop Sign Monitoring Systems - Authorization of Pilot Program

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Baltimore City, if authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a stop sign monitoring system; and prohibiting a contractor administering a stop sign monitoring system from being compensated in a certain manner.

*Passed 40-6. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 605 Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax - Assessments - Appeals and Corrections

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after December 31, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 689 Financial Institutions - Conventional Home Mortgage Loans - Assumption and Required Disclosures

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 707 Vehicle Laws - Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows - Time Limitation

Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows on certain vehicles.

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board to advise the Secretary of Natural Resources on the operation, acquisition, regulation, and general oversight of off-highway recreational vehicle trails and recreation in the State and to review certain expenditures.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 711 Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board - Establishment

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board to advise the Secretary of Natural Resources on the operation, acquisition, regulation, and general oversight of off-highway recreational vehicle trails and recreation in the State and to review certain expenditures.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 718 Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws - 2025 Edition - Legalization

Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 721 Family Law - Permanent Protective Orders - Consent

Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 748 Public Health - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias - Information on Prevalence and Treatment

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 765 Out-of-Home Placement Providers - Individuals Enrolled in Higher Education and Vocational Training Programs

Requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt regulations setting the maximum number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement

provider; and establishing an exemption from the limitation on the number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement provider under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 771 Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Programs - Insurance and Liability

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing a peer-to-peer car sharing program's motor vehicle liability insurance policy on a replacement vehicle to be secondary coverage for a shared vehicle driver; altering certain motor vehicle liability insurance requirements applicable to peer-to-peer car sharing programs; providing that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is not required to provide coverage to a shared vehicle driver for the use of a shared vehicle that is not a replacement vehicle; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 789 Higher Education - Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program - Alterations

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to designate certain private institutions of higher education as hunger-free campuses; prohibiting a 4-year or 2-year private institution of higher education or a regional higher education center operated by a private nonprofit institution of higher education from being eligible to receive grant funding under the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program; and beginning in fiscal year 2027, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 790 Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Plan to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements; requiring the workgroup to create a plan to implement the recommendations in a certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Health Official letter; and requiring the Department to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 792 State Board of Dental Examiners - Expanded Function Dental Assistants - Education and Reinstatement

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include an option for an online course of study when appropriate; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired expanded function dental assistant certification only under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 813 Howard Community College - Board of Trustees, Meetings, and Contracts - Alterations Ho. Co. 1-25

Adding two members to the Board of Community College Trustees for Howard County; requiring each meeting of the Board to allow for public comment; requiring the Board to make a video or audio recording of its meetings which are to be made available on the Board's website; requiring Board members to undergo certain training every 2 years; requiring the Board to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026, and each 6 months thereafter until July 1, 2028, on the status of the faculty union contract; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 834 Vehicle Laws - Manufacturers and Dealers - Prices Listed on Dealer Websites

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not take an adverse action against a dealer for disclosing on its website that the advertised price of a vehicle is the manufacturer's minimum allowable advertised price and that the dealer may offer a lower price for the vehicle.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 842 Electronic Smoking Devices - Seizure and Wholesaler Record-Keeping Requirements

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission or a peace officer to seize other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return and destruction of certain property seized by the Executive Director or a peace officer; establishing an electronic smoking devices wholesaler license and certain record-keeping requirements; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*



SB 846 Business Regulation - Cellular Phone Carriers - Authorized Users

Requiring a cellular phone carrier to include an option in the service contract that allows more than one individual who is a customer of record to the service contract to alter, modify, or cancel the service contract without the agreement of the other customers of record if all of the customers of record agree in writing to the option on execution of the service contract.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 849 Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program - Funding

Altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000; and authorizing the Secretary of Health to use up to 20% of Program funds to support academic medical centers in the collection, analysis, and processing of Program outcome data for the purposes of assessing, maximizing, and improving the effectiveness and clinical utility of the cancer screening funded by the Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 861 Economic Development - Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund - Alterations

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; providing that the Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; altering the purpose of the Senator George C. Edwards Fund to provide grant or loan funding to create jobs and significant economic development opportunities in the region; extending, through fiscal year 2031, the fiscal years in which the Governor is required to include an appropriation of at least \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill to the Fund; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 867 Cyber Maryland Program - Revisions

Transferring the Cyber Maryland Program from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Labor; altering the duties of the Program; requiring the Program to issue certain competitive grants and contracts beginning in fiscal year 2026; altering the purposes for which the Cyber Maryland Fund may be used; altering certain funding requirements related to the

Program; requiring that certain unused balances from certain programs and funds be transferred to the Program at the close of the fiscal year; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 872 Local Government - Hiring and Promotion Preferences for Veterans and Spouses of Service Members and Veterans (Families Serve Act)

Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant, by local law, a preference in the hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving spouses.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 885 Carroll County Board of Education - Vacancy Procedures - Alterations

Altering the procedures used to fill a vacancy of a voting member of the Carroll County Board of Education under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 900 Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System - Integration of 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network and Outcome Evaluations

Requiring each crisis communication center in the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to coordinate with the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network to provide supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, and referrals to additional resources; and altering the evaluation of outcome of services the System is required to include.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 946 Endangered and Threatened Species - Incidental Taking - Bats

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the northern long-eared bat, and the tricolor bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1013 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Extension

Extending until the end of July 1, 2026, the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5700 block of Falls Road in Baltimore City for transfer and renewal purposes.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1039 Alcoholic Beverages - Class 5 Breweries - On-Premises Consumption

Increasing the percentage of beer not produced by the holder of a Class 5 brewery license that the license holder is permitted to sell for on-premises consumption if the holder also holds an applicable on-site consumption permit or a Class D license.  
*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 342 Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Counties and Municipal Corporations

Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 587 State Government - Maryland Reparations Commission

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to study and make recommendations relating to appropriate benefits to be made to individuals whose ancestors were enslaved in the State or were impacted by certain inequitable government policies; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by January 1, 2027, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay.*



**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 308 Election Law – Chief Election Judges – Party Affiliation**

Requiring the election director of a local board of elections to designate chief election judges from certain political parties to each polling place except under certain circumstances; and requiring an election director who is unable to designate chief judges for a polling place at least 45 days before the start of early voting to make a certain designation in a certain manner.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 309 Department of Veterans and Military Families - Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program - Alterations**

Requiring the Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans and Military Families to establish and maintain by December 31, 2025, an online registry to provide veterans, military families, and interested individuals with certain information; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to include certain information regarding the number of individuals on the registry, those added to registry, their status, and those unsubscribed from the registry in a certain annual report.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 310 Education - Youth Suicide Prevention School Program - Revisions**

Altering the requirements of the Youth Suicide Prevention School Program to increase pupil awareness of the relationship between gambling and youth suicide.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 318 Higher Education - Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program - Eligibility**

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services for in the State for no less than 5 years, or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for a certain time

period or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 365 Department of Commerce – Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Established

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide certain technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, to work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofits interest and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and altering the composition and duties of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

*Passed 30-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 431 Registered Apprenticeship Investments for a Stronger Economy (RAISE) Act

Authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to waive the license examination requirement for a journey plumber license; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the examination for certain licenses; altering the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council; repealing the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland Office of Registered Apprenticeship Development to market and advance the registered apprenticeship system throughout the State; etc.

*Passed 33-9. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 488 Manufacturing Business Personal Property Tax - Optional Exemption

Exempting all personal property, including manufacturing inventory, in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business that is a small- or medium-sized enterprise from the personal property tax, including any special taxing district property tax.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 491 General Provisions - Veterans Benefits - Honorable Discharge

Defining "honorable discharge" with respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain discharges based on an incident or incidents relating to a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by an individual licensed to provide health services at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility, or an experience of sexual trauma

disclosed to an individual licensed to provide health care services at a certain Veterans Affairs facility.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 495 Opioid Restitution Fund - Authorized Uses

Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements.

*Passed 29-13. McKay voted Nay.*

#### SB 534 Election Law - Election Judges - Compensation

Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 612 State Retirement and Pension System - Deferred Vested Former Members - Return to Service

Establishing that an individual who, after earning service credit sufficient for a vested allowance in the Employees' Pension System, the State Police Retirement System, the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, separates from service and subsequently returns to service in a position in the same system under certain circumstances is subject to the same requirements to which certain members of the same system are subject.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 645 Election Law - Gubernatorial Primary Election - Date

Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 664 Business Regulation - Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses - Study

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of law concerning business licenses; requiring each application for a certain business

license to designate an individual to serve as the license representative for the purpose of being subject to certain penalties; and establishing that the penalties for violating certain provisions of law apply to certain persons.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 749 State Board of Dental Examiners - Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; and requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board of Dental Examiners if the applicant pays the application fee and provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets all qualifications and requirements.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 750 State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Part-Time Faculty

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty at certain State institutions of higher education; establishing separate collective bargaining units for faculty and contingent, contractual, or temporary faculty; and authorizing the bargaining units to combine into a single bargaining unit.

*Passed 30-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 767 Calvert County Sheriff - Deputy Sheriffs and Correctional Deputies - Collective Bargaining

Providing that full-time deputy sheriffs and correctional deputies at the rank of major and below in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office have the right to organize and negotiate with the County Commissioners of Calvert County and the Calvert County Sheriff with regard to certain wages and employee health care premium share in a certain manner.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 810 Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System - Investment Division - Compensation and Staffing

Repealing the Objective Criteria Committee of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and establishing a Compensation and Staffing Committee of the Board of Trustees; requiring the Committee to make certain recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the objective criteria to be used in setting compensation and awarding financial incentives to the Chief Investment Officer and Investment Division staff in the Investment

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 815 Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Prohibited Disclosures

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting the Maryland Department of Labor from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 871 Department of the Environment - Community Water and Sewerage Systems - Cybersecurity Planning and Assessments

Requiring the Department of the Environment to coordinate, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, cybersecurity efforts within community water systems and community sewerage systems; establishing the roles and responsibilities of various State agencies with respect to regulating, assessing, and promoting cybersecurity efforts within the water and wastewater sector; etc.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 968 Howard County - Patuxent River Wildland - Use of Mechanical or Motorized Equipment Ho. Co. 5-25

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter into use agreements with volunteers to facilitate the use of motor vehicles and motorized equipment for the purpose of maintaining existing paths within the Patuxent River Wildland to ensure clear and safe access to the wildland.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 972 Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners - Alterations

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; altering the eligibility requirements for Board membership; requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy; requiring the Board to include an option to provide certain information on an application for the issuance of a license or a license renewal; and requiring the Board to submit a report on the racial breakdown of the disciplinary actions taken by the Board to the General Assembly each year.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*



SB 1000 Gaming - Sports Wagering Facilities - Request for Relocation

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility, subject to certain limitations.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 43 Maryland Department of Health - Forensic Review Board - Established

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; requiring each forensic review board to review the eligibility for release of committed persons on a certain basis; establishing the Community Forensic Aftercare Program in the Department to monitor committed persons on conditional release in accordance with the recommendations of the committed person's mental team; etc.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 80 Criminal Law - Animal Abuse or Neglect – Penalties

Establishing increased penalties of imprisonment for up to 3 years and a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both for the abuse or neglect of an animal if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; and authorizing the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a period of time determined by the court.

*Passed 41-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 179 Motor Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemption - Unemployable Disabled Veterans

Establishing that not more than one vehicle owned by, or leased to, an unemployable disabled veteran is exempt from vehicle registration fees.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 205 Human Services - Adult Protective Services

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; and expanding the definition of "health practitioner" to include certain emergency medical services providers in certain provisions of law relating to adult protective services.

*Passed 41-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 280 Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.  
*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 281 Transportation Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services.  
*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 338 Baltimore County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Interstate 695 and Interstate 83

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to place and use not more than four speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County subject to notice requirements; requiring that fines collected in Baltimore County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway and safety improvements on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County; etc.  
*Passed 33-10. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 369 Public Libraries - Automated External Defibrillator Program (Raymono A. Russell Act)

Requiring operators of certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a certain area, maintain the functionality of the automated external defibrillator, and ensure a trained individual is present under certain circumstances; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; etc.  
*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 456 Dental Services - Qualification for Maryland Dent-Care Program

Altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance Grants under the Maryland Dent-Care Program to include part-time employment; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to submit a report, by December 1, 2025, to certain committees of the General Assembly on the use of online credentialing systems by dental insurance carriers.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 457 State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems - Workgroup

Requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to convene a workgroup to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the Agency to submit a report of the workgroup's findings and recommendations, including any need for legislative initiatives, to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 555 Public Information Act - Denials - Pending Litigation

Establishing that a custodian may deny inspection of records pertaining to pending or reasonably anticipated litigation to which the State or an officer or employee of the State is or may be a party.

*Passed 31-11. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 586 Corporations and Associations - Methodist Church Trust Requirement Repeal and Disaffiliation Requirements

Repealing a requirement that the assets of any Methodist Church be held in trust for the United Methodist Church and be subject to the control of the Church; repealing a provision of law providing that the absence of a trust clause in any deed or conveyance executed before June 1, 1953, does not exclude certain local churches from certain provisions of law or responsibilities related to the United Methodist Church; etc.

*Passed 42-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 621 Courtroom Security - Minimum Adequate Security

Establishing minimum adequate security standards for courtroom security at all courthouse facilities; requiring, beginning July 1, 2026, the presence of a certain number of security officers in every court room during certain proceedings; and requiring by July 1, 2028, in every court room, the presence of one court security officer for any proceeding, two court security officers for any proceeding involving an incarcerated individual, and one additional officer for every four or fewer courtrooms on each floor of a courthouse.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 626 Frederick County - Sheriff - Salary

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel, at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan.

*Passed 41-2. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 692 State Retirement and Pension System - Alterations and Clarifications

Altering certain due dates of certain reports from the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying the eligibility requirements of State Police Retirement System members to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 717 Somerset County - Salaries of Local Officials - Increase

Increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 768 Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership - Clarifications

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 828 Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Access, Guidance, and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

Requiring the Attorney General to develop guidelines relating to immigration enforcement at certain sensitive locations; and requiring State agencies that operate at sensitive locations to adopt policies consistent with the guidelines or provide certain written notice of a decision not to adopt policies consistent with the guidelines.

*Passed 30-13. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 883 Post-Towing Procedure Workgroup – Establishment

Establishing that a certain person has a lien on a motor vehicle towed or removed from a privately owned parking lot for charges incurred for any towing, recovery,

storage, or notice provided under certain circumstances; and establishing the circumstances in which the lien is extinguished.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 915 Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Private Roadways in Residential Communities

Prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in violation of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in certain residential areas in Baltimore County; and authorizing a police officer to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in certain residential areas in Baltimore County.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1005 Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program - Acquisition of Land

Authorizing the Board of Public Works, on recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit corporations for the acquisition of land for the construction or use of a federally qualified health center.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1008 Economic Development - Small Business Guaranty Fund - Alterations

Providing that a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund may be supported by the full faith and credit of the State of Maryland or approved by an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1026 Financial Institutions - Consumer Credit - Application of Licensing Requirements (Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1028 Natural Resources - Vessels - Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels  
(Matthew's Law)

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline-powered vessel on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 93 Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Notice to Request Application

Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 130 Education - Student Personal Electronic Device Use Policy - Required

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular device during instructional time during the school day; and prohibiting the policy from preventing a student from using a cellular device for any purpose documented in a student's individualized education program, to monitor or address a student's documented health issue, or for education purposes when directed by an educator or administrator.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 148 State Board of Public Accountancy - Emeritus Status

Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 149 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation - Total Assessed Cost of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Study and Reports

Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.

*Passed 31-13. McKay voted Nay.*

### SB 175 Public Safety - Fuel Gas Piping Systems and Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing - Prohibitions and Study

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing that does not meet a certain International Code Council standard or is not proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; requiring certain tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in certain buildings to meet a certain International Code Council standard or be proven to withstand a certain electrical arcing charge; and providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

*Passed 41-2. McKay voted Yea.*

### SB 215 Cannabis Reform - Revisions

Limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process cannabis and cannabis products under certain circumstances; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration to hold certain cannabis events; providing certain fees for a cannabis event registration; etc.

*Passed 31-13. McKay voted Nay.*

### SB 343 State's Attorneys - Reconstitution of Task Force to Study Transparency Standards for State's Attorneys

Establishing the State's Attorney Case Management System Grant Fund; reconstituting the Task Force to Study Transparency Standards for State's Attorneys; and requiring the Task Force to develop processes by which prosecutors can collect information and determine what information should be made public and what information may be kept private, and examine existing policies of State's Attorneys' offices across the State relating to transparency of data, the charging of crimes, and sentencing.

*Passed 34-9. McKay voted Nay.*

### SB 396 Public Safety Officer - Performance of Duties - Death Benefits

Altering circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible for certain disability benefits; and authorizing certain

9-1-1 specialists to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as employees of a participating governmental unit.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 423 Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act - Revisions

Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and making language consistent across certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain licensure requirements; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain disciplinary procedures; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 466 Criminal Law - Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable and Senior Adults

Prohibiting a caregiver, family member, or household member from knowingly and willfully obtaining the property of an individual the caregiver, family member, or household member knows or reasonably should know is a vulnerable or senior adult with the intent to deprive the vulnerable or senior adult of the property; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 471 Vehicle Laws - Motor Vehicle Administration - 3-Hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program - Requirements

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a 3-hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program for certain applicants for and holders of driver's licenses.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 525 Prince George's County - Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law - Video Evidence and Reward Programs

Requiring each county to establish a certain program allowing a member of the public to submit video evidence of an alleged violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to a certain enforcement unit; and requiring a program established under the Act to allow a member of the public to receive a portion of fines collected in relation to a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law under certain circumstances.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*



SB 543 Election Law - Provisional Ballots - Nonpartisan Board of Education Contests

Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.

*Passed 38-5. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 544 Food Establishments - Portable Chemical Toilets

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, and properly ventilated.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 590 Motor Vehicles - Reckless, Negligent, and Aggressive Driving (Sergeant Patrick Kepp Act)

Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 608 Criminal Procedure - U Nonimmigrant Status Petitions

Altering the requirements for certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the individuals eligible to request a certain official to certify victim helpfulness relating to certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; and authorizing the disclosure of certain information under certain circumstances.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 633 Campaign Finance - Political Organizations - Disclosures on Solicitations (Stop Scam PACs Act)

Requiring certain political organizations to include certain disclaimers and statements on certain solicitations; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to investigate a potential violation of the Act; and authorizing the State Board after the issuance of a public report of its finding to prohibit a person who violated the

Act from making further solicitations for a certain period or impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 669 Public Safety - Rape Kit Testing - Tracking Program and Grant Fund

Altering the purpose and use of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund; expanding the duties of the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy relating to the Fund; and prohibiting the use of the Fund for the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking System.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 710 Criminal Law - Motor Vehicle - Criminal Negligence (Sergeant Patrick Keep Act)

Prohibiting a person from driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; and providing that driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a negligent manner does not constitute a violation of the Act.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 764 State Designations - State Mineral - Chromite (State Mineral Act)

Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 770 Public Schools and Youth Services - Crisis Support and Assistance and Workgroup Study

Requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information; requiring county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and contracting agencies to require applicants for positions involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information relating to certain boundary-violating behavior; requiring child care centers and youth-serving organizations to follow certain procedures when hiring certain applicants; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 820 Municipalities - Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality.

*Passed 35-9. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 845 Local Education Agencies - Educator Screening - Educator Identification Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act)

Requiring each local education agency in the State to become an associate member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse for screening educators and individuals who apply to be educators; and requiring each educator employed within the local school system to become a member of NASDTEC by July 1, 2025.

*Passed 43-1. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 848 Public Health Abortion Grant Program - Establishment

Establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care clinical services for individuals in the State; establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care clinical services under certain circumstances.

*Passed 29-15. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 856 Mold - Landlord Requirements and Regulations (Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of General Services to develop a certain pamphlet and website; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain information at certain times and in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 45 days after receipt of a written notice regarding the detection of mold; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 873 Workgroup to Study Adoption of a Statute for Assault in the Third Degree

Establishing that it is a misdemeanor to intentionally cause offensive contact, engage in conduct intending to put another in fear of offensive contact, or attempt to cause offensive contact; providing that assault in the third degree is not a lesser included crime of any other crime, with a certain exception; providing that a person

charged with assault in the third degree may assert any judicially recognized defense, with a certain exception; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 980 Natural Resources - Maryland Heritage Areas Authority - Funding and Grants

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award grants and loans to certain entities for the management of certified heritage areas under certain circumstances; establishing a maximum funding amount of \$300,000 for certain grants made by the Maryland Heritage Areas; decreasing from 10% to 7% the percentage of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1023 Employment Discrimination - Fire and Rescue Public Safety Employees - Use of Medical Cannabis

Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions.

*Passed 36-8. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 1030 Baltimore County and Baltimore City - Vehicle Laws - Lighting on Privately Owned Vehicles

Authorizing not more than five of the highest ranking officers from certain nonprofit volunteer emergency medical services organizations located in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red or red and white lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 1036 Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses – Delivery Ho. Co. 21–25

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 127 State Government - Grants and Contracts - Reimbursement of Indirect Costs

Altering the rate at which nonprofit organizations receiving State-funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs to match the rate established under relevant federal guidelines.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 270 Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans - Automatic Enrollment

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2026; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment arrangement, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 376 Health Facilities - Delegation of Inspection Authority - Nursing Homes

Requiring the Secretary of Health, on request of a county, to delegate to the county the authority to conduct site visits and full surveys of nursing homes; and requiring that the Maryland Department of Health and counties equally share the costs of conducting surveys delegated by the Secretary of Health.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 449 Frederick and Washington Counties - Bow Hunting - Openly Carrying Handguns

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting certain licensed bow hunters from openly carrying a handgun under certain circumstances in Frederick County and Washington County during deer hunting season.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 599 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program – Funding

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.

*Passed 31-13. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 814 Local Government - Development Impact Fees, Surcharges, and Excise Taxes – Reporting

Requiring county governments to make a certain report by July 1 each year to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount and use of county development impact fees, surcharges, and excise taxes.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 854 Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Revisions

Altering the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives; providing that the practice of direct-entry midwifery is independent and does not require oversight by another health care practitioner; repealing the requirement that licensed direct-entry midwives report certain information to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; altering the disciplinary actions that may be taken against a licensed direct-entry midwife or an applicant for a license; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 894 Office of Social Equity - Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund - Modifications

Requiring the Office of Social Equity within the Maryland Cannabis Administration, rather than the Comptroller, to administer the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; repealing provisions of law requiring the Office to report on the Fund and to solicit public input on the uses of the Fund and publish a review of the input; requiring the Office to oversee the appropriation of funds from the Fund and to train Fund recipients; establishing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Advisory Board; etc.

*Passed 30-14. McKay voted Nay.*

#### SB 962 Municipalities - Legislative Audit – Exemption

Exempting a municipality with annual revenues below \$100,000 from a certain audit requirement; clarifying that a certain audit exemption does not affect certain financial reporting requirements; and authorizing the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee to request or require a certain review or audit of the financial records of a certain municipality if the financial report indicates a financial or accounting irregularity or concern.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 1021 Business Regulation - Cemeteries - Requirements for Sale or Transfer or Government Acquisition

Prohibiting certain owners of a cemetery from selling or transferring the cemetery without the approval of the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; authorizing a governmental unit to acquire an abandoned cemetery under certain

circumstances; and establishing requirements for the sale, transfer, or government acquisition of a cemetery.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 425 Environment - Coal Combustion By-Products - Fees, Coordinating Committee, and Regulations.

Providing that a certain base fee established by the Department of the Environment that is paid by a certain generator of coal combustion by-products is not less than \$2.30 per ton; altering the factors that the Department is required to consider in establishing the fee; establishing the Statewide Coal Combustion By-Products Coordinating Committee to share information, monitoring results, and certain remedial actions with respect to certain coal combustion by-product sites; etc.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 154 Access to Counsel in Evictions - Task Force and Special Fund

Making permanent distributions by the Comptroller from funds gained from abandoned property in the State to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; terminating the Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force on January 31, 2026; and making permanent an annual \$14,000,000 appropriation by the Governor from the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 250 Department of the Environment - Fees, Penalties, Funding, and Regulation

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to charge a fee for processing and issuing on-site sewage disposal permits and individual well construction permits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to establish by regulation a fee for the Responsible Personnel Training Program Certification; requiring a holder of a license to transfer oil into the State to pay a certain fee when oil owned by the licensee is first transferred into the State; establishing the Private Dam Repair Fund; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 740 Health Care Facilities - Service Member Community Members (SFC Matthew Fast Act )

Requiring each health care facility to screen each patient for information on whether the patient is a warrior community member, include on the patient's medical record whether the patient is a warrior community member, and meet certain standards established by The Joint Commission for the purpose of

improving health care equity for warrior community members; and defining "warrior community member" to mean a service member, a veteran, a certain spouse, a certain child, or a certain stepchild.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 843 School Construction - Local Cost-Share - Alterations

Adding an adjustment for the local cost-share for school construction projects for certain counties under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 880 Governor's Office for Children - Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland - Grant Funding

Requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill each fiscal year to the Governor's Office for Children to provide certain grants for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 901 Environment - Packaging and Paper Products - Producer Responsibility Plans

Requiring certain producers of packaging materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a certain packaging materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before April 1, 2027, and every 5 years thereafter, in accordance with certain requirements.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay.*

#### SB 927 Corporations and Associations - Cooperative Limited Equity Housing Corporations - Establishment

Authorizing a Maryland nonstock corporation to convert to a limited equity housing cooperative subject to certain requirements; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative for certain households to receive notice and vacate a portion of a certain residential rental facility; requiring a limited equity housing cooperative to reimburse certain households for moving expenses; etc.

*Passed 38-9. McKay voted Yea.*

#### SB 977 Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act)

Altering certain provisions of law to require a law enforcement agency or a unit of State or local government to deny access to certain databases, facilities, or buildings



by certain individuals seeking access for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law, under certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to enforce certain provisions of the Act; and providing that a State employee that violates certain provisions of the Act is subject to certain discipline.

*Passed 33-14. McKay voted Nay.*

**SB 984 Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance - Use of Programs That Measure the Operation of an Insured Vehicle**

Requiring an insurer that issues, sells, or delivers private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies in the State to disclose the use of certain telematics systems and to establish an appeals process by which a policyholder may challenge data the policy holder believes to be erroneous; prohibiting an insurer that issues, sells, or delivers private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies in the State from using data obtained through telematics systems to establish certain premiums or to take certain actions with respect to a policy; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken



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**Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

No final floor votes taken.

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 333 Criminal Procedure - Victims and Witnesses - Out of Court Statement of Child to Forensic Interviewer**

Expanding the evidentiary rule on the admissibility of out of court statements made by child victims or witnesses to make admissible an out of court statement made by a child to a forensic interviewer.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 392 Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Authorizations and Requirements (Jay's Law)**

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

*Passed 42-2. McKay voted Nay.*

**SB 485 Prince George's County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 210**

Increasing civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts; and repealing the

termination provision for the authority to place speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway).

*Passed 36-7. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 912 Charles County – Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Regulation and Enforcement

Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is subject to certain alleged motor vehicle violations.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 925 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances and Firearms

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years of age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

*Passed 36-7. McKay voted Nay.*

SB 941 Transportation-Related Tolls - Installment Payment Plans

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority and the Department of Transportation to establish programs to offer income-based installment payment plans for the payment of certain tolls, penalties, and fines in excess of \$250.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

SB 992 Corporations and Associations – Revisions

Establishing a process for and certain exceptions to the transfer of assets that are collateral for securing a mortgage, pledge, or security interest without the approval of the stockholders; and repealing provisions of law specifying what shall be included in the articles of merger if a limited partnership or limited liability company is a party to the articles.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea.*

HB 445 Criminal Law - Interference With a Public Safety Answering Point – Penalties

Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; prohibiting a person from

taking certain actions that interrupt or impair the functioning of a public safety answering point; and authorizing penalties for certain violations.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

**SB 76 Tidal Fish Licenses - Oyster Authorizations - Administrative Penalties**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend, rather than revoke, for up to 5 years for a first violation, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations; providing for the reinstatement for certain persons of an oyster authorization and an entitlement to engage or work in the oyster fishery; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear; and repealing the 90-day time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 177 Procurement - State Department of Education - Local Food Purchasing Program**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of General Services and the Department of Agriculture, to establish a program to procure local food for local school systems from certified local farms and certified Chesapeake invasive species providers under certain circumstances; altering a certain percentage price preference adopted by the Board of Public Works by regulations; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations relating to limiting responses for certain procurements; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**SB 891 Land Use and Real Property - Accessory Dwelling Units - Requirements and Prohibitions**

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land with a single-family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land with a single-family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

**HB 334 Workgroup on Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Establishment**

Establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; requiring the Workgroup to compile updated participant data and expenditure per

participant from the home visiting programs currently operating in the State, compare the data for home visiting programs to the data for evidence-based models, identify service gaps, and identify workforce needs; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### HB 559 Food Establishments - Portable Chemical Toilets

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, and properly ventilated.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### HB 995 Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions, reduce the number of adverse decisions, and develop recommendations for legislation to address the rise in adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea.*

#### HB 292 Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Funding of Reserve Accounts and Preparation of Funding Plans

Requiring that certain funds for certain reserve accounts be deposited on or before the last day of each fiscal year; requiring that certain updated reserve studies be prepared by a certain person; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, a residential condominium, or a homeowners association to prepare a certain funding plan subject to certain requirements; authorizing a reasonable deviation from certain reserve funding requirements following a certain financial hardship determination; etc.

*Passed 37-8. McKay voted Yea.*

#### HB 1028 Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System - Investment Division - Compensation and Staffing Committee

Repealing the Objective Criteria Committee of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and establishing a Compensation and Staffing Committee of the Board of Trustees; requiring the Committee to make certain recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the objective criteria to be used in setting compensation and awarding financial incentives to the Chief Investment Officer and Investment Division staff in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*

HB 1456 Transportation-Related Tolls - Installment Payment Plans

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish programs to offer installment payment plans for the payment of certain tolls, in excess of \$300.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea.*



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**SB 382 Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Powered Wheelchairs**

Requiring, in order to make repairs to powered wheelchairs, that a certain manufacturer make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools to a certain independent repair provider or owner of a powered wheelchair; providing that a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 407 State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)**

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 632 Correctional Services - Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services - Female Incarcerated Individuals (The Monica Cooper Prerelease Act)**

Altering the required location and timeline for a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Correction to make certain services available to certain female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, by July 1, 2026, to implement certain comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease services; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Yea*

**SB 635 Correctional Services - Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services - Female Incarcerated Individuals (The Monica Cooper Prerelease Act)**

Altering the required location and timeline for a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Commissioner of the Division of

Correction to make certain services available to certain female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, by July 1, 2026, to implement certain comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease services; etc.

*Passed 38-9. McKay voted Nay*

SB 653 Procurement - Employee Stock Ownership Plan Preference – Pilot

Establishing a price preference program for certain procurements by the Maryland Stadium Authority, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College; establishing a certain price preference for bids and proposals by an entity that utilizes an employee stock ownership plan; and requiring contractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of an employee stock ownership plan.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 808 Prince George's County - Stop Sign Monitoring Systems - School Bus Stops

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems at school bus stops in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law or, in the case of school bus stops located on State highways, the State Highway Administration.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Nay*

SB 921 Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols - Drugs to Treat Associated Conditions of Advanced Metastatic Cancer

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for certain prescription drugs prescribed by a treating physician to treat a symptom or side effect from the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 975 Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs that are administered or dispensed by a provider that is an in-network provider of covered oncology services, complies with State regulations for the administering and dispensing of specialty drugs, and meet certain qualifications; and requiring the reimbursement rate for certain specialty drugs to meet certain criteria.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*



HB 11 Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

Repealing the June 30, 2025, termination date for certain provisions of law related to referrals to and reimbursement of specialists and nonphysician specialists who are not part of a carrier's provider panel; prohibiting certain carriers from imposing utilization review requirements other than would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier's provider panel under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea.*

HB 12 Cannabis - Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

Authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a violation of §10-108 of the Criminal Law Article; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 100 Insurance Pooling - Public Entity - Definition

Altering the definition of "public entity" to include a Resilience Authority for purposes of insurance pooling.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 158 Department of Aging - Senior Call-Check and Social Connections Program

Renaming the Senior Call-Check Service and Notification Program to be the Senior Call-Check and Social Connections Program; providing the purpose of the program is to provide regular, direct communication from the Department of Aging or the Department's designee to an eligible participant to promote wellness and purposeful social engagement; authorizing the integration of services between the Program and Telecommunications Access of Maryland to promote awareness of the availability of accessible telecommunications equipment; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 577 Business Regulation - Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses - Study

Requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business

licenses; and requiring the Comptroller to report the findings and recommendations of the study to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 39-8. McKay voted Nay*

HB 968 Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

Altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State, the definition of "storage warehouse" to exclude a self-service storage facility.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1450 Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program - Alterations

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying certain limitations on awards or investments provided to certain small businesses under the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 214 Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology Program - Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities; providing the purpose of the Program is to increase access to assistive technology services and devices for individuals with disabilities, support the State's efforts to provide assistive technology services and devices to persons with disabilities of all ages, including underrepresented populations, and ensure statewide access to assistive technology lending libraries; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 251 Human Services – Local Departments of Social Services – Audits

Altering the frequency, from once every 3 years to an interval of once every 4 years unless it is determined on a case-by-case basis that an audit occur at an interval of 3 years, with which the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services conducts or contracts for financial and compliance audits of local departments of social services.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 288 Maryland Transportation Authority – Tolls, Fees, and Other Charges – Temporary Adjustments

Increasing from 180 days to 300 days the maximum duration of an emergency status determination authorizing the temporary adjustment of tolls, fees, or other charges by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

*Passed 40-7. McKay voted Nay*

HB 459 Counties - Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters - Required Coverage (James "Jimmy" Malone Act)

Requiring counties that offer self-insured employee health benefit plans to provide to firefighters employed by the county coverage for preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a no-cost annual examination or applying for a grant to pay for certain cancer screening technologies; prohibiting counties from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement; and requiring the Maryland Health Commission to conduct a certain study.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 538 Department of Human Services - Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program - Administration

Requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Services to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources; and repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Aging administer the Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1355 Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hearing Aids

Altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage for medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults to require coverage if the hearing aid is ordered, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed hearing aid dispenser.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1443 Local Government - Hiring and Promotion Preferences for Veterans and Spouses of Service Members and Veterans (Families Serve Act)

Authorizing counties and municipalities to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of an eligible service member, spouses of certain eligible veterans and eligible service members, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; and authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt a local law that allows for the application of a certain credit on a selection test for eligible spouses, eligible veterans, and certain spouses and surviving spouses.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 3 State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Revisions

Clarifying the definition of "physical therapist assistant" as used in the Maryland Physical Therapy Act to mean an individual licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; increasing the membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners from 8 to 9; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices to licensees by electronic means, rather than first-class mail, unless the licensee requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 43 Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program - Acquisition of Land

Authorizing the Board of Public Works, on recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit corporations for the acquisition of land for the construction or use of a federally qualified health center.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 54 Health Services Cost Review Commission – User Fee Assessment – Repeal of Sunset

Repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law related to the maximum amount of total user fees that may be assessed on hospitals and related institutions by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 94 Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs - Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee

Authorizing a local health department or community-based organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee rather than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application for authorization to operate an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 170 Health - Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund - Use

Altering from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027, the date through which the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund may be used

for expenses associated with maternal and child health population health improvements.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 256 Health Occupations Boards - Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions

Continuing certain health occupations boards and the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and Committee; and altering the membership of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 268 Hospitals - Financial Assistance and Collection of Debts - Policies

Altering provisions of law related to a hospital's financial assistance and collection of debts policies; specifying the percentage by which a hospital is required to reduce a patient's out-of-pocket expenses under certain circumstances; adding to the notice requirements relating to a hospital's financial assistance policy; prohibiting a hospital from filing a civil action to collect a debt against a patient whose outstanding debt is at or below \$500; etc.

*Passed 40-7. McKay voted Nay*

### HB 345 Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Entering into the Social Work Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing regulated social workers who hold multistate licenses to practice social work in member states in order to improve public access to competent social work services; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; providing for withdrawal from the Compact; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar legislation in six other states.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 514 Health Occupations - State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Revisions

Altering certain provisions of law governing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the practice of chiropractic in the State related to Board membership, licensure of chiropractors, the discipline of chiropractors, and the denial of licenses to applicants; authorizing the Board to inspect chiropractor offices under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to require a licensee or

applicant to submit to an examination by a health care provider under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 553 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring for certain eligible Program recipients; and requiring reimbursement of health care provider and other staff time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood pressure readings and reporting, remote patient monitoring, and the delivery of co-interventions, including educational materials or classes.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 565 State Board of Pharmacy - Renewal Notices - Electronic Means

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to send renewal notices to licensees, permit holders, and registrants by electronic means, rather than by first-class mail, unless the licensee, permit holder, or registrant requests to receive the renewal notice by first-class mail.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 573 State Board of Dental Examiners - Expanded Function Dental Assistants - Education and Reinstatement

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a course of study for initial dental assistant certification include at least 35 hours of in-person and online instruction; requiring the Board to reinstate a certain certification only under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations requiring continuing education, including clinical hands-on training, for expanded function dental assistants; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 666 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage in accordance with the most recent guidelines issued by the American College of Cardiology that expand the scope of preventive care services

for the benefit of consumers; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.

*Passed 42-5. McKay voted Nay*

HB 723 State Board of Dental Examiners - Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; and requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board of Dental Examiners if the applicant pays the application fee and provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets all qualifications and requirements.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 838 Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Revisions

Altering the scope of practice of licensed direct-entry midwives; providing that the practice of direct-entry midwifery is independent and does not require oversight by another health care practitioner; repealing the requirement that licensed direct-entry midwives report certain information to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; altering the disciplinary actions that may be taken against a licensed direct-entry midwife or an applicant for a license; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 334 Workgroup on Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services - Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; requiring the Workgroup to compile updated participant data and expenditure per participant from the home visiting programs currently operating in the State, compare the data for home visiting programs to the data for evidence-based models, identify service gaps, and identify workforce needs; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 559 Food Establishments - Portable Chemical Toilets

Authorizing food establishments that are businesses that conduct agritourism, Class 4 limited wineries, or Class 8 farm breweries to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that is

supplied with approved hand drying devices, kept in a sanitary condition, and properly ventilated.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 995 Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System - Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions, reduce the number of adverse decisions, and develop recommendations for legislation to address the rise in adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 33 Department of Service and Civic Innovation - Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways - Revisions

Altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; and repealing the Executive Fellows Program.

*Passed 40-7. McKay voted Yea*

HB 63 State Board of Public Accountancy - Sunset Extension and Report

Continuing the State Board of Public Accountancy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a certain report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 92 Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors – License Restoration

Extending from 90 days to 4 years the time period during which an individual who has held a heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration contractor license may apply for license restoration after expiration.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*



HB 114 Pesticide and Pest Control - Revisions to Pesticide Applicator's Law and Repeal of Obsolete Provisions

Establishing requirements for the commercial application of general use pesticides, the commercial application of restricted use pesticides, and the private application of restricted use pesticides; requiring a certified private applicator to ensure that certain individuals working under the certified applicator's supervision meet certain requirements; specifying the responsibility and liability of certified applicators for the application of certain pesticides; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 127 Department of Housing and Community Development - Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program - Local Rehabilitation Program Administration

Expanding the entities eligible to administer local rehabilitation programs to include certain nonprofit sponsors.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 181 Military Department – Chief of Staff and Aides – Appointment Authority

Authorizing the Adjutant General instead of the Governor to appoint certain staff in the Military Department; and establishing that certain staff in the Military Department serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General instead of the Governor.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 230 Maryland Public Ethics Law - Training and Financial Disclosure Requirements – Revisions

Altering the format and content of training on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided by the State Ethics Commission to certain State employees and regulated lobbyists to be either through online training or live presentation on the conflict of interest, financial disclosure, relevant administrative, and other applicable requirements of the law; and altering the scope of disclosure for the employment of an individual or a member of the individual's immediate family reported in a financial disclosure statement.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 262 Department of Agriculture - Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers

Altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission; establishing the Committee on Young Farmers for purposes of communicating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission on issues relating to young and beginning farmers in the

State; repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Young Farmers Advisory Board; and requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to be governed and administered by a board of trustees composed in a certain manner.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 276 State Government - Forms - Reporting Requirement - Repeal

Repealing a requirement that certain departments or units of State government annually submit a report on the management of forms to the Department of General Services.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 279 Municipalities - Annexation Resolutions - Submission to Department of Planning

Adding the Department of Planning to the list of entities to which a municipality must send a copy of an annexation resolution with the new municipal boundaries.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 331 Public Information Act - Public Access Ombudsman - Delegation of Powers

Authorizing the Public Access Ombudsman to delegate to a staff member of the Office of the Public Access Ombudsman any of the powers and duties granted to the Ombudsman that are appropriate to the staff member's training and expertise.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 455 Braille Flag Memorial Act of 2025

Requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to designate a location for an American braille tactile flag to be placed on the grounds of one or more State veterans' cemeteries to honor members of the uniformed services, veterans, and other individuals in the State who are blind or visually impaired.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 469 Local Government - Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Designation

Altering references to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau to be Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 749 Washington County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism

Adding Washington County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards and where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 967 Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws - 2025 Edition - Legalization  
Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025,**

SB 3 Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices – Establishment

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop and maintain a data dashboard that includes certain information relating to contractors, subcontractors, employees, and apprentices working under public work contracts; requiring each contractor who is contracted under a public work contract to provide certain information to the Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to update the data dashboard at least once a month and post the data dashboard on the Maryland Department of Labor website; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 486 School Health and Wellness Personnel Assessment and Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to conduct an assessment of school health and wellness personnel each year; requiring the Departments, by December 1, 2027, and each December 1 thereafter, to jointly report to the General Assembly on the findings of the assessment; and altering the membership of the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers from 15 to 16 members to include one school nurse to be nominated by the Maryland Association of School Health Nurses.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

SB 646 Health Insurance - Insulin - Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for insulin or certain other similar medication that is being used to treat an insured's or enrollee's diabetes.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 676 Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Freestanding Birthing Centers - Perinatal Care Standards

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.

*Passed 38-8. McKay voted Nay*

SB 691 Healthcare Ecosystem Stakeholder Cybersecurity Workgroup

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration to include a cybersecurity expert as staff to perform certain functions and submit to the State Chief Information Security Officer a report on the cybersecurity practices and policies of certain healthcare ecosystem entities on a certain basis; requiring healthcare ecosystem entities to take certain actions related to cybersecurity; etc.

*Passed 39-7. McKay voted Yea*

SB 988 Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children's Oral Health Through School-Based Programs – Establishment

Providing that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist in a school or school-based health center; establishing the Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children's Oral Health Through School-Based Programs to study and make recommendations on ways to improve school-based dental programs; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 429 Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act

Altering the definitions of target per pupil foundation amount, collaborative time per pupil amount, and special education per pupil amount for certain fiscal years; altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include

the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; freezing certain increases in the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for certain fiscal years; establishing the Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration Grant and the Academic Excellence Program and Fund; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 758 Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Elections, Financial Statements, and Enforcement

Establishing certain requirements for elections of the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association; requiring that the governing body of a condominium accommodate unit owner organizing activities relating to the governance of the condominium; prohibiting unit owners and lot owners from being charged for examining certain records of the condominium or homeowners association in a certain manner; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 784 Annual Corrective Bill

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

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 909 Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

Establishing the Integrated Resource Planning Office in the Public Service Commission; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Energy Forecast and conduct a certain study to support the development of the Forecast; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration, to complete certain energy modeling; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to adopt regulations requiring each electric company to develop a certain integrated resource plan.

*Passed 43-3. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 504 Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act

Altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; authorizing the Department to establish a national teacher recruitment campaign; establishing the Academic Excellence Program in the Department to address critical academic needs in public

schools; requiring the Department to consult with a certain entity to evaluate the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program and establish requirements for community school implementation plans; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

SB 931 Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing certain requirements for the construction of a certain solar energy generating station or energy storage device; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study to establish a process by which the Commission may establish partnerships between electric companies and electricity suppliers for electricity generation projects; etc.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

SB 937 Electricity and Gas - Emissions Reductions, Rate Regulation, Cost Recovery, Infrastructure, Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs (Next Generation Energy Act)

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; prohibiting an electricity supplier or other owner of a certain generating station from entering into a certain contract with a commercial or industrial customer under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 37-9. McKay voted Nay*

HB 99 Anne Arundel County - Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses - Population Ratio Quota

Establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; and prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 107 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals

Requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic

renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; establishing that compliance with certain regulations or a certain license shall be considered to be compliance with the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 333 Healthcare Ecosystem Stakeholder Cybersecurity Workgroup

Establishing the Healthcare Ecosystem Stakeholder Cybersecurity Workgroup to develop strategies to prevent cybersecurity disruptions to the healthcare ecosystem, ensure the continuous delivery of essential healthcare ecosystem services, and enhance recovery efforts of the healthcare ecosystem following a cybersecurity incident; and requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2026, and a final report on or before December 1, 2026.

*Passed 38-8. McKay voted Nay*

### Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025,

### SB 96 Environment - Water Bottle Filling Stations – Requirement

Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay*

### SB 118 Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system.

*Passed 37-10. McKay voted Nay*

### SB 428 Chesapeake Bay Legacy Act

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with fulfilling the Program's purpose; altering the definition of "healthy soils" for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 930 Environment - Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program – Establishment  
Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program; authorizing the Department of the Environment to review, permit, and regulate groundwater augmentation; requiring groundwater augmentation to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is occurring or reasonably anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; requiring, by December 31 each year, the Department to report on the status of the Pilot Program; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 979 Local Government - Accommodations Intermediaries - Hotel Rental Tax - Collection by Comptroller and Alterations

Requiring certain accommodations intermediaries to collect and remit the hotel rental tax to the Comptroller rather than to each county; providing for the administration of the hotel rental tax by the Comptroller; providing that certain provisions of State law prevail over certain local laws or agreements related to the hotel rental tax; repealing the authority of certain counties to provide for certain exemptions from the hotel rental tax; etc.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 156 Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services – Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; requiring the Workgroup to compile updated patient data and expenditure per patient from the Family Connect Programs, compare other maternal and newborn health programs in the State and in other states, and identify service gaps and potential funding sources to close the gaps; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 226 Maryland Farms and Families Fund - Purpose and Use – Alterations

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund to match purchases made with FMNP, SNAP, and WIC benefits at certain farmers markets and farm stands, support nonprofit farmers markets by providing logistical and marketing support to increase the use of federal nutrition programs at these markets, and to support nonprofit organizations or other responsible persons to implement the Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*



### SB 372 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission every 4 years, beginning in 2026, to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on advances or developments in the area of telehealth; etc.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

### SB 594 Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include addressing racial disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

### SB 665 Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act – Revisions

Making certain virtual currency subject to the abandoned property laws in the State; establishing certain provisions to determine certain information about certain apparent owners of abandoned property; altering and establishing certain provisions pertaining to the presumption of abandonment for certain types of property; establishing certain procedures to establish the death of a certain insured or certain annuitant; altering the procedures for filing a claim with the Comptroller to reclaim abandoned property; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

### SB 684 Public Health - Health Equity Dashboard

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard on a quarterly basis, as determined by data availability.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 776 Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System to review existing State adverse decision reporting requirements for all health payers in the State and make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 442 Criminal Procedure - Victims and Witnesses - Out of Court Statement of Child to Forensic Interviewer

Expanding the evidentiary rule on the admissibility of out of court statements made by child victims or witnesses to make admissible an out of court statement made by a child to a forensic interviewer.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 516 Motor Vehicles - Automated Enforcement Programs - Privacy Protections

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system subject to certain exceptions; and establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the removal and destruction of recorded images and associated data produced by an automated enforcement system.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 755 Common Ownership Communities - Recreational Common Areas - Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or medical records.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 788 Judiciary Department - Commission on Judicial Disabilities - Temporary Appointment

Allowing the chair of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; allowing the Governor, upon certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission; and requiring that any temporary substitute is subject to the same qualifications applicable to the member the substitute is replacing and if the member is a judge or an attorney, must be a member in good standing of the Maryland bar.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 796 Real Property – Filing Fee for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure – Increase  
Increasing the filing fee required to accompany an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from \$300 to \$450.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1171 Corporations and Associations – Revisions

Establishing a process for and certain exceptions to the transfer of assets that are collateral for securing a mortgage, pledge, or security interest without the approval of the stockholders; and repealing provisions of law specifying what shall be included in the articles of merger if a limited partnership or limited liability company is a party to the articles.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1283 Charles County - Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles - Regulation and Enforcement

Authorizing Charles County to regulate the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles in the county and to impound an off-highway recreational vehicle that is the subject of certain alleged motor vehicle violations.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 73 State Finance and Procurement - State Leasing of Real Property

Increasing the noncompetitive threshold for State leases of real property from less than 2,500 square feet to up to 5,000 square feet; altering the time frame during which the State is required to advertise the need for rental of building space from at least 30 days to 20 days before proposals for lease are due; requiring the advertisement to be in certain newspapers providing notice to at least the people of the affected locality; and requiring the notice to be posted on the Department's website and eMaryland Marketplace.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 284 Procurement – Electronic Transactions – Clarification of Fees Due

Specifying that fees collected for electronic transactions for procurements are those due to the State and not any fees due to a third party.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 389 Property Tax - Day Care Centers, Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain large family child care homes; increasing the maximum amount of a property tax credit that may be granted for certain child care homes and centers and day care centers; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 421 Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline

Authorizing the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund for certain expenditures that support the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline; and altering a certain restriction on the use of the 9-1-1 Trust Fund to prohibit funds from being used for expenses solely related to the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, instead of preventing the use of funds for any costs associated with the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 447 Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated

Altering the name of Arundel Habitat for Humanity, Inc., to be Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Incorporated, for purposes of a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation tax imposed on the entity; and authorizing the tax credit for any real property owned by the entity.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 453 Anne Arundel County - Development Impact Fees

Altering the scope of certain limitations on the authority of the Anne Arundel County Council to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 458 University of Maryland, College Park Campus - TerpsEXCEED Program – Funding

Authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in fiscal year 2027, an appropriation of \$350,000 to the University of Maryland, College Park Campus TerpsEXCEED (Experiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program to provide educational and employment opportunities to students with intellectual disabilities.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 507 State Contracts - Prohibited Provisions

Clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions pertaining to limitations of liability for damage to real or tangible personal property; and clarifying a prohibition on including in State contracts provisions limiting the recovery of costs related to the use of replacement contractors under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 535 Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund – Establishment

Establishing the Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries Fund to provide for the care, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of abandoned and neglected cemeteries in the State; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$250,000 to the fund; and requiring an annual report by September 30 to the General Assembly on the donations to the Fund and promotional efforts undertaken by money from the Fund.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 546 Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax - Assessments - Appeals and Corrections

Establishing a certain appeal process for persons who are subject to the digital advertising gross revenues tax and receive a notice of assessment from the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to issue an order to correct an erroneous assessment of the digital advertising gross revenues tax, subject to certain conditions; and applying the Act to assessments of the digital advertising gross revenues tax made after December 31, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 584 State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems – Workgroup

Requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to convene a workgroup to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the Agency to submit a report of the Workgroup's findings and recommendations, including the need for any legislative initiatives, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 585 Property Tax - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit - Valuation of Property  
Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, within 30 days of closing and the execution and delivery of a certain regulatory agreement, that a commercial property that is developed under a certain provision of federal law has been awarded a low-income tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 598 Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive area; requiring the governing body to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 603 Earned Income Tax Credit - Notice of Eligibility – Alteration

Altering the method by which the Comptroller must provide notice of the maximum income eligibility for the earned income tax credit for the calendar year to all employers in the State to include an electronic means of notification.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 678 Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library - Funding and Budget Submission

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; and requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before June 1 each year.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 825 Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board - Membership – Alteration

Adding the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, as a member to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 841 Gaming - Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board – Repeal

Repealing the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board; and transferring certain powers and duties concerning gaming activities in Charles County from the board to the County Attorney for Charles County.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 886 State Retirement and Pension System – Deferred Vested Former Members – Return to Service

Establishing that an individual who, after earning service credit sufficient for a vested allowance in the State Police Retirement System, the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, separates from service, and subsequently returns to service in a position in the same system under certain circumstances, is subject to the same requirements to which certain members of the same system are subject.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 910 Property Tax - Exemption for Blind Individuals – Alteration

Increasing the amount of a certain property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by blind individuals or their surviving spouses from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 969 Property Tax - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Broadband Service Providers

Authorizing the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with a provider of broadband service located in the county for property located in the county and owned by the provider; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1029 Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Membership – Clarifications

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or

transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1033 State Retirement and Pension System - Reemployment Earnings Limitations - Maximum Average Final Compensation

Clarifying that the maximum average final compensation that certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System is to be based on the minimum annual salary on the standard State pay scale as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year in order to be exempt from a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and adding an average final compensation reemployment exemption for the temporary suspension of a retirement allowance for disability retirees.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1034 State Retirement and Pension System – Alterations and Clarifications

Altering certain due dates of certain reports from the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying the eligibility requirements of State Police Retirement System members to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1072 State Retirement and Pension System - Administrative Fees – Repeal

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to certify certain employer contribution rates each fiscal year; requiring the employer contribution rates to include recognition of certain administrative and operational expenses; repealing a requirement that certain administrative and operational expenses of the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency be funded by charging each participating employer an administr

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1200 Property Tax - Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Expansion to Judicial Officer

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide a certain property tax credit to certain judicial officers, surviving spouses, or cohabitants; requiring the county or municipal corporation to define, by law, who is a correctional officer and judicial officer; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*



HB 1334 Garrett County - Bids and Contracts - Advertisement Exceptions

Providing that, in Garrett County, a certain requirement to advertise for bids does not apply to a certain contract for goods or services procured on an as-needed basis over time or for certain vehicles.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1543 Gaming - Sports Wagering Facilities - Request for Relocation

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility if the facility was originally issued a Class B sports wagering facility license on or before September 30, 2023, and the new location is in the same county, complies with certain location requirements, and is approved by the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 18 Vehicle Laws - Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Inspection and Extension

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 22 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study examining and comparing certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and requiring the Department by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to report the results of the study to certain committees of the General Assembly.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 189 Drunk Driving - Commercial Driver's Licenses - Disqualification From Driving

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify any individual from driving a commercial motor vehicle for 1 year if the individual, while holding a commercial instructional permit or commercial driver's license, drives or attempts

to drive any motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood or breath is 0.08 or greater.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 191 Vehicle Laws - Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles - Electronic Notice to Owner

Authorizing a person who tows or removes a vehicle from a parking lot to provide electronic notice of the tow or removal to the vehicle owner through the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; and authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to send an electronic notice to the last known registered owner of the vehicle through the Administration under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 225 Vehicle Laws - Exceptional Hauling Permits for Farm Products

Creating an exception for vehicles carrying fluid milk products to the prohibition against driving a vehicle subject to an exceptional hauling permit on the interstate highway system; altering certain weight limits and tolerances under an exceptional hauling permit; altering the preventive maintenance documents that an individual operating under an exceptional hauling permit must possess; and altering certain record-keeping requirements and the application of certain administrative penalties under an exceptional hauling permit.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 227 Corporations and Associations - Electric Cooperatives - Nonescheat Capital Credits

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 239 Charitable Organizations - Late Fees and Registration - Suspension and Cancellation Requirements

Authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations that fail to file an annual report under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 313 Motor Vehicles - Specially Designed Vintage Reproduction Registration Plates

Repealing the time limitation within which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to make available specially designed vintage reproduction registration plates; and requiring the Administration to charge a fee of \$100 for the initial issuance and \$25 for the renewal of a specially designed vintage reproduction registration plate.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 436 Vehicle Laws - Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows - Time Limitation

Repealing the 2-year time limitation on medical exemptions for enhanced tinted windows for vehicle owners with certain permanent medical conditions.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 463 Vehicle Laws - Motor Vehicle Administration - 3-Hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program – Requirements

Altering the requirements of the 3-hour Roadway Safety Driving Education Program established by the Motor Vehicle Administration for certain applicants for driver's licenses; and requiring the Administration to adopt regulations establishing criteria for certifying a private entity to offer the 3-hour Roadway Safety Education Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 542 Adult Protective Services - Investigations and Disclosure of Information

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 744 Motor Vehicles - Reckless, Negligent, and Aggressive Driving (Sergeant Patrick Kepp Act)

Altering the penalties and points assessments related to the offenses of reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 929 Family Law - Permanent Protective Orders – Consent

Specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a permanent protective order against the individual.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1191 Family Law - Child Custody – Determinations

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that related to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 89 Criminal Law - Crimes Relating to Animals - Conviction and Sentencing

Establishing that certain crimes relating to animals do not include certain activities; establishing that each animal harmed in a violation of a prohibition against animal cruelty is a separate offense and shall be deemed an individual victim for purposes of the sentencing guidelines stacking rule; establishing that a conviction for a crime relating to animals may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 136 Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault Exam and Treatment Reimbursement

Providing that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, rather than the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, is responsible for payment to a physician, qualified health care provider, and hospital for providing certain services to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 179 Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025

Providing that 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; prohibiting one or more persons from committing a series of thefts from retail merchants over a 90-day period with an aggregate value exceeding \$1,500; requiring a court to make a finding as to

whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances for a certain purpose; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 241 Marriage - Confidential Communication

Clarifying that "spouse" includes a former spouse for purposes of disclosure of confidential communications occurring during marriage; and establishing that a spouse, who is the alleged victim, is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 309 Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Peer Support Programs

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a peer support specialist from disclosing the contents of any written or oral communication regarding a peer support interaction; and providing certain exceptions.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 437 Criminal Law - Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent – Modifications

Altering the definition of "private place" as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual to include a residence; and altering the prohibition against conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 533 Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Military Protection Orders

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 675 Public Safety - Rape Kit Testing - Tracking Program and Grant Fund

Altering from December 31, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the date by which a certain report under a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program is required to be submitted; altering the purpose and use of the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund; expanding the duties of the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of

Crime Prevention and Policy relating to the Fund; and prohibiting the use of the Fund for a certain sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 831 Carroll County - Prospective Employees and Volunteers - Criminal History Records Check

Repealing certain limitations on the prospective employees or volunteers of Carroll County for whom the Department of Human Resources of Carroll County may request a criminal history records check.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 943 Criminal Law - Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning - Prohibitions and Penalties

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of malicious or fraudulent burning that causes the death of or serious physical injury to a firefighter; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 78 State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors - Sunset Extension and Report

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report with information regarding the Commission to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee on or before July 1, 2028.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 193 Uninsured Employers' Fund - Additional Assessment on Awards and Settlements – Amount

Altering, from 1% to up to 1.5%, the additional percentage the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board may direct the Workers' Compensation Commission to assess on awards and settlements if the Board determines that the reserves of the Fund are inadequate to meet anticipated losses.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 208 Consumer Protection – False Advertising – Digital Goods

Prohibiting a person from advertising or offering for sale a digital good using certain terminology unless a certain affirmative acknowledgment is received from the purchaser or a certain clear and conspicuous statement is provided by the seller; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

*Passed 39-8. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 599 State Personnel - BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department - Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Processes

Altering the collective bargaining process between the State and uniformed fire employees of the BWI Airport Fire and Rescue Department by requiring the parties to reach a collective bargaining agreement by September 30 of the year in which the collective bargaining agreement will expire; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 664 Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Disciplinary Actions

Clarifying that the State Board of Nursing may deny a license or grant a license, including a license subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, if an applicant for a license to practice direct-entry midwifery or a licensed direct-entry midwife violates a ground for discipline.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 991 State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Extension and Reports

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to public-private partnerships, offshore wind projects, and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1146 Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System – Integration of 9–8–8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network and Outcome Evaluations

Requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to have a State 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, rather than a crisis communication center, in each jurisdiction; requiring each State 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in the System to coordinate with the national 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Network to provide

supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, referrals to additional resources, and direct dispatch to other services as needed; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1347 Cannabis Agents - Registration - Security Guards

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 31 Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Powered Wheelchairs

Requiring, in order to make repairs to powered wheelchairs, that a certain manufacturer make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools to a certain independent repair provider or owner of a powered wheelchair; providing that a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 56 Procurement - State Department of Education - Local Food Purchasing Program

Requiring the State Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of General Services and the Department of Agriculture, to establish a program to procure, when funding is available, local food for local school systems with preference to providers that are certified local farms or certified Chesapeake invasive species providers; altering the percentage price preference adopted by the Board of Public Works for locally grown food from 5% to 10%; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 104 Maryland Farms and Families Fund – Purpose and Use – Alterations

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund to match purchases made with FMNP, SNAP, and WIC benefits at certain farmers markets and farm stands, support nonprofit farmers markets by providing logistical and marketing support to increase the use of federal nutrition programs at these markets, and to support nonprofit organizations or other responsible persons to implement the Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*



HB 367 Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring additional evidence of English proficiency as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration if an applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency; requiring each health occupations board that requires evidence of English proficiency to post a statement on their website that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of proficiency; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 372 Prince George's Gateway Development Authority - Sunset Repeal PG 403-25

Repealing the termination of certain provisions of law establishing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 443 Baby Food Labeling - Statement Regarding Toxic Heavy Metal Testing – Terminology

Altering the statement that must be included on a baby food product label if the baby food product has been tested for toxic heavy metals for the purpose of changing the term included on the label from "toxic heavy metal" to "toxic element".

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 575 Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade (PORT) Act – Reports of Attorney General – Frequency

Altering the frequency, from every month to every 6 months, of the reports required to be submitted by the Attorney General to the General Assembly regarding the status of the recovery of economic damages arising from the closure of the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore and the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 602 State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)

Requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue

reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and requiring the Board, by November 1, 2025, and each November 1 for the following 4 years, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the discussions, agreements reached, challenges in the negotiations, and any legislative recommendations.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 722 Maryland Department of Health - Report on Oversight of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs and Recovery Residences

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports on or before December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 729 Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program

Altering the training that the Maryland Department of Health is authorized to provide under the Overdose Response Program to include emphasis on the restoration of breathing, avoiding withdrawal, and compassionate postoverdose support and care; clarifying that the use of the Opioid Restitution Fund is subject to certain restrictions; and altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund so as to include the addressing of racial disparities in access to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 731 Wildlife - Protections and Highway Crossings

Establishing the Maryland Connectivity Coalition to foster collaboration among State and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders for the purpose of protecting endangered wildlife from habitat fragmentation; requiring the State Highway Administration to have final decision-making authority regarding decisions related to placement, funding, or design of wildlife crossings; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 745 State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Behavior Analysts - Licensure Applications

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a license to practice behavior analysis to qualified applicants within 30 days of receiving the completed application; requiring the State Board to issue a license within 50 days to an applicant who submitted an incomplete application but has presented additional information; and requiring the State Board to provide a certain e-mail notification regarding the status of an application for a license to practice behavior analysis.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 795 Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program - Employee Certification and Awareness Materials

Establishing requirements related to the certification of employment by public service employers under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, including requirements regarding determinations of whether employees are full-time; and requiring the Student Loan Ombudsman in the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to develop and disseminate information to increase awareness of and participation in the Program.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 798 Opioid Restitution Fund - Interactive Dashboard

Requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid-related settlement information with the public; requiring the dashboard to include links to the State, county, or municipal websites that provide access to additional information on the use of opioid-related settlement funds; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 855 Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network – Alterations

Altering the membership of the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network; and extending the workgroup to June 30, 2027.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 930 Public Health Abortion Grant Program – Establishment

Establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care clinical services for individuals in the State; establishing the Public Health Abortion Grant Program Fund as a special,

nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care clinical services under certain circumstances.

*Passed 31-15. McKay voted Nay*

HB 936 Health Insurance - Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Coverage - Required Notice

Requiring that a carrier provide notice by certain electronic means, in addition to written notice, of cancellation or nonrenewal of a small group market health benefit plan and include information regarding additional health benefit coverage options in the notice; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 938 Continuing Care Providers - Governing Bodies – Membership

Requiring the appointment of an alternate subscriber member to the governing body of a continuing care provider; and authorizing the alternate subscriber member to attend all meetings of the governing body and vote only if the regular subscriber is unable to fulfill the subscriber's duties as a regular member of the governing body.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 939 Maryland Commission for Women - Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control

Requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to establish the Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control to study access to over-the-counter birth control; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by January 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 979 Maryland Self-Service Storage Act - Sale of Personal Property in Satisfaction of Lien - Notice Requirements

Requiring a certain operator of a certain self-service storage facility to notify at least 10 days prior to conducting a sale of an occupant's personal property stored in certain leased space at the self-service storage facility of the time, place, and terms of the sale by hand delivery, verified mail, or electronic mail at the occupant's last known address.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 984 Public Utilities - Electric Cooperatives - Rate Proceedings

Applying to electric cooperatives certain provisions of law related to rate proceedings held by the Public Service Commission to determine whether additional revenues are required to allow certain public service companies to earn the existing fair rate of return authorized in a previous base rate proceeding; and requiring the Commission to order an electric cooperative to conduct a certain public hearing.

*Passed 38-8. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1080 Local Government - Local Personnel - Leave With Pay

Establishing that governmental units may provide disaster service leave with pay to certain employees; establishing that an employee of a governmental unit of a county or a municipality in the State may be entitled to disaster service leave with pay under certain circumstances; authorizing certain governmental units to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave; and authorizing a governmental unit of a county or a municipality to provide leave with pay under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1087 Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols - Drugs to Treat Associated Conditions of Advanced Metastatic Cancer

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for certain prescription drugs prescribed by a treating physician to treat a symptom of or side effect from the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer and use of the prescription drug is consistent with best practices for treatment of the condition.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1243 Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain specialty drugs that are administered or dispensed by a provider that is an in-network provider of covered medical oncology services and complies with State regulations for the administering and dispensing of specialty drugs, if the specialty drugs meet certain qualifications; and requiring the reimbursement rate for certain specialty drugs to meet certain criteria.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 36 Department of Aging – Aging Services – Program Repeal and Consolidation  
Repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities of the Committee to the Department of Aging; requiring the Department, beginning in June 2025, in coordination with area stakeholders, to conduct program transition planning and to co-design the new, consolidated program required by the Act; etc.  
*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 297 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal  
Renaming the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to be the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the Program; authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; and prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available.  
*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 420 Education and Health - Emergency Use Epinephrine – Alterations  
Altering the defined term "auto-injectable epinephrine" to be "emergency use epinephrine" and to include certain drug delivery devices and products; and altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program to be the Emergency Use Epinephrine Program.  
*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 601 Economic Development - Small Business Guaranty Fund – Alterations  
Authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to authorize the provision of a guaranty under the Small Business Guaranty Fund in an irrevocable letter of credit, an official treasurer's check, funds on deposit in an escrow or other depository account, or any other legal instrument promising a financial institution restitution or reimbursement for its loan losses, within the limits of the guaranty.  
*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 776 Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act – Revisions  
Repealing obsolete and redundant language in, clarifying language in, and making language consistent across certain provisions of law governing the State Board of

Physicians and the regulation of physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; altering certain licensure requirements; altering the grounds for discipline for physicians, physician assistants, and allied health professionals; authorizing the Board to impose a civil penalty for a certain report made in bad faith; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1004 Public Health - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias - Information on Prevalence and Treatment

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a website with information on the prevalence and hospitalization rate for Alzheimer's and related dementias; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1083 Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Plan to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access, through its workgroup, to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements; requiring the workgroup to provide recommendations to implement recommendations in a certain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Health Official letter; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 277 Environment - Water Bottle Filling Stations – Requirement

Requiring a water bottle filling station or a combined water bottle filling station and drinking fountain to be installed in certain new construction or as part of certain renovations beginning October 1, 2025, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2026)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

*Passed 33-14. McKay voted Nay*

HB 352 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025

Establishing or altering certain administrative penalties; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; establishing certain funds; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; requiring certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all members of the group; etc.

HB 40 Natural Resources - Fishing Licenses and Stamps – Alterations

Altering the fees for resident consolidated senior sport fishing licenses, angler's licenses, and trout stamps; and repealing the exemption from the requirement to obtain a trout stamp under certain circumstances for a holder of a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license.

*Passed 34-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 272 Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to electronically submit certain precinct boundary information to the Secretary of Planning; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing population projections for the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas to authorize the use of population figures developed by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and their member jurisdictions; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 286 Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy - Planning Principles

Providing certain planning principles that are collectively intended to create sustainable communities and to protect the environment utilizing active public participation; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of planning principles for advancing sustainable growth in the State; and requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, along



with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

*Passed 37-10. McKay voted Yea*

HB 932 Public Ethics - Conflicts of Interest and Blind Trust – Governor

Requiring the Governor to place certain interests into a certain certified blind trust or divest of certain interests within 6 months after taking the oath of office; requiring the Governor to enter into a nonparticipation agreement with the State Ethics Commission for any interests not included in a blind trust; authorizing the Ethics Commission to impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Act; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations to carry out the Act including standards for types of interests that be exempted; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1045 Health Insurance, Family Planning Services, and Confidentiality of Medical Records - Consumer Protections – Updates

Updating references to federal law related to family planning services, grandfathered plans, explanation of benefits, summaries of benefits and coverage, medical loss ratios, catastrophic plans, annual limits for cost sharing, prescription drugs, and rescissions; altering the definitions of "legally protected health care" and "sensitive health services" to include gender-affirming care for purposes of law governing the disclosure of information regarding sensitive health services; etc.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1095 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beauty Salon and Barbershop License MC 3-25

Expanding eligibility for a certain beauty salon license in Montgomery County to include a holder of a certain barbershop permit; authorizing a holder of the license to provide up to 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; and authorizing the holder to provide not more than 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon or barbershop customer; and requiring an annual license fee of \$100.

*Passed 44-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1122 Office of Child Care Advisory Council - Membership – Alterations

Increasing the maximum number of members of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council from 30 to 31; and adding a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the membership of the Council.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 25 Environment – Reservoir Augmentation Permit – Establishment

Establishing the Reservoir Augmentation Program in the Department of the Environment; defining "reservoir augmentation" as the planned placement of reclaimed water into a surface water reservoir used as a source for a drinking water treatment facility; requiring a person to obtain a permit from the Department to perform reservoir augmentation; establishing an Indirect Potable Reuse Pilot Program in the Department to make recommendations on whether the program should be extended or made permanent and any statutory or regulatory changes necessary; etc.

*Passed 44-2. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 182 Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Altering the penalties for a civil citation issued as a result of a recorded image produced by a speed monitoring system.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

### HB 325 Adult Education - High School Diploma by Examination - Requirements and Study

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to choose to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in either English or Spanish; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 506 Chesapeake Bay Legacy Act

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with the Program's purpose; altering the definition of "healthy soils" for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 848 Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Notices, Reporting, and Examinations

Requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner; requiring that certain information submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner be aggregated by zip code; requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by carrier for a type of service has grown by 10% or more in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% or more in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Commissioner; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 850 Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices – Establishment

Establishing the Workgroup on the Creation of a Data Dashboard for Public Work Contracts and Apprentices to study the most efficient and cost-effective method to create a publicly available data dashboard that disaggregates information regarding public work contracts with the State and apprentices working under the public work contracts; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 7, 2027.

*Passed 39-7. McKay voted \Yea*

#### HB 869 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Repealing the limitation on the period during which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide reimbursement for certain health care services provided through telehealth on a certain basis and at a certain rate; repealing the prohibition on health care practitioners prescribing certain controlled dangerous substances for the treatment of pain through telehealth; etc.

*Passed 45-1. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 970 Health Insurance - Insulin - Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol for insulin used to treat an insured's or enrollee's Type 1, Type 2, or gestational diabetes; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 4 Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems – Alteration

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 39 Public Health - Repeal of Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Carlton R. Smith Act)

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 124 Residential Property - Assignment of Contracts of Sale - Disclosure Requirements and Rescission

Authorizing a seller or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid in connection with the assignment of a contract of sale of the residential property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 259 Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 343 Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statements and Certificates of Violations

Authorizing certain technicians to swear to and affirm, based on inspection of recorded images, the occurrence of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; requiring law enforcement officers and technicians to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation; and defining "reasonable training" as a sufficient level of education, instruction, and practical experience to ensure competency in the inspection of images generated by speed monitoring systems.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Nay*

### HB 375 Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Authorizations and Requirements (Jay's Law)

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

*Passed 45-2. McKay voted Nay*

### HB 413 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances and Firearms

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years of age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer

*Passed 38-9. McKay voted Nay*

### HB 1 Department of Transportation - Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2027, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

### HB 123 Maryland Correctional Training Commission – Membership

Altering the membership of the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to include the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and one parole and probation employee of the State recommended by the exclusive representative for parole and probation employees, as specified and appointed by the Governor.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 315 Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland

Establishing the Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland to examine and analyze the efficiency, uniformity, and quality of fiduciary adjudication in Maryland and make recommendations; requiring the orphans' courts, circuit courts, registers of wills, and Administrative Office of the Courts to comply with certain requests of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and make recommendations on or before January 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 347 Real Property – Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; and defining "land record" as any document recorded by a clerk of the circuit court relating to property.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 349 Prince George's County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 210 PG 306-25

Increasing the maximum civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts.

*Passed 37-8. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 528 Baltimore County - Vehicle Laws - Private Roadways in Residential Communities

Prohibiting, beginning October 1, 2025, through the end of June 30, 2028, a person from driving a motor vehicle in violation of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in a certain residential community in Baltimore County; and authorizing, beginning October 1, 2025, through the end of June 30, 2028, a police officer to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law on private roadways in a certain residential community in Baltimore County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 616 Criminal Law - Destroying Funerary Objects and Cemetery Elements - Statute of Limitations and Prohibition

Extending from 1 year to 3 years the statute of limitations for prosecutions relating to destroying funerary objects and other elements of a cemetery to begin at the time local authorities knew or reasonably should have known of the violation; and prohibiting a person from willfully destroying, damaging, defacing, or removing landscaping or part of the grounds of a cemetery.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 809 Out-of-Home Placement Providers - Individuals Enrolled in Higher Education and Vocational Training Programs

Authorizing an individual enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education or a residential vocational training program to return to an out-of-home placement provider with whom the individual was previously placed under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to make a request to a local department of social services at least 30 days before the scheduled break; requiring the local department to make a recommendation to the Department of Human Services not later than 21 days before the scheduled break; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1152 Real Property - Residential Rental Property - Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)

Requiring a certain landlord of residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website, in advertisements, in information provided for residential rental search engines, and in applications for a rental unit on the property; and applying the Act to a landlord who owns or operates five or more individual dwelling units in the State.

*Passed 40-7. McKay voted Yea*

HB 508 State Procurement Preferences - Blind Industries and Services of Maryland - Packaging and Repackaging

Requiring a State or State aided or controlled entity to require a prime contractor to procure certain janitorial products packaged or repackaged by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.

*Passed 42-2. McKay voted Yea*

HB 833 Carroll County - Public Facilities Bond

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$36,900,000 in order to finance the construction,

improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 844 Somerset County - Salaries of Local Officials – Increase

Increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 893 Tidal Fish Licenses - Oyster Authorizations - Administrative Penalties

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to suspend for up to 5 years for a first violation, rather than revoke, a person's oyster authorization for knowingly committing certain violations; providing for the reinstatement for certain persons of an oyster authorization and an entitlement to engage or work in the oyster fishery; altering a certain offense related to the use of prohibited gear; and repealing the 90-day time period within which a certain administrative hearing must be held.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1296 Environment - Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program – Establishment

Prohibiting a person from performing groundwater augmentation except under certain circumstances; establishing the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program to regulate and evaluate the use of treated reclaimed water as a source for groundwater augmentation through managed aquifer recharge permits; requiring the demonstration facility to address a groundwater supply or quality problem that is anticipated to occur in the next 25 years; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1466 Land Use and Real Property - Accessory Dwelling Units - Requirements and Prohibitions

Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land with a single-family detached dwelling unit as the primary dwelling unit in order to meet the housing needs of the citizens of the State; requiring, on or before October 1, 2026, the legislative body of certain counties or municipal corporations to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land with certain single-family detached dwelling units subject to certain requirements; etc.



*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 27 Estates and Trusts - Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees

Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; and authorizing trustees who are financial institutions or members of the Maryland Bar to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a schedule of rates filed with an appropriate agency.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 88 Estates and Trusts - Maryland Trust Decanting Act - Notification and Document Transmittal

Specifying the manner in which notice regarding an exercise of the decanting power or the sending of a document under the Maryland Trust Decanting Act is required to be provided.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 146 Estates and Trusts - Resignation of Trustee – Notice

Authorizing the trustee of a trust to resign under the Maryland Trust Act on 30 days' notice to qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, all cotrustees, and any person that has a right to replace or appoint a successor to the resigning trustee.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 236 Peace Orders and Criminal Harassment - Intentional Visual Surveillance

Expanding the relief that may be included in a final peace order; altering the acts that constitute criminal harassment to include certain visual surveillance of an area of another person's residence where the other has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction for a first offense is subject to imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine of \$500 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 180 days or a fine of \$1,000 or both.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 246 Human Services - Adult Protective Services

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; expanding the definition of "health practitioner" to include certain

emergency medical providers; and authorizing individuals who are required in specific instances to report information regarding alleged vulnerable adults to make a report by calling the statewide reporting hotline.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 249 Residential Real Property - Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential property by e

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 261 Estates and Trusts - Priority of Claims on an Estate - Unpaid Child Support

Prioritizing the payment of unpaid child support over certain other claims on an estate of a decedent with insufficient assets to pay all claims in full.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 323 Domestic Partnership and Marriage - Required Information

Clarifying required information for registering a domestic partnership or obtaining a marriage license; and requiring a declaration of domestic partnership filed with the register of wills to include the Social Security number of each domestic partner who has a Social Security number.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 438 Civil Actions - Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet - Compensatory Damages (Buddy's Law)

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person's ownership, direction, or control.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 786 Appellate Court of Maryland - Sessions at Educational Institutions

Authorizing the Appellate Court of Maryland, in conjunction with the administrations of secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State, to hold sessions at certain secondary and postsecondary educational institutions in the State.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 787 Courts - State Reporter - Publication of Cases

Repealing a requirement that the State Reporter secure copyright for the State of published reports of opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 872 Residential Real Property - Tenants' Right of First Refusal

Clarifying the circumstances under which liability for the failure to comply with certain requirements relating to a tenant's right of first refusal to purchase residential property is restricted to the owner of the property and does not attach to the property.

*Passed 45-2. McKay voted Yea*

**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025,**

SB 595 State Lottery Fund - Laurel Race Course - Local Impact Aid

Requiring the Comptroller, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to distribute from the State Lottery Fund \$500,000 of supplemental local impact aid to Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from the proceeds of the Racetrax lottery game to be used for certain programs and services in the communities surrounding Laurel Race Course; specifying the purposes for and manner in which the supplemental local impact aid may be utilized; etc.

SB 759 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Employee Retirement Income

Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee to include certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9-1-1 specialist; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

SB 944 Housing Development Permits - Local Reporting Requirements (Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)

Requiring certain local jurisdictions to report information about certain housing development permits to the Department of Planning beginning January 1, 2027, and on the first day of each month thereafter; requiring the Department of Planning to make certain permit information public on a public, interactive, and searchable website; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the collection of building permit information on or before December 31 each year.

HB 15 Corporations and Associations - Limited Worker Cooperative Associations - Authorization (Maryland Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act)

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 388 Vehicle Laws - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Points Assessments

Imposing assessments of 12 points for certain subsequent drunk and drugged driving violations.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 475 Transportation Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 604 Criminal Law - Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable and Senior Adults

Prohibiting a person who is a caregiver to or a family member or household member of an individual from knowingly and willfully obtaining the property of the individual with the intent to deprive the individual of the individual's property if the individual is a vulnerable adult or an individual of at least 68 years of age and the person knows or reasonably should know the individual is a vulnerable adult of at least 68 years of age; and providing certain penalties for a violation of the Act.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 913 Baltimore City - Speed Monitoring Systems - Interstate 83

Increasing from two to four the number of speed monitoring systems that may be placed on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; and making permanent the authorization to place speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

HB 32 Maryland Department of Health - Forensic Review Board – Established

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a forensic review board at facilities that have charge of persons who have been committed to the facility as not criminally responsible; authorizing a forensic review board to make recommendations relating to the release or rehabilitation of a committed person;

requiring the board to give notice at least 10 days before a meeting concerning the committed person; requiring the board to give consideration to a written statement offered by the committed person to the board; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 466 Health Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health, the regulation of health occupations, and housing vouchers and assistance to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 672 School Health and Wellness Personnel Assessment and Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to conduct an assessment of school health and wellness personnel each year; altering the membership of the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers; and requiring the Department and the State Department of Education to annually report to the General Assembly on the findings of the assessment beginning December 1, 2027, and publish the report on the website of each agency.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 728 Opioid Restitution Fund - Authorized Uses

Altering the allowable uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to provide funds for the operating expenses and personnel costs for investigations, enforcement actions, and other activities conducted by the Opioids Enforcement Unit within the Office of the Attorney General that are related to the recovery of funds from opioid-related judgments or settlements; and requiring, beginning October 1, 2025, the Office of the Attorney General to report annually to the General Assembly on the status of activity of the Opioids Enforcement Unit.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 765 Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt

Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit or a nonprofit organization for the purpose of canceling the debt; requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions

pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities; etc.

*Passed 34-12. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 790 Property Tax - Payment Plans - Notice to Taxpayers

Requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to include certain information concerning a certain State installment payment program for property taxes on the Ombudsman's website; requiring the Ombudsman to contract with a vendor to operate an installment payment program for payment of taxes in which any homeowner may enroll; requiring a collector of taxes to include certain information concerning a certain State or local installment payment program for property taxes in a separate insert included with each property tax bill; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 971 Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee

Establishing the Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee to provide advice on the planning of the Park; requiring the Advisory Committee to make recommendations to ensure that the Park focuses on mental and physical health and well-being, is equitable in providing access to the property, is truthful about the history of Crownsville Hospital, and preserves the natural beauty of the site; and requiring the Committee to report its achievements and recommendations to certain entities by February 1 each year.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1100 Public Health - Health Equity Dashboard

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a clear and easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard that includes age-adjusted health disparity data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to update the data dashboard on a quarterly basis, as determined by data availability.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1380 Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Freestanding Birthing Centers - Perinatal Care Standards

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to adopt regulations establishing minimum perinatal care standards for hospitals that meet or exceed the Maryland Perinatal System Standards for each hospital that provides obstetrical services; and

requiring each hospital that provides obstetrical services and freestanding birthing centers, as a condition of licensure, to comply with certain minimum perinatal care standards.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1478 Public Health - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1481 Disability Services - Adapted Vehicle Access Pilot Program – Established  
Establishing the Adapted Vehicle Access Pilot Program to provide adapted vehicles to individuals who require a mobility aid; and requiring the Department of Disabilities to implement and administer the Program, request, apply for, and facilitate certain donations to the Program, study the impacts of the Program, and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Program on or before December 1, 2028.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 9 Public Safety - Food System Resiliency Council - Definitions and Reports  
Altering certain definitions related to the Food Resiliency Council; defining what constitutes "healthy food priority areas" as predominantly lower-income areas that have limited access to retail outlets that sell, affordable, healthy foods; defining "wasted food" as food not used for its intended purpose; requiring the Council to make recommendations to increase the availability of local foods, create market opportunities for Maryland food businesses, and expand access to small scale food production infrastructure; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 59 Property Tax – Tax Sales – Revisions

Requiring that certain owner-occupied property be withheld from tax sale; authorizing a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale certain property designated for redevelopment purposes; establishing a maximum rate of redemption of 10% for owner occupied property sold at tax sale; prohibiting taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the date of a tax sale from being included in a

certain payment; altering the contents of certain statements required to be sent to an owner of property subject to tax sale; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 774 Higher Education - Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program – Alterations

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to designate certain private institutions of higher education as hunger-free campuses; prohibiting certain private institutions of higher education from being eligible to receive grant funding under the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$225,000 for the Program; etc.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

HB 819 Procurement - Employee Stock Ownership Plan Preference – Pilot

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to establish a certain preference program for certain procurements; authorizing a certain price preference for bids and proposals by an entity that utilizes an employee stock ownership plan; requiring contractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of an employee stock ownership plan; and applying the Act to procurement contracts solicited on or before June 30, 2030.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 879 Task Force to Improve Attendance and Reduce Chronic Absenteeism in Schools

Establishing the Task Force to Improve Attendance and Reduce Chronic Absenteeism in Schools for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on practices to identify, prevent, and eliminate chronic absenteeism by students from schools in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1335 Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Rural Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses

Establishing the rural special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store



alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises between individual events in a certain manner; requiring the license holder to keep complete records of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the premises; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1344 Department of General Services - Assessment of State-Owned Facilities - Child Care Centers

Requiring the Department of General Services to conduct an assessment of facilities owned by the State and operated by the 16 State agencies the Department supports to evaluate whether the facility or a portion of the facility would be suitable to lease to a child care center; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly the results of the assessment and a description of whether each facility is suitable to lease to a child care center by December 1, 2026; and requiring the report to be published on the Department's website.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 75 Election Law – Special Elections

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; requiring the State Administrator to conduct a special election in accordance with State law and regulations if the State Administrator determines a conflict exists between State law and regulations and a county charter or other county law relating to the conduct of a special election; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 197 Public Schools - Restorative Practices Schools - Comprehensive Plan

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan by July 1, 2026, for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools which integrate restorative practices into daily practices and activities of the whole school; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on the comprehensive plan for Restorative Practices Schools.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 199 Election Law - Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a

certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.

*Passed 36-10. McKay voted Nay*

HB 324 County Boards of Education - Antibias Training for Members - Requirement (County Board Member Antibias Training Act)

Requiring each member of a county board of education to complete certain antibias training at least once during the member's term.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 562 Baltimore County - Political Party Central Committee – Elections

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee; and altering the number of members elected from each legislative district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 716 Housing and Community Development - Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program Eligibility – Alterations

Including the Department of Housing and Community Development in the definition of "public housing agency" for the purposes of the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program; authorizing a public housing agency to administer the Program in accordance with a local administrative plan; authorizing the Department to project-base up to 100% of its authorized voucher units; altering the manner in which the Department and each public housing agency shall prioritize vouchers and housing assistance payments; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 791 Somerset County - Property Tax - Emergency Services Tax

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to impose an emergency services tax on all property subject to the county property tax to pay costs of emergency services; and prohibiting the county commissioners from initially imposing or subsequently increasing an emergency services tax until after a public hearing is held.

*Passed 44-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1131 Public Health - Buprenorphine - Training Grant Program and Workgroup

Establishing the Buprenorphine Training Grant Program to assist counties with offsetting the cost of training paramedics to administer buprenorphine; including the Program as an authorized use of funding from the Opioid Restitution Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$50,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund for the Program; and requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response to convene a workgroup to study access to buprenorphine in the State.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1143 Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children's Oral Health Through School-Based Programs – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Collaborative to Improve Children's Oral Health Through School-Based Programs to study and make recommendations on ways to improve school-based dental programs; and requiring the Collaborative to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2026.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1193 Housing Development Permits - Local Reporting Requirements (Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)

Requiring certain counties to report information quarterly about certain housing development permits to the Department of Planning beginning January 1, 2027; authorizing municipalities to make certain quarterly reports to the Department regarding housing development permits issued by the municipality, beginning January 1, 2027; and requiring the Department of Planning to make certain permit information available on a public, interactive, and searchable website; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1204 Public and Nonpublic Schools - Student Elopement - Notice and Reporting Requirements (Ace's Law)

Requiring certain public and nonpublic schools to notify a parent or guardian if a student attempts or accomplishes an elopement, the act of leaving the school campus without permission; requiring certain schools and individualized education program teams to review and address with relevant stakeholders certain behavior in updating a student's individualized education program or behavior intervention plan; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 853 Postconviction Review - Procedure to Reduce Duration of Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act)

Authorizing a certain individual to file a motion to reduce the duration of a certain sentence if the individual was convicted between the ages of at least 18 and under 25, was not sentenced to life, is not a sex offender, and has served at least 20 years of the term of confinement; applying procedures for a proceeding under the Act; etc.

*Passed 31-16. McKay voted Nay*

SB 595 State Lottery Fund - Laurel Race Course - Local Impact Aid

Requiring the Comptroller, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to distribute from the State Lottery Fund \$500,000 of supplemental local impact aid to Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel from the proceeds of the Racetrax lottery game to be used for certain programs and services in the communities surrounding Laurel Race Course; specifying the purposes for and manner in which the supplemental local impact aid may be utilized; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 759 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Employee Retirement Income

Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee to include certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9-1-1 specialist; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 944 Housing Development Permits - Local Reporting Requirements (Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)

Requiring certain local jurisdictions to report information about certain housing development permits to the Department of Planning beginning January 1, 2027, and on the first day of each month thereafter; requiring the Department of Planning to make certain permit information public on a public, interactive, and searchable website; and requiring the Department to submit a report on the collection of building permit information on or before December 31 each year.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 433 Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy and Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative – Established

Establishing the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy within the Department of Disabilities; establishing the Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative within the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy to facilitate efforts that improve outcomes in the hiring, recruitment, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities in the State government workforce; and requiring the Office to report annually on the progress and outcomes of the Initiative.

*Passed 37-10. McKay voted Nay*

SB 1019 Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class MT (Movie Theater) License

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set the annual license fee and the hours and days of sale for the license; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 611 Access to Health Insurance for Child Care Professionals – Outreach

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, to promote access to health insurance for child care professionals; and authorizing a child care provider that receives a certain amount of funding from a unit of State, local, or federal government to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program as a satellite organization.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 858 State Public Transit Service and Stations - Exclusion for Assault and Bodily Injury

Providing that a person alleged to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may not board a State public transit service or enter a State public transit service station for a certain period of time and under certain circumstances; and providing that a person who violates the Act is subject to prosecution for trespassing.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 920 Public Health - Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group to ensure adequate access to applicable home- and community-based services, and the existence of an adequate direct care workforce in the State; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain support to the Advisory Group; and requiring by September 1 each year, beginning in 2026, the Advisory Group to report its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly addressing recommendations for increasing Medicaid payment rates; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 1027 Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs operated by the Administration.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 150 Real Property - Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

Altering certain provisions relating to the filing, maintenance, and transmittal of land records; and defining "land record" as any document recorded by a clerk of the circuit court affecting the title to property.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 160 Residential Property - Assignment of Contracts of Sale - Disclosure Requirements and Rescission

Authorizing a seller, buyer, or assignee of certain residential property to rescind a contract of sale without penalty at any time before closing if a certain seller does not provide a certain notice; establishing that an assignee is entitled to a refund of any deposit paid for the purchase of residential real property under certain circumstances; requiring that a contract of sale comply with the requirements of the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 513 Real Property - Unlawfully Restrictive Covenant Modifications - County or Municipality Notice Requirements

Altering notice requirements relating to the recordation of a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant by authorizing a county or

municipality to provide notice by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or municipality where the property is located once per week for 4 successive weeks or on the official website of a county or municipality where the property is located.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 540 Common Ownership Communities - Recreational Common Areas - Sensitive Information as Condition for Access

Prohibiting a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association from requiring certain sensitive information of certain individuals as a condition for access to a recreational common area; and defining "sensitive information" as an individual's Social Security card or Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, birth certificate, racial or ethnic origin, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, or religious or philosophical beliefs.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 619 Judiciary Department - Commission on Judicial Disabilities - Temporary Appointment

Allowing the chair of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to appoint a former member to temporarily fill a certain vacancy on the Commission; and allowing the Governor, upon certain request of the chair, to appoint a temporary substitute member or extend the term of an existing member of the Commission.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 202 Public Safety - Statewide DNA Database System, DNA Collection, and Penalties – Alterations

Requiring a certain DNA sample to be collected in a certain manner from an individual who is required to register as a sex offender; requiring a DNA sample to be collected by a certain individual or at a certain location under certain circumstances; requiring a custodial agency or correctional facility to ensure a DNA sample is collected in a certain manner; prohibiting a DNA sample from being tested and placed in a certain statewide DNA database system until certain conditions are met; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 525 Prince George's County - Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law - Video Evidence and Reward Programs

Authorizing Prince George's County to establish a certain pilot program allowing a member of the public to submit video evidence of an alleged violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to a certain enforcement unit; requiring a program established by the Act to allow a member of the public to receive a portion of fines collected in relation to the violation; and authorizing the court to refer unpaid fines to the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management for collection.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 157 Maryland Disability Service Animal Program – Established

Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities to refer eligible individuals to certain training entities, provide additional funding mechanisms to assist eligible individuals, and encourage participants to reach out to other individuals who could benefit from the Program; requiring the Department to select a nonprofit training entity for participation in the Program; and establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund to pay a participating nonprofit training entity.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 749 Health Occupations - Authorization to Practice for Former Federal Employees and Dental Applicants Licensed or Certified in Another State

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within 15 business days after receiving the completed application; and requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in another state be issued a certification by the State Board of Dental Examiners if the applicant pays the application fee and provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets all qualifications and requirements.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 236 Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to immediately send electronically the description and map related to a new or changed precinct boundary to the Secretary of Planning; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*



SB 266 Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy - Planning Principles

Providing certain planning principles that are collectively intended to create sustainable communities and to protect the environment utilizing active public participation; altering the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of planning principles for advancing sustainable growth in the State; and requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, along with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

*Passed 39-7. McKay voted Yea*

SB 282 Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 315 Maryland Environmental Service - Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

Altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service by replacing the State Treasurer with the Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee; and providing that certain provisions of law relating to terms of members of the Board do not apply to the Secretary of Planning and the Executive Director.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 133 State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Notification of Constant Yield Tax Rate – Alteration

Altering the requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation notify each taxing authority of the constant yield tax rate for each taxable year by requiring that the notice be sent by the Department to a taxing authority only on the request of the taxing authority.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 344 Maryland Environmental Service - Membership of Board of Directors – Alterations

Altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service to include the Secretary of Planning or a designee and, as nonvoting members, one member from the Senate of Maryland and one from the Maryland House of Delegates; and providing that certain provisions of law relating to terms of members of the Board do not apply to the Secretary of Planning, certain legislative members, and the Executive Director.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 390 Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act

Authorizing an owner of real property used for rental housing and the governing body of a county to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for maintaining at least 25% of the rental housing units located at the real property as affordable dwelling units for at least 15 years; and authorizing the governing body of the county to require the owner of real property to maintain a higher percentage of rental housing units as affordable dwelling units than the minimum percentage specified in the Act.

*Passed 37-10. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 452 Outdoor Lighting - Guidance and Use of State Funds

Requiring the Maryland Green Building Council, on or before October 1, 2026, to update or develop guidance for the purchase of outdoor lighting fixtures in consideration of certain recommendations; prohibiting State funds from being used to install or replace certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting unless certain requirements are met; altering the requirements for the use of State funds for the installation or replacement of certain permanent outdoor luminaires for lighting; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 490 St. Mary's County - Competitive Bidding – Threshold

Increasing the minimum contract value to \$50,000 to require a competitive bidding process in St. Mary's County for contracts for services or supplies.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 494 Recreational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; altering the application of certain provisions of law governing public health and the regulation of health occupations to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces; altering the circumstances under which licenses for fishing in tidal waters do not lapse; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 691 Tax Relief and State Personnel Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing personnel and taxation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 719 Natural Resources - State Boat Act – Alterations

Repealing certain advertising and public hearing requirements for proposed regulations implementing the State Boat Act; increasing certain funding thresholds for certain projects financed by the Waterway Improvement Fund; and altering the fees for manufacturer and dealer licenses, certificates of number, Maryland use stickers, and the issuance of certificates of title, transfer of title, or duplicate or corrected certificates of title.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1010 African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund - Noncapital Grants and Donations

Altering the purpose of the African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund to provide funding for African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grants for the purpose of preserving or sharing African American history or culture in the State; requiring certain noncapital grants to be made using certain money received by the African American Heritage Preservation (AAHP) Grant Fund; and authorizing the AAHP Grant Fund to receive grants and donations.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 131 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Septic System Upgrade Program

Updating the funding priorities for failing sewage systems and holding tanks; requiring as a second priority those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8-digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model; requiring as a third priority funding for failing systems within the 500-year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on-site and community sewage systems.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 397 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation - Oyster Shucking House Loan Program

Altering a certain loan program to authorize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans in an amount up to \$25,000 for certain seasonal full-time jobs; and reducing, from 5 years to 3 years, the number of years that a person must have been a licensed seafood dealer in order to be eligible to receive financing under the loan program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 423 Public Safety - Maryland 9-1-1 Board and Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Regulatory Authority

Authorizing the Maryland 9-1-1 Board to adopt regulations to implement and enforce certain responsibilities of the Board; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the responsibilities of the Department.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 425 Natural Resources - State Boat Act – Auctioneers

Exempting certain auctioneers from certain provisions of the State Boat Act.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 446 Natural Resources - Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program

Establishing the Invasive Blue Catfish Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources to curb the spread of the invasive blue catfish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; requiring the Department to expand the use of practices determined to be effective under the Program; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025, on its findings and recommendations based on the Pilot Program.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 513 Crimes Relating to Animals - Restrictions on Keeping Roosters

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2027, a certain person from keeping a rooster movement-constrained through use of a certain enclosure or tether, subject to certain exceptions; establishing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense; and providing the Act may be enforced by any State or local law enforcement officers or local animal control authority for the jurisdiction where the violation occurs.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 894 Endangered and Threatened Species - Incidental Taking – Bats

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue an incidental taking permit for the Indiana bat, the northern long-eared bat, the tricolor bat, or the eastern small-footed bat if an applicant submits a certain conservation plan and the Secretary makes certain findings.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1027 Workgroup to Study Implementation of an Expanded 3-1-1 Nonemergency System

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Implementation of an Expanded 3-1-1 Nonemergency System; requiring the Workgroup to review a certain study completed by the Department of Information Technology in order to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the study; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1124 Dorchester County - Well and On-Site Sewage Disposal Activities - Privatization Program

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, at the request of the Dorchester County government and the local health department or county agency in Dorchester County that has received a well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority by the Department, to establish a privatization program for the performance of activities associated with the well or on-site sewage disposal system delegation of authority in Dorchester County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 402 Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Student Member Scholarship – Increase

Increasing the scholarship award for a student member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education who completes a full term on the county board from \$8,000 to \$15,000.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 412 Elections - Local Boards of Elections - Open Meeting Requirements (Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)

Requiring each local board of elections to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and

unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 415 State Library Agency - Family Literacy Pilot Program – Establishment  
Establishing the Family Literacy Pilot Program administered by the State Library Agency in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Correctional Education Council to enable certain incarcerated individuals to read aloud to their children by preparing a recording; and requiring the State Library Agency to submit a certain report on or before December 1, 2028.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 473 Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions  
Altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 600 Educational Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing education to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 643 Higher Education - Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Eligibility

Expanding the eligibility for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include individuals who received a certain degree from an accredited veterinary school and provided veterinary services in the State for not less than 5 years or provided volunteer veterinary services at certain animal shelters for 3 years and to include individuals who provided veterinary technician services for not less than 5 years or provided volunteer veterinary technician services at certain animal shelters over a 3-year period.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 840 Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Plan Requirements (Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Act)

Requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a plan regarding pregnant and parenting students to include referral to on-campus or off-campus services to assist regarding the availability of or eligibility for certain government assistance programs and any other programs, scholarships, or subsidies that may be available for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the plan on the institution's website on or before August 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 472 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 564 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to certain nonprofit or for-profit retail businesses that meet certain criteria; and authorizing the issuance of a license to an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written consent.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 566 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees

Altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 567 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Arts Beer and Wine License

Establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption; authorizing the

Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in an arts and entertainment district; authorizing the issuance the license within 300 feet of a place of worship or a school with certain written permission; and providing an annual fee of \$250.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 569 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

Authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer and wine; and limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings to 0.5 ounces from each offering and 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in 1 day.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 655 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 835 Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Baseball Stadium License – Alterations

Altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B-Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County to exclude any parking areas; and altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1172 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee of not more than \$250 for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses,



and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 409 Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners - Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation

Increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 515 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Veterans' Organizations

Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans' organization) license; reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans' organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and authorizing a Class C (veterans' organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 685 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025

Establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 712 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Licenses - Golf Simulator Facilities

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; and clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward the maximum number of nine Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 714 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License - Record-Keeping Requirements

Repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; and authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 754 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Hearing Notice

Altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; and providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 866 Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the manager of the theater or any other official designated by the theater to sign the application for the license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license for use by certain theaters; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; establishing an annual license fee of \$150; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1026 Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Tasting Permits

Altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; and requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to an individual and the number of bottles or other containers from which the quantity is served.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1259 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - License and Permit Distance Requirements

Authorizing the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license for a licensed premises located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall, rather than prohibiting the Board from doing so; and authorizing the Board to issue a new Class B beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1387 Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Licenses – Delivery

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 476 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Quota

Altering the quota for the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the 8th election district in St. Mary's County.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 486 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Civil Penalty for Sales Violations

Increasing, from \$1,000 to \$2,500, the maximum civil penalty that the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County may impose for a violation of a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 571 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Licenses – Events

Authorizing a holder of certain Class C licenses in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on-premises consumption during events held at the licensed premises; and requiring an outside group to obtain a per diem license from the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County if the outside group holds an event hosted by the holder of a certain Class C license.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 574 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Multiple Licensing Plans

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue not more than three Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to a person under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a person from having a direct or indirect interest in more than a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 715 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Alteration of License Quota

Altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may issue from every 4,000 to every 4,750 individuals in the county.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 746 Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Transfers

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to approve the transfer of a Class B or Class D license existing on a certain date that is located in an eligible transferor district to another election district under certain circumstances; and limiting the number of license transfers that the Board may approve from an eligible transferor district.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 987 Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-OB-CRD (Office Building - Commercial Revitalization District) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

Establishing a Class B-OB-CRD (office building - commercial revitalization district) beer, wine, and liquor license in Baltimore County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue the license to an establishment that previously had or has a certain zoning classification and is at least a certain distance from a place of worship under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1108 Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Minimum Age for Employment of Underage Individuals

Altering the minimum age for employment in Allegany County for alcoholic beverages license holders that do not derive more than half of their revenues from the sale of food from 16 years of age to 18 years of age.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1145 Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Waiting Period After License Denial

Establishing in Baltimore County certain waiting periods for the application for or issuance of an alcoholic beverages license at a specific location if an application for a license at that location has been previously denied.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1238 Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Liquor Tasting License

Establishing a liquor tasting license in Somerset County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and establishing liquor tasting license fees.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1281 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Limited Special Event Permit

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a limited special event permit to holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; and authorizing a permit holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 406 State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Appointment of Hearing Aid Dispenser Members

Altering the appointment process for licensed hearing aid dispenser members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by requiring the Board to notify all licensed hearing aid dispensers in the State of the vacancy and to solicit nominations to fill the vacancy.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 450 Maryland Transit Administration - Disability Reduced Fare Program - Renewal for Permanently Disabled Individuals

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 527 Maryland Transit Administration - Purple Line - Free Ridership and Promotional Materials and Services

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to develop and implement a program providing for the first month after transit service begins on the Purple Line, free ridership on Purple Line transit vehicles to individuals residing within a one-quarter-mile radius of the Purple Line track; and requiring the Administration to include, beginning on October 1, 2025, for 3 months after service on the Purple Lines begins promotional materials and services at no cost to small businesses located within a one-quarter-mile radius of the Purple Line track.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Yea*

HB 799 Economic Development - Maryland Innovation Initiative Institution Partnership Extension Program – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative Institution Partnership Extension Program to expand opportunities for technology validation, entrepreneurial development, and industry engagement at eligible institutions; establishing eligibility criteria for project proposals to receive funding under the Program; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 for the Program; and altering the purpose and contents of the Maryland Innovation Initiative Fund.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 895 Employment and Insurance Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing the regulation of business, economic development, insurance, and labor and employment to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1021 Real Estate Appraisers - Licensure and Certification – Qualifications

Prohibiting the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors from requiring an applicant to hold a bachelor's degree or higher to qualify for a certain certification or licensure as a real estate appraiser.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1066 Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access – Workgroups

Requiring the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to establish a workgroup on the improvement of health, social, and economic outcomes related to substance use; requiring the workgroup to make recommendations on changes to State laws, policies and practices needed to mitigate the harm related to criminalization of substance use and related to the discharge of patients from substance use treatment programs; and requiring the workgroup to submit a certain report annually.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1494 Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class MT (Movie Theater) License

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; and authorizing the Board to set certain limitations on and requirements for the license.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 161 County Boards of Education - Curriculum Guides and Courses of Study – Discrepancies

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; and requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of the family life and human sexuality topics for a certain student, subject to a certain prohibition.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 185 Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program - Funding – Alterations

Altering the fiscal years to include fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2029, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 300 State Government - Grants and Contracts - Reimbursement of Indirect Costs

Altering the rate at which nonprofit organizations receiving State-funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs to match the rate established under relevant federal guidelines; and requiring the Department of Budget and Management to examine the salaries of senior staff, the organization's administrative expenses, and conduct a certain cost comparison of certain grant or contract recipients and report its findings to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2028.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 593 Public Libraries - Automated External Defibrillator Program (Raymono A. Russell Act)

Requiring certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent area accessible to employees and library users, to provide maintenance for the automated external defibrillator, and to comply with the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals under certain circumstances; requiring by December 1, 2026, a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the use of defibrillators in libraries; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 689 Local Government - Development Impact Fees, Surcharges, and Excise Taxes – Reporting

Requiring county governments to make a certain report by July 1 each year to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount and use of county development impact fees, surcharges, excise taxes, and local laws or ordinances that provide for the collection of development impact fees, surcharges, or excise taxes.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 702 County Boards of Education - Special Education Service Delivery Models - Publication Requirement

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally-placed private school students; and defining "parentally-placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 707 Vehicle Laws - Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits - Notation of Nonapparent Disability (Eric's ID Law)



Requiring that an original and renewal application for a license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit allow an applicant to choose to indicate on the document the applicant's nonapparent disability; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that a certain license, identification card, or moped operator's permit include a notation of a nonapparent disability; and requiring the immediate implementation of training for law enforcement concerning interactions with persons with nonapparent disabilities.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 860 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act; and providing that a common carrier that commits a violation is may be liable to the State or local government for civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for each day the public nuisance continues.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1123 Correctional Services - Medical and Elder Parole

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an incarcerated individual serving a term of life imprisonment; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the incarcerated individual and the Commission; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit to the Commission the names of certain incarcerated individuals at a certain time; etc.

*Passed 36-9. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 150 Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Alteration

Altering a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio, set by the Department, of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

*Passed 40-7. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 163 Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County - Permit for Out-of-State Dealers

Establishing the reciprocal out-of-state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit, to be issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, authorizing the holder to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County; and requiring a permit holder, after the permit is approved, to file a bond with the Administration.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 785 Common Ownership Communities and Zoning Authorities - Operation of Family Child Care Homes – Limitations

Prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain cooperative housing corporations from prohibiting or restricting the establishment or operation of certain family child care homes; prohibiting a provision in certain documents of certain cooperative housing corporations from limiting the number of children for which certain family child care homes provide family child care below the number authorized by the State Department of Education; etc.

*Passed 38-9. McKay voted Yea*

HB 859 Access to Health Insurance for Child Care Professionals – Outreach

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to promote access to health insurance for child care professionals; and requiring the Exchange to conduct a survey, in consultation with the State Department of Education and relevant nonprofit organizations, to assess current levels of health care access across the child care community.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 953 Tax Sales - Homeowner Protection Program - Funding and Alterations

Requiring each collector of taxes that maintains a website to include on the collector's website certain information and a certain link relating to the Homeowner Protection Program; altering the information the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is required to obtain and include in a certain annual report regarding tax sales; requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to take certain actions to maximize enrollment in the Homeowner Protection Program; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1085 Housing Authorities - Tax-Exempt Status – Modifications

Exempting certain real property owned by certain nonprofit entities created by public housing authorities from State and local property taxation; directing certain nonprofit entities created by public housing authorities to make payment in lieu of

taxes that may be set by mutual agreement with a political subdivision; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1125 Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring - Report Alterations and Data Collection

Requiring the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain policies, practices, and responses when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring; and requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to collect and report to the Workgroup certain data on or before September 1 each year.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1144 State Public Transit Service and Stations - Exclusion for Assault and Bodily Injury

Providing that a person alleged by a public transit operator to have committed an assault or other intentional act causing bodily injury may be prohibited from using a State public transit service or entering a State public transit service station; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to create a rider code of conduct and implement a comprehensive internal safety program to strengthen protection for operators and passengers; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1464 Motor Vehicles – Rental Fleet Vehicles – Registration

Establishing an alternative registration process for rental fleet vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue distinctive registration plates for rental vehicles registered under the alternative process; and requiring, in addition to an annual registration fee, the owner of a registered rental vehicle to pay a one-time initial registration fee not to exceed \$8.50 when the new registration plates are issued.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 46 Public Health - Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council – Membership

Altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council to include the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 502 Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy and Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative – Established

Establishing the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy within the Department of Disabilities; establishing the Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative within the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy to facilitate efforts that improve outcomes in the hiring, recruitment, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities in the State government workforce; and requiring the Office to report annually on the progress and outcomes of the Initiative.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 718 Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission – Established

Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 871 Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program

Altering the definition of "community benefit" to include a community health worker workforce program which is intended to provide services to patients of a nonprofit hospital and to improve health outcomes; authorizing a nonprofit hospital and a community-based organization to establish through a memorandum of understanding a community health worker workforce program; authorizing a partnership that establishes a community health worker workforce program to provide health insurance to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1018 Financial Institutions - Conventional Home Mortgage Loans - Assumption and Required Disclosures

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute

divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1142 Public Health - Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Interested Parties Advisory Group to ensure adequate access to applicable home- and community-based services in the State; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain support to the Advisory Group; and requiring by September 1 each year beginning in 2026, the Advisory Group to report its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1244 Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs operated by the Administration.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1516 Financial Institutions - Consumer Credit - Application of Licensing Requirements (Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 42-5. McKay voted Yea*

**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

SB 427 Economic Development - Delivering Economic Competitiveness and Advancing Development Efforts (DECADE) Act

Requiring the Department of Commerce to evaluate the potential employment and economic growth of the State's industry sectors and establish a certain list of industry sectors and activities to be considered for additional support; repealing the Maryland Economic Development Commission and Commerce Subcabinet; altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; altering eligibility for and the calculation of certain economic development incentives; etc.

*Passed 39-4. McKay voted Yea*

SB 685 Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Language Assistance Program  
Requiring the State Board of Elections to determine whether there is a significant and substantial need for language-related assistance in certain languages by a local board of elections during an election, based on certain criteria; requiring local boards to provide certain language-related assistance and materials in voting and elections to certain voters in certain languages; and requiring local boards to make reasonable efforts to recruit election judges who are fluent in certain languages.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Yea*

SB 216 Health Occupations - Nursing - Loan Repayment, Education, and Sunset Extension (Building Opportunities for Nurses Act of 2025)

Altering the name of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to be the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and altering the purpose of the Program; altering certain education requirements for licensure in registered nursing and licensure by endorsement in registered nursing; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain period of time; etc.

*Passed 41-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 458 Health Occupations - Implicit Bias and Structural Racism Training

Requiring applicants for renewal of certain licenses and certain certificates issued by certain health occupation boards to attest that the applicant completed an implicit bias and structural racism training program, rather than an implicit bias training program, approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program.

*Passed 30-12. McKay voted Nay*

SB 541 State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Veterans' and Fraternal Organizations

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by veterans' organizations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by fraternal organizations; repealing a requirement that certain veterans' organizations purchase or lease certain machines; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 569 Anne Arundel County - Public Schools - School Schedule Options

Authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to operate certain schools within the county using a school scheduling model that eliminates early dismissal days if the minimum 1,080-hour requirement is met.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 614 Consumer Protection - Credit Reporting - Medical Debt (Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from including certain medical debt information in a consumer report; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information included in a consumer report when making a creditworthiness determination; prohibiting certain entities from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.

*Passed 36-8. McKay voted Yea*

SB 671 Office of Cemetery Oversight - Study of Deathcare and Funeral Practices

Requiring the Office of Cemetery Oversight, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of the Environment, to conduct a study of the environmental and public health impacts of deathcare and funeral practices in the State; and requiring the Office to submit an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report by July 1, 2026, to the Governor and the General Assembly including any recommended policy changes for sustainable deathcare and funeral practices.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 679 Nursing Homes - Cost Reports (Nursing Home Care Crisis Transparency Act)

Requiring a nursing home to expend at least 75% of its total nursing and residential care revenue for direct care wages and benefits; and requiring nursing homes by September 1 each year, beginning in 2026, to submit a cost report with

documentation of wage disbursement and other appropriate information to the Maryland Department of Health.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay*

SB 757 Disability and Life Insurance - Medical Information (Genetic Testing Protection Act)

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.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 322 Vehicle Laws - Obscured, Modified, or Blocked Registration Plates and Registration Plate Covers

Prohibiting a person from obscuring or modifying any vehicle registration plate in a manner that may prevent identification.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 394 Criminal Law - Dismembering or Burying Human Remains With Intent to Conceal a Crime

Prohibiting a person, with the intent to conceal the death of another, from failing to notify emergency medical services or law enforcement regarding the death, knowingly and willfully dismembering, destroying, removing, or otherwise obliterating by any means any portion of human remains, or burying or otherwise disposing of a dead body; prohibiting a person from aiding or abetting another in committing a violation of the Act; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 442 Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over

Requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to a tenant when a court has issued a warrant of restitution for a failure of a tenant to pay rent, a breach of lease, or a tenant holding over under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession; providing for the disposition of certain personal property following the execution of a warrant of restitution; etc.

*Passed 34-11. McKay voted Nay*



SB 696 Public Health - Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients and Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Overstays

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes both private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting possible; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 1007 Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Intercepted Communications - Admissibility of Evidence

Providing that the contents of a certain intercepted communication and evidence derived from the communication may be received in evidence in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 41 Election Law - Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party - Process

Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.

HB 265 Dental Services - Qualification for Maryland Dent-Care Program

Altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance Grants under the Maryland Dent-Care Program to include part-time employment.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 448 Modernization of Military Laws Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to develop certain policies related to life transitions of veterans, service members, and military families; and altering the application of certain provisions of law related to veterans, the uniformed services, and the filing of certificates of candidacy, the powers of the Governor, State veterans' cemeteries, and housing and employment discrimination.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1155 Department of the Environment - Definition of Ecological Restoration

Defining the term "ecological restoration" as an activity undertaken with the goal of recovering, re-establishing, or enhancing a degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystem through improvements to physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or processes, returning natural or historical functions or services, or protecting or improving resiliency.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 964 Montgomery County - Task Force on the Displacement of Residents of Emory Grove MC 5-25

Establishing the Task Force on the Displacement of Residents of Emory Grove to study how urban renewal caused the displacement of residents from the Emory Grove community and make recommendations on potential remedies to those who were displaced by urban renewal; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by December 15, 2025, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Montgomery County Council, the Montgomery County Executive, the Montgomery County Delegation, and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 983 Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Language Assistance Program

Establishing the Language Assistance Program; requiring a local board of elections to participate in the Program if the State Board determines that there is a significant need for language assistance to voters in the county in a language other than English; requiring the State Board to designate certain languages other than English in which a local board that is required to participate in the Program must provide assistance to voters; requiring a certain local board to provide certain language-related services to voters; etc.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1322 Natural Resources - Vessels - Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels (Matthew's Law)

Prohibiting a person from operating a gasoline-powered vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 480 St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

Applying certain provisions relating to the adoption of or revision or amendment to a county plan to county plans in St. Mary's County; and repealing certain provisions relating to public sewerage systems and water supply systems in St. Mary's County.  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 491 St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission - Discontinuance of Service Authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to discontinue all or part of water or sewer service provided to an improved private property determined to be unsafe, unfit, or unsuitable for human occupancy due to an accident, artificial disaster, or natural disaster; requiring the suspension of the ready-to-serve charge on certain private properties; and authorizing the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to utilize certain remedies for a violation related to certain public water and sewer use.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1065 Prince George's County - Board of Appeals - Membership MC/PG 106-25  
Altering the membership of the board of appeals in Prince George's County to be at least three members; and altering the number of members of the board required to concur in any resolution to a simple majority.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1167 Montgomery County - Municipal Authority to Regulate Structures - Alterations MC/PG 116-25

Altering the authority of a municipal corporation or governed special taxing district in Montgomery County to adopt an additional or stricter building requirement than is required by a State, regional, or county unit to regulate the construction, repair, or remodeling of certain structures on land zoned for single-family residential use to apply to buildings with four or fewer dwelling units and their accessory structures without regard to the zoning for the land where the building is located.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1195 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Membership, Reporting, Billing, and Planning (WSSC Planning and Reporting Act of 2025) MC/PG 105-25

Requiring one of the three commissioners from Montgomery County on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection or a designee; requiring the Commission to submit a long range comprehensive financial plan in a certain manner; requiring the budget authorization for the Office of the Inspector General

of the Commission to be approved independently and without involvement of Commission staff; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 121 Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)

Requiring an electric company, other than a municipal electric utility, by February 1 each year, to submit a report to the Public Service Commission regarding each recorded vote cast by the electric company and any of its State affiliates at a meeting of a regional transmission organization.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 209 State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal

Repealing a duplicative provision of law requiring each county government, local school system, and local health department, in consultation with the local emergency manager, to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment in a manner and frequency established by the Department of Information Technology.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 228 Maryland Veterans Trust – Assistance to Members of the Maryland National Guard

Expanding the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Trust to include providing monetary and other assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families; and authorizing the Maryland Veterans Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 235 State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Revisions

Altering the duties of the Cyber Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; altering the duties of the Office of Security Management in the Department of Information Technology; requiring the Office to submit a yearly report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on the State's cybersecurity expenditures and recommendations for changes to the budget; and altering the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology with regard to information technology policies.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 509 Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup - Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup for the purpose of studying issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 580 Terminology and Obsolete References – Maryland State Firefighters Association and Related Terms

Replacing obsolete references to the Maryland State Firemen's Association with references to the Maryland State Firefighters Association; and replacing related terminology.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 887 Accountants - Licensed Out-of-State Practice Privileges - Qualifications

Altering the qualifications for an individual licensed as a certified public accountant in another state to practice certified public accountancy in the State by requiring that the individual must have passed the Uniform CPA Examination when qualifying for the license in the other state.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1223 State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions

Authorizing the State Board of Cosmetology to issue a limited license to provide eyelash extension services; altering the definition of "provide esthetic services" to include providing eyelash extension services; and requiring an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to be at least 17 years old, have successfully completed a 9th grade education or equivalent, received certain training, and passed a practical and written examination.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 226 Anne Arundel County – Public Schools – School Schedule Options

Authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to operate all schools within the county using a scheduling model that eliminates early dismissal days to allow for less than 180 school days if the minimal hours of attendance are met; requiring the board, if it elects to use a scheduling model that results in a school in the county being open for less than 180 days to offer certain school employees an

opportunity to make up the lost wages; and requiring the Board to make a report on the schools using an alternative scheduling model.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 243 Family Law - Adoption of an Adult

Limiting the requirement that a petitioner's spouse join in the petition for adoption to apply only when the prospective adoptee is a minor; authorizing a petitioner's spouse to join in the petition for adoption if the prospective adoptee is an adult; establishing that certain provisions of law requiring the issuance and service of a show-cause order on a prospective adoptee's parents do not apply if the prospective adoptee is an adult; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 260 Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia - Prohibitions and Penalties

Altering the penalties for a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; removing intent to administer a controlled dangerous substance from a certain list of intents; etc.

*Passed 33-11. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 270 Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

*Passed 43-1. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 273 Residential Leases - Late Payment Penalties - Calculation

Altering a prohibition concerning the maximum penalty for the late payment of rent that a landlord may charge in a residential lease to prohibit a penalty in excess of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rent rather than of the amount due.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 275 Family Law - Child Support - Multifamily Adjustment

Altering the definition of "adjusted actual income" under the State child support guidelines by requiring the deduction, from actual income, of an allowance for support for each child in the parent's home for whom the parent owes a legal duty of support but who is not subject to a support order; requiring that the amount of a certain allowance be subtracted from a parent's actual income before the court determines the amount of a child support award; etc.

*Passed 49-3. McKay voted Yea*

HB 302 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Statement of Charges - Human Service Workers

Expanding certain provisions of law relating to a certain investigation and recommendation by a State's Attorney concerning the filing of a statement of charges against certain professionals to include certain human service workers.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 346 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B-D-7 Licenses

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue additional B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria; and extending to July 1, 2026, an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 360 Prince George's County - Community Associations - Registration Fees for Administrative Hearing Process PG 408-25

Altering the registration fee requirement for the Community Association Registry; permitting the County Executive to establish the registration fee; prohibiting a person or entity who fails to register from filing a dispute; and requiring the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations to provide revenue from annual community association registration fees to fund the administrative hearing process for disputes between community associations and owners in Prince George's County.

*Passed 42-2. McKay voted Yea*

HB 470 Vehicle Laws - Obscured, Modified, or Blocked Registration Plates and Registration Plate Covers

Prohibiting a person from obscuring or modifying any vehicle registration plate in a manner that may prevent identification and enforcing the prohibition as a secondary

offense; prohibiting a person from advertising for or promoting the sale of an unlawful registration plate cover by falsely claiming that the registration plate cover is lawful in the State; and establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and penalties.  
*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1209 Child Abuse and Neglect - Reports and Records – Disclosure

Requiring a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State's Attorney's office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State's Attorney's office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1227 Montgomery County - School Bus Stops on Highways - Alterations MC 8-25

Applying certain provisions of law regarding school bus stops located on certain highways in Montgomery County to a school bus stop at a location for which at least 400 citations were issued in the preceding fiscal year to drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus stop; and prohibiting, beginning on December 31, 2028, locating a school bus stop on any highway with five or more undivided traffic lanes, except under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 19 Health Occupations - Nursing - Loan Repayment, Education, and Sunset Extension (Building Opportunities for Nurses Act of 2025)

Expanding the purpose of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff; requiring the Department to prioritize funding for nurses or nursing support staff who practice in an area with a shortage of nurses or nursing support staff or who practice in a specialty where a shortage has been identified; altering certain education requirements for licensure; repealing a certain requirement that the State Board of Nursing approve certain nursing assistant training program sites within a certain time period; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 176 Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act



Requiring the Correctional Training Commission to adopt regulations for the training, issuance, and use of body-worn cameras by January 1, 2026; establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; requiring the Commissioner to submit a report by July 1 each year on safety and health in public bodies; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 222 Public Safety - Fuel Gas Piping Systems and Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing - Prohibitions and Study

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of non-arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing; providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act; and requiring the Office of the State Fire Marshal, by September 1, 2026, to conduct a study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly the results and recommendations related to preventing the fire hazards associated with commonly used fuel gas piping systems.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 301 Criminal Procedure - Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Search - Affidavit for Judicial Authorization

Repealing the requirement that a sworn affidavit for judicial authorization to initiate forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS) assert that the reasonable investigative leads have been pursued and failed to identify the perpetrator and instead requiring that a sworn affidavit for judicial authorization assert that identity of the perpetrator is unknown.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 328 State Lottery – Instant Ticket Lottery Machines – Veterans’ and Fraternal Organizations

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by veterans' organizations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by fraternal organizations; altering certain requirements concerning the conduct of gaming through instant ticket lottery machines; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 424 Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; requiring the Board to confer with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program before establishing a certain upper payment limit; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Nay*

HB 426 Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 427 State Board of Public Accountancy - Emeritus Status

Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 579 Criminal Procedure - U Nonimmigrant Status Petitions and Immigration Enforcement at Sensitive Locations

Requiring federal law enforcement officers to notify certain individuals of federal immigration action at certain sensitive locations; altering the requirements for certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the individuals eligible to request a certain official to certify victim helpfulness relating to certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; authorizing the disclosure of certain information under certain circumstances; etc.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 767 Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over (Tenant Possessions Recovery Act)

Requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to a tenant when a court has issued a warrant of restitution for a failure of a tenant to pay rent, a breach of lease, or a tenant holding over under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the execution of a warrant for repossession; providing for the disposition of certain personal property following the execution of a warrant of restitution; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

*Passed 32-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 784 Baltimore City - 46th Alcoholic Beverages District - Licenses

Requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending to July 1, 2028, the expiration date for a certain Class B license for the purpose of transfer to the 3600 block of Boston Street in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 813 Maryland Insurance Administration and Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup to Study Pharmacy Benefits Managers

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study and review reimbursement for pharmacists; and requiring the workgroup to submit an interim report by December 31, 2025, and a final report on their findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 861 Transportation Network Companies - Weekly Fare and Earnings Summary and Operator Data Reporting

Requiring a transportation network company to provide each operator with a weekly fare and earnings summary; requiring a transportation network company to report, on or before February 1 each year, certain information to the Public Service Commission; and providing that the report submitted to the Commission may be made available to the General Assembly on request, provided that the report remain confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

*Passed 32-11. McKay voted*

HB 956 Consumer Protection - Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation

Establishing the Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence Implementation; requiring the Workgroup to monitor and make recommendations related to the regulation of artificial intelligence, consumer protection, current private sector use of artificial intelligence, and enforcement authority for the Office of the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection; and requiring the Workgroup to make its recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2026.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 962 Public Health - Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients and Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Overstays

Specifying that the scope of the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System includes private and State inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, to ensure pediatric hospital overstay patients are placed in the least restrictive setting when clinically indicated and when possible; establishing the Workgroup on Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Overstays in the State; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 974 Health Insurance - Preventive Services - Enforcement Authority

Requiring the Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law related to preventive services consistent with the recommendations and guidelines in effect on December 31, 2024, set by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Health Resources and Services Administration, and related federal rules or guidance.

*Passed 37-5. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1007 Disability and Life Insurance - Medical Information (Genetic Testing Protection Act)

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance or disability insurance policies or contracts from unfairly discriminating against an individual by taking certain actions relating to coverage based on medical information; prohibiting certain carriers from accessing sensitive medical information without first obtaining written consent or mandating certain genetic testing or full genome sequencing as a prerequisite for life insurance or disability insurance eligibility or coverage; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1020 Consumer Protection - Credit Reporting - Medical Debt (Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act)

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from furnishing any consumer report containing certain adverse information relating to a consumer's medical debt, or any collection action against a consumer for medical debt, or maintain a file on a consumer related to medical debt or collections; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information from a consumer report for certain purposes; prohibiting a health care facility, a health care practitioner, or an ambulance service from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.

*Passed 40-3. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1032 Baltimore City and Montgomery County - Stop Sign Monitoring Systems - Authorization MC 4-25

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Baltimore City and Montgomery County under the pilot program authorized for Prince George's County, if authorized by local law; and requiring the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to individually report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027, the data on the program through October 1, 2027, in their individual jurisdictions.

*Passed 33-11. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1046 Mechanical Repair Contracts - Technical Service Bulletins

Prohibiting a mechanical repair contract from containing a provision precluding coverage for service to a motor vehicle for issues identified in a technical services bulletin and prohibiting the denial of a service claim for such an issue by a guarantor or provider.

*Passed 43-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1098 Insurance - Automobile Insurance - Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and Affordability Study

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to calculate and report its risk based capital level in accordance with certain provisions of insurance law and maintain total adjusted capital in a certain amount; establishing that certain provisions of insurance law regarding prior approval rate making apply to the Fund during a certain time period and under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a workgroup to study automobile insurance affordability; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1148 Homeowner's and Renter's Insurance - Lapses in Coverage - Prohibition on Denial

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance and renter's insurance, from denying coverage based on a prior lapse in coverage of the applicant if the lapse was due to the choice of the applicant and not losses incurred by or the claims history of the applicant; and authorizing a property and casualty insurer to require an applicant to submit an affidavit stating that the applicant did not incur a loss during the prior lapse in coverage.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1173 Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems - High-Risk Highways MC 17-25

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on highways in Montgomery County that are at high risk for certain motor vehicle crashes; prohibiting the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on certain highways in Montgomery County; requiring the fines collected by Montgomery County or by a municipal government in Montgomery County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system to be used to fund the study, design, and construction of certain safety-related projects; etc.

*Passed 35-10. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1174 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BD-BWL Licenses - Multiple Licenses MC 18-25

Increasing to two the number of Class BD-BWL alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County that the same person may hold.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1292 Health Insurance - Provider Directory - Required Updates

Renaming "network directory" to be "provider directory" to conform to a certain federal law; altering the time period within which certain carriers are required to update the information that must be made available in the carrier's provider directory on the Internet; altering the information required to be included in a provider directory; requiring that a provider directory in printed form include a statement regarding the accuracy of the provider information; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1293 Baltimore City - Office of the Sheriff - Neighborhood Services Unit

Establishing the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit and the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to work in partnership to enforce the alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and to enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties in connection with the partnership; expanding the authorized uses of certain revenue to include the work of the Neighborhood Services Unit; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1310 Prescription Drug Repository Program - Out-of-State Pharmacies

Defining "licensed pharmacy" for the purpose of allowing pharmacies licensed in another state to be designated by the State Board of Pharmacy as a repository under the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

*Passed 33-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1351 Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Credentialing for Behavioral Health Care Professionals

Altering the period of time in which certain carriers are required to accept or deny certain social workers, counselors, and psychology associates for participation on the carrier's provider panel to within 60 days after the date a carrier receives a completed application.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025,**

SB 4 Economic Development - West North Avenue Development Authority – Alterations

Altering the administration and membership of the West North Avenue Development Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority, subject to certain limitations; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of law; requiring the Authority to take certain actions regarding the finances of the Authority; exempting the Authority from certain taxation or assessments under certain circumstances; establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 175 Public Safety - Fuel Gas Piping Systems and Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing - Prohibitions and Study

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of nonconductive jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing; establishing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in collaboration with the State Fire Prevention Commission, the State Fire Marshal, and local inspectors to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding corrugated stainless steel tubing and other fuel gas piping systems and report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2025; etc.

*Passed 42-1. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 253 Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a certain research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes; and establishing additional requirements applicable to research, development, and demonstration permits issued for the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a research facility.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 369 Public Libraries - Automated External Defibrillator Program (Raymono A. Russell Act)

Requiring operators of certain libraries, beginning January 1, 2026, to place an automated external defibrillator in a certain area and maintain the functionality of the automated external defibrillator; granting certain immunities to libraries and individuals for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; and requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to report by December 1, 2026, on the libraries with automated external defibrillators and the number of adverse cardiac events.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 381 Motor Vehicles - Automated Enforcement Programs - Privacy Protections

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system, subject to certain exceptions; establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the destruction of recorded images; and establishing certain requirements for privacy protection under automated enforcement programs.



*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 811 Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be December 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 849 Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding

Altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000; and authorizing the Secretary of Health to use up to 20% of Program funds to support research centers in the collection, analysis, and processing of Program outcome data for the purposes of assessing, maximizing, and improving the effectiveness and clinical utility of the cancer screening funded by the Program.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 896 Real Property - Residential Rental Property - Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)

Requiring the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website, and as part of an application for a rental unit on the property.

*Passed 42-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 861 Economic Development - Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund – Alterations

Altering the composition of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; providing that the Executive Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; altering the purpose of the Senator George C. Edwards Fund to provide grant or loan funding to create jobs and significant economic development opportunities in the region; extending, through fiscal year 2031, the fiscal years in which the Governor may include an appropriation of at least \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill or capital budget bill to the Fund; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 703 Family Investment Program - Child Support

Requiring that all child support received in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program and prohibiting the consideration of child support in computing the amount of assistance received; and prohibiting a local department of social services from considering any child support collected when computing the amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to provide.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 705 Department of Information Technology - Major Information Technology Development Projects – Oversight

Altering the content of certain reports by the Department of Information Technology relating to the Information Technology Investment Fund; and requiring the reports to be written, as practicable, in a manner that is clear and avoids technical jargon, structured to include an executive summary of key information, and made publicly available on the Department's website.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 1028 Natural Resources - Vessels - Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels (Matthew's Law)

Prohibiting a person from operating a motorized vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has a cabin or other enclosed living space on the waters of the State unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in conspicuous locations in the vicinity of both the transom and the helm of the vessel; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from imposing a penalty on a person that violates the provisions of the Act.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 720 Natural Resources - Repeal of Somers Cove Marina Commission and Improvement Fund and Alteration of Operations

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Somers Cove Marina Commission, the Somers Cove Marina Improvement Fund, and the operation of Somers Cove Marina; requiring the Secretary to develop a master plan for the operation and improvement of services at Somers Cove Marina by October 1, 2027; requiring all revenue received by the Department from activities associated with Somers Cove Marina be deposited in the Natural Resources Property Maintenance Fund; establishing the Somers Cove Marina Advisory Commission; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1378 Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse

Altering certain provisions relating to the award of noneconomic damages to a claimant in an action for child sexual abuse; altering certain provisions relating to the liability of the State under the Maryland Tort Claims Act and of a local government under the Local Government Tort Claims Act for certain claims of child sexual abuse; altering certain provisions relating to the defense of sovereign immunity by a county board of education to certain claims of child sexual abuse; etc.

*Passed 36-7. McKay voted Nay*



**Senator Mike McKay's**  
**Third Reader Floor Votes**  
*Week of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, (Sine Die)**

SB 259 Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Election Plan Requirements  
Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.  
*Passed 43-2. McKay voted Nay*

SB 399 Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines  
Exempting certain areas in the Big Savage Mountain Wildland, Bear Pen Wildland, and Dan's Mountain Wildland from being designated as a wildland area, subject to a certificate of public convenience and necessity being obtained for a certain transmission line; and requiring the Public Service Commission to require an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain overhead transmission line to provide wildland impact mitigation guarantees.  
*Passed 43-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 867 Cyber Maryland Program – Revisions  
Transferring the Cyber Maryland Program from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Labor; altering the duties of the Program; requiring the Program to issue competitive grants and contracts beginning in fiscal year 2026, to enhance cybersecurity workforce development, including cybersecurity for operational technology; authorizing the Governor for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to run the program; etc.  
*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 909 Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act  
Establishing the Strategic Energy Planning Office; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Wholesale Energy Markets and Bulk Power System Risk Report and examine different wholesale energy market and bulk power system scenarios to support the development of the Risk Report; requiring the Office, by September 1,

2028, and every 3 years thereafter, to submit the Risk Report to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Public Service Commission to hold a certain public proceeding to assess the Report; etc.

*Passed 43-3. McKay voted Yea*

SB 931 Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing certain requirements for the construction of a certain solar energy generating station or front-of-the-meter energy storage device; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to update a certain tool and analyze State-owned land suitable for solar energy development; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to develop a special solar contractor license; etc.

*Passed 33-10. McKay voted Nay*

SB 937 Electricity and Gas - Emissions Reductions, Rate Regulation, Cost Recovery, Infrastructure, Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs (Next Generation Energy Act)

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue loans, in addition to grants, for certain purposes relating to reducing direct greenhouse gas emissions from certain multifamily residential buildings; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; etc.

*Passed 36-10. McKay voted Nay*

HB 411 State Designations – State Mineral – Chromite (State Mineral Act)

Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral.

*Passed 36-10. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1519 Prior Authorizations of State Debt – Alterations

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to change the names of certain grantees, alter the authorized uses of certain grants, and extend the termination date of certain grants.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2026)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

*Passed 33-14. McKay voted Nay*

HB 351 Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2025, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,763,325,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 352 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025

Establishing or altering certain administrative penalties; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; establishing certain funds; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; requiring certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all members of the group; etc.

*Passed 29-18. McKay voted Nay*

HB 634 Income Tax - Income Tax Reconciliation Program - Established (Maryland Fair Taxation for Justice-Involved Individuals Act)

Establishing the Income Tax Reconciliation Program in the State to allow certain justice-involved individuals to establish installment payment plans and receive a waiver of any interest and penalties that accrue for unpaid income tax due for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, but before January 1, 2030; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Program; requiring the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an awareness campaign about the Program; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1424 Catastrophic Event Account, Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund, and Powers of the Attorney General - Alterations (Protect Our Federal Workers Act)

Renaming the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to be the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund; authorizing funds appropriated to the Catastrophic Event Account to be expended to assist in funding costs connected to a relocation, closure, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal government, or other similar circumstances; expanding the authority of the Attorney General to take certain actions; increasing the amount of appropriations in the proposed yearly budget to the Attorney General; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1098 Insurance - Automobile Insurance - Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund and Affordability Study

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to calculate and report its risk based capital level in accordance with certain provisions of insurance law and maintain total adjusted capital in a certain amount; establishing that certain provisions of insurance law regarding prior approval rate making apply to the Fund during a certain time period and under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a workgroup to study automobile insurance affordability; etc.

*Passed 43-2. McKay voted Yea*

SB 100 Natural Resources - Pursuing Wounded Deer After Legal Hunting Hours and Using a Light – Authorization

Authorizing a person who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer and who wounds a deer during legal hunting hours to pursue and kill the deer after legal hunting hours using only the means authorized for the applicable hunting season or permit; and authorizing a person who pursues a wounded deer to use a light or lighting device while pursuing the wounded deer.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 683 Catastrophic Event Account and Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund, Protection of Federal Benefits, and Powers of the Attorney General - Alterations (Protect Our Federal Workers Act)

Renaming the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund to be the Federal Government Employee Assistance Loan Fund; authorizing funds appropriated to the Catastrophic Event Account to be expended to assist in funding costs in connection with a closure, relocation, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal

government, or other similar circumstances; and altering the purpose of the Fund and the eligibility criteria to receive loans from the Fund.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 181 Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of incarcerated individuals when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole, including providing for a meeting between the incarcerated individual and the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by older incarcerated individuals; requiring the Commission to report yearly to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board on the outcomes of certain parole considerations; etc.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 608 Criminal Procedure - U Nonimmigrant Status Petitions

Altering the requirements for certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the individuals eligible to request a certain official to certify victim helpfulness relating to certification of a U Nonimmigrant Status Petition; altering the time periods within which a certain certifying entity shall certify or decline a certain form under certain circumstances; requiring a certifying entity to develop protocols to assist certain petitioners to take certain actions.

*Passed 34-12. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 365 Department of Commerce – Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Established

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide certain technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, to work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofits interest and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and altering the composition and duties of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 116 Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

Requiring the Department of the Environment and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental and economic impacts of data



center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 148 State Board of Public Accountancy - Emeritus Status

Authorizing the State Board of Public Accountancy to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to review an application for emeritus status within 90 days of receipt of the application; and requiring the Board to reinstate the license of an individual who is on emeritus status under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 252 Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Alteration

Repealing a requirement that a child care center that has 20 or more children have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances.

*Passed 44-1. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 262 Election Law - Special Elections

Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; requiring the State Administrator to conduct a special election in accordance with State law and regulations if the State Administrator determines a conflict exists between State law and regulations and a county charter or other county law relating to the conduct of a special election; etc.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 294 Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Alterations

Altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; and requiring the Council, working with certain entities, to assess and address cybersecurity threats and associated risks from artificial intelligence and quantum computing.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 352 Baltimore County - Political Party Central Committee – Elections

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 451 Adult Education - High School Diploma by Examination - Requirements and Study

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allow an individual to take all components of the General Educational Development Test in the same language from English- or Spanish-language examinations offered by the Department; and requiring the Department to study the feasibility and cost of offering the examination in additional languages and to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 901 Environment - Packaging and Paper Products - Producer Responsibility Plans

Requiring certain producers of covered materials, individually or as part of a producer responsibility organization, to submit a certain covered materials producer responsibility plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval on or before July 1, 2028, and every 5 years thereafter, in accordance with certain requirements, or to develop an alternative collection program; requiring a producer responsibility organization to pay certain costs to the Department; etc.

*Passed 33-11. McKay voted Nay*

SB 923 Public Schools - High School Sports Officials - Payment and Fees

Establishing requirements for local school systems that issue invitations for bids for high school sports officiating services for boys' and girls' high school sports; authorizing the Department of Education to develop guidelines to assist a local school system in the implementation of the provisions of the Act, including additional criteria for determining which high school sports qualify as similar boys' and girls' high school sports.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 26 Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act

Establishing the Public Employees' Safety and Health Unit in the Division of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce certain duties regarding the oversight of certain public bodies; altering the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act as it applies to certain public bodies; establishing and applying certain civil and criminal penalties to public bodies and persons in government; requiring the Commissioner to develop standards for protecting employees of public bodies from workplace violence; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 49 Consumer Protection - Automatic Renewals

Requiring a person who makes an automatic renewal offer to consumers to allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal in a certain manner; requiring automatic renewal offers to be displayed in a certain manner and contain certain information; establishing that compliance with certain regulations or a certain license shall be considered to be compliance with the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 299 Security Guards and Security Guard Employers - Registration, Certification, and Regulation

Providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 357 Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority and Stakeholder Council Membership (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)

Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; requiring the Board to confer with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program before establishing a certain upper payment limit; etc.

*Passed 32-11. McKay voted Nay*

SB 474 Health Insurance - Adverse Decisions - Notices, Reporting, and Examinations

Requiring that certain adverse decision and grievance decision notices include certain information in a certain manner; requiring certain carriers, if the number of adverse decisions issued by the carrier for a type of service has grown by more than 10% in the immediately preceding calendar year or 25% in the immediately preceding 3 calendar years, to provide certain information to the Maryland

Insurance Commissioner; and authorizing the Commissioner to use certain adverse decision information as the basis of a certain examination.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 662 Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Alterations

Requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending to July 1, 2028, the expiration date for a certain Class B license for the purpose of transfer to the 3600 block of Boston Street in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 689 Financial Institutions - Conventional Home Mortgage Loans - Assumption and Required Disclosures

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; etc.

*Passed 42-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 740 Health Care Facilities - Service Member Community Members (SFC Matthew Fast Act )

Authorizing each health care facility to screen each patient for information on whether the patient is a service member community member, include on the patient's medical record whether the patient is a service member community member, and meet certain standards established by The Joint Commission for the purpose of improving health care equity for warrior community members; and defining "service member community member" to mean a service member, a veteran, a certain spouse, a certain child, or a certain stepchild.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 972 Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners – Alterations

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; altering the eligibility requirements for Board membership; requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy; prohibiting the Board from using certain information as a factor in determining

whether to issue or renew a license; requiring the Board to submit a report on the racial breakdown of the disciplinary actions taken by the Board to the General Assembly each year; etc.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 1026 Financial Institutions - Consumer Credit - Application of Licensing Requirements (Maryland Secondary Market Stability Act of 2025)

Providing that certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State do not apply to a certain person that acquires or is assigned a certain mortgage, mortgage loan, or installment loan under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Licensing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on licensing requirements for persons that provide financial services in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 42-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 46 Real Property - Wrongful Detainer - Time of Hearing and Service of Process

Altering provisions relating to wrongful detainer actions, including requirements for summonses, hearing, and judgments.

*Passed 43-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 856 Mold - Landlord Requirements and Regulations (Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of General Services to develop a certain pamphlet and website; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain information at certain times and in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 15 days after receipt of a written notice regarding the detection of mold; etc.

*Passed 40-1. McKay voted Yea*

SB 127 State Government - Grants and Contracts - Reimbursement of Indirect Costs

Altering the rate at which nonprofit organizations receiving State-funded grants or contracts may be reimbursed for indirect costs to match the greater of the rate established under relevant federal guidelines or 15%.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 550 Baltimore City - Property Tax - Authority to Impose on Vacant and Abandoned Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain property that is owned by a nonprofit organization that has been vacant and has not been significantly improved for at least 5 consecutive years and to set a special property tax rate for that property.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 596 Property Tax Exemption and Payment in Lieu of Taxes - The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc.

Exempting from the property tax property that is owned by The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc., and used primarily for public social, recreational, and entertainment purposes; altering eligibility requirements for a certain property tax credit for certain business entities that invest at least \$20,000,000 in certain real property in Washington County and create 200 new and permanent full-time jobs in the county; and altering the amount and duration of the property tax credit.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 653 Procurement - Employee Stock Ownership Plan Preference – Pilot

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to establish a certain preference program for certain procurements; authorizing a certain price preference for bids and proposals by an entity that utilizes an employee stock ownership plan; requiring contractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of an employee stock ownership plan; and applying the Act to procurement contracts solicited on or before June 30, 2030.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 829 State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Extension and Reports

Altering the termination date for certain provisions of law governing the Minority Business Enterprise Program and its application to public-private partnerships, offshore wind projects, and video lottery terminals; and altering the date by which certain reports, studies, and guidelines must be submitted.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 1000 Gaming - Sports Wagering - Sports Wagering Facility Licensees

Authorizing certain sports wagering facility licensees to submit a written request to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to relocate the sports wagering facility if the facility was originally issued a Class B sports wagering facility license on or before September 30, 2023, and the new location is in the same county, complies with certain location requirements, and is approved by the Sports Wagering Application Review Committee.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 123 Boating Accidents - Duty to Stop at the Scene, Render Assistance, and Provide Information – Penalties

Requiring the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty stop the vessel as close as possible to the scene of the collision, accident, or casualty until the operator has rendered certain assistance and provided certain information; establishing certain criminal penalties for the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty who does not take certain actions in violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 2 months or a fine not to exceed \$500 or both; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 144 Corporations and Associations - Limited Worker Cooperative Associations - Authorization (Maryland Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act)

Authorizing the formation of limited worker cooperative associations; defining "limited worker cooperative association" as a Maryland limited liability company that elects to be a limited worker cooperative association in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and establishing rules and procedures for the formation, governance, conversion, and dissolution of limited worker cooperative associations.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 281 Transportation Equality for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions of law governing transportation to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only certain uniformed services.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 533 Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

Altering the deadline for the completion of the process of review by a certain

investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day after the date that the appropriate official employed by the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 561 Corporations and Associations - Electric Cooperatives - Nonesheat Capital Credits

Providing that certain unclaimed money held by an electric cooperative and due to a past member is not considered abandoned property; and authorizing an electric cooperative to use this money only to assist members of the cooperative or make donations to nonprofit, charitable organizations.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 1030 Baltimore County and Baltimore City - Vehicle Laws - Lighting on Privately Owned Vehicles

Authorizing not more than five of the highest ranking officers from certain nonprofit volunteer emergency medical services organizations located in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red or red and white lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 341 Baltimore City - Raffles - Organizations Affiliated With a Professional Major League Baseball Team

Authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional major league baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles; requiring the organization to obtain a permit to conduct raffles from an agency designated by the Baltimore City government; providing that a permit to hold certain raffles expires at the end of the calendar year in which the permit was issued; requiring that raffle tickets are sold using age-verification measures to ensure the buyer is at least 18; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 338 Baltimore County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Interstate 695 and Interstate 83



Authorizing the State Highway Administration to place and use not more than four speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County subject to notice requirements; requiring that fines collected in Baltimore County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 be used to recover costs and assist in covering the cost of roadway and safety improvements on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County; etc.

*Passed 30-17. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 681 Child Support - Driver's License Suspension for Arrearages and Court Orders

Altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive; and requiring the court, after establishing a child support order, to send a copy of the guideline calculation and the order to the Child Support Administration.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1440 Courts - Parental Accommodations

Requiring circuit courthouses in the State, constructed or renovated on or after October 1, 2025, to maintain on its premises a private lactation room to be used by certain individuals; providing that breast-feeding mothers and certain individuals caring for children under 3 years old may be excused from jury service; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to collect certain information on jury service excusals and report annually to the Maryland General Assembly beginning by December 31, 2025.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 504 Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act

Altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; authorizing the Department to establish a national teacher recruitment campaign; establishing the Academic Excellence Program in the Department to address critical academic needs in public schools; requiring the Department to consult with a certain entity to evaluate the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program and establish requirements for community school implementation plans; etc.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 185 Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program - Funding – Alterations

Altering the fiscal years to include fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2029, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1244 Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council – Establishment

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs operated by the Administration.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 658 Juvenile Services Education Board – Alterations

Authorizing the Secretary of Higher Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to select a designee to serve on the Juvenile Services Education Board; altering the terms of membership for the Board; and altering certain requirements for meetings of the Board.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 738 Department of Information Technology - Major Information Technology Development Projects – Oversight

Altering the content of certain reports by the Department of Information Technology relating to the Information Technology Investment Fund; and requiring the reports to be written, as practicable, in a manner that is clear and avoids technical jargon, structured to include an executive summary of key information, and made publicly available on the Department's website.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1076 Residential Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Notice of Landlord Entry

Requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with certain written notice in a certain manner at least 24 hours in advance of when the landlord intends to enter a leased premises, except in the event of a certain emergency; and authorizing the court to issue a certain injunction or assess certain damages under certain circumstances.

*Passed 36-11. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1343 Anne Arundel County - Property Tax - Day Care Centers and Child Care Centers

Exempting personal property used in connection with certain large family child care homes from valuation and taxation in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain child care centers and day care centers; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1367 Lead Testing and Inspections - Falsifying Information – Penalty

Establishing a civil penalty not exceeding \$50,000 for a person who falsifies information that is submitted in a report of the results of lead-contaminated dust testing or visual inspection of an affected property.

*Passed 45-1. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1371 Vehicle Laws - Driver's Licenses - Electronic Credentials (Maryland Mobile ID Enhancement Act)

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies; and authorizing an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use a certain electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver's license, instead of a driver's license, to rent the vehicle.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 147 County Boards of Education - Student Technology Use Policy – Requirements

Requiring certain county boards of education to develop and adopt a policy on the use of a personal electronic device during school hours; requiring that the policy limit the use of a smartphone and a device connected to a smartphone during instructional time except for any purpose documented in the student's education program or Section 504 plan, to monitor or address a student's health issue, or for certain educational purposes; requiring the policy to be published on the county board's website and in student handbooks; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 888 Education - Initial Teacher Certification – Qualifications

Altering the qualifications for an initial teacher certificate to include passing a portfolio-based assessment of a nationally accredited teacher preparation program.  
*Passed 43-4. McKay voted Yea*

HB 586 Election Law - Election Judges - Compensation

Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.\

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 839 Election Law - Provisional Ballots - Nonpartisan Board of Education Contests

Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 322 Election Law - Municipal Elections – Administration

Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipal corporations that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipal corporation to support the administration of the municipal corporation's elections; authorizing the State Administrator to lease a voting system or other equipment used to administer an election for use in a municipal election; repealing the authority of a local board to lease a voting system to certain entities within the county; etc.

*Passed 41-5. McKay voted Yea*

HB 782 Study on Detecting Deadly Weapons in Public Middle and High Schools

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to study how best to detect deadly weapons in public middle and high schools and how best to rapidly report the detection of weapons to a law enforcement agency; and requiring the Center to issue an interim report by December 1, 2025, and a final report on the findings of the study by December 1, 2026, in a manner that does not jeopardize school safety,

to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees of the General Assembly.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1064 Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Open Meetings - Live Streaming Requirement MC/PG 101-25

Establishing that certain project site visits and educational field tours do not constitute open meetings subject to the requirement that the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, respectively, stream live video or audio of their open meetings.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1230 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - System Development Charge - Exemptions MC/PG 107-25

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant exemptions from the system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for certain properties and projects located in Montgomery County; limiting the exemption to \$80,000; altering the method by which the county councils establish eligibility for the exemptions; prohibiting the county councils from requiring that an applicant for an exemption own the property for which the exemption is sought; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1442 Juveniles - Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs – Report

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, on or before December 1, 2026, to report to the General Assembly certain findings and recommendations concerning Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 820 Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Use of Artificial Intelligence

Requiring that certain carriers, pharmacy benefits managers, and private review agents ensure that artificial intelligence, algorithm, or other software tools are used in a certain manner when used for conducting utilization review.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 877 Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission - Reporting and Sunset Extension

Extending the time for submission of the interim report and final report of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission by 3 years; and extending the termination date for the Commission by 3 years.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 933 Nursing Homes - Cost Reports

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review the cost reports and other data submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and requiring the Department to report the findings resulting from the review conducted under the Act to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter through 2029.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 988 Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) MC 10-25

Authorizing the placement and use by the Maryland Transportation Authority of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; requiring the District Court to remit to the Authority any civil penalties collected by the District Court resulting from a citation issued using a speed monitoring system operated by the Authority; and requiring the State Highway Administration to provide the Authority with access to certain systems and contacts.

*Passed 37-10. McKay voted Nay*

#### HB 996 Public Health - Phenibut Consumer Protection Act (JT Alvey Phenibut Consumer Protection Act)

Requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a phenibut product to disclose the factual basis on which any representations regarding the phenibut product are made; establishing prohibitions related to the preparation, distribution, and sale of phenibut products, including prohibitions related to the sale of phenibut to individuals under the age of 21 years and the marketing of phenibut to minors; establishing certain penalties for violations of the Act; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### HB 1060 Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act

Establishing rules of interpretation related to the uniformed services; altering the rule of interpretation for "veteran"; and altering the application of certain provisions

of judicial proceedings, corrections, criminal, family, public safety, and real property laws to apply to all uniformed services, rather than only the armed forces.  
*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1069 Life and Health Insurance Policies and Annuity and Health Maintenance Organization Contracts - Discretionary Clauses - Prohibition

Prohibiting the use of discretionary clauses in life insurance policies, health insurance policies, annuity contracts, and health maintenance organization contracts.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1082 Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Establishment of the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program

Establishing the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to individuals in the State to mitigate the impact of a reduction in certain federal advance premium tax credits for calendar years 2026 through 2028; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to implement the Program under certain circumstances.

*Passed 34-12. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1086 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Anesthesia - Prohibiting Time Limitations

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2026, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, managed care organizations, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia for a procedure for which a licensed medical professional issues an order, to provide the coverage for the duration of the procedure; prohibiting the establishment, implementation, or enforcement of policies or practices that place time limitations on the delivery of anesthesia; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1116 Public Safety - State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons

Renaming and transferring the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children to be the State Clearinghouse for Missing Persons.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1294 Commercial Law - Credit Regulation - Earned Wage Access and Credit Modernization

Subjecting certain earned wage access products to the Maryland Consumer Loan Law and other provisions that regulate entities that provide consumer credit; restricting the acceptance of tips by certain lenders under certain circumstances; providing for the licensing or registration of certain entities offering earned wage access products with certain exemptions; regulating earned wage access service agreements; limiting the costs and fees associated with obtaining an earned wage access product; etc.

*Passed 28-17. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1301 Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Health Insurance – Transfers to Special Pediatric Hospitals – Prior Authorizations

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, managed care organizations, and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for a transfer to a special pediatric hospital.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1502 Baltimore City - AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program – Revisions

Renaming the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program to be the HIV Prevention Syringe Services Program; altering the duties of the Program to provide for the safe distribution of syringes and hypodermic needles and account for the number of hypodermic needles and syringes exchanged and distributed by the Baltimore City Health Department; altering the membership and duties of the Program's oversight committee; altering the immunity provided to Program staff and participants; etc.

*Passed 33-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 945 Election Law - Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date

Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1315 Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations

Altering the vaccinations that a pharmacist may administer, subject to certain requirements, to an individual of at least a certain age; altering the vaccinations included in the minimum package of child wellness services for which certain



health insurers and nonprofit health service plans are required to provide coverage to include those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of December 31, 2024.

*Passed 35-12. McKay voted Nay*

#### SB 15 Child Support - Driver's License Suspension for Arrearages and Court Orders

Altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive to exclude obligors whose income is not greater than 250% of the federal poverty guidelines under certain circumstances; and requiring the court, after establishing a child support order, to send a copy of the guideline calculation and the order to the Child Support Administration.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 376 Health Facilities - Delegation of Inspection Authority - Nursing Homes

Requiring the Secretary of Health, on request of a county, to delegate to the county the authority to conduct surveys and complaint investigations of nursing homes; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to execute a certain memorandum of understanding with a requesting county within 90 days; and requiring that the Maryland Department of Health and counties equally share the costs of conducting surveys delegated by the Secretary of Health.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 360 Revenge Porn - Definition of Visual Representation and Civil Action

Authorizing a person to bring and maintain a civil action for defamation against another who distributes a computer-generated visual representation that is indistinguishable from an actual visual representation of the person and is of a sexual or intimate nature; and prohibiting a person from knowingly distributing a certain computer-generated visual representation of another under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

#### SB 655 Courts - Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program – Establishment

Establishing an Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program within the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide expertise in artificial intelligence to

the circuit courts and the District Court in the form of expert testimony on the authenticity of electronic evidence the court determines may have been created or altered using artificial intelligence; authorizing the Governor for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to include an appropriation of \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 400 Residential Child Care Programs - Transportation Companies - Regulation (Preventing Abduction in Youth Transport Act of 2025)

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless a substantial likelihood of imminent serious physical harm to a child or others exists; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a civil action against certain transportation companies under certain circumstances.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 842 Electronic Smoking Devices - Seizure and Wholesaler Record-Keeping Requirements

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to seize electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return of certain property seized by the Executive Director; establishing certain record-keeping requirements for electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributors and wholesaler importers; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

SB 828 Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Access, Guidance, and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

Prohibiting certain schools, libraries, and units of State government that operate at certain sensitive locations from allowing certain federal personnel to access certain areas, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the Attorney General to develop guidance regarding immigration enforcement at certain sensitive locations and guidance regarding individuals interacting with certain federal personnel; and requiring certain schools, libraries and units of State government to adopt policies consistent with the guidelines.

*Passed 34-13. McKay voted Nay*

SB 361 Election Law - Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition

Prohibiting a person from using fraud to influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision; and providing that fraud includes the use of synthetic media.

*Passed 39-8. McKay voted Nay*

SB 764 State Designations - State Cocktail and State Mineral - Original Maryland Orange Crush and Chromite

Designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 702 County Boards of Education - Special Education Service Delivery Models - Publication Requirement

Requiring each county board of education to publish on its website a certain list of special education service delivery models provided for parentally-placed private school students; and defining "parentally-placed private school student" as a child with a disability enrolled by the parent or guardian of the child in a private elementary or secondary school or facility, including a religious school or facility.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1007 Disability and Life Insurance - Medical Information (Genetic Testing Protection Act)

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance or disability insurance policies or contracts from unfairly discriminating against an individual by taking certain actions relating to coverage based on medical information; prohibiting certain carriers from accessing sensitive medical information without first obtaining written consent or mandating certain genetic testing or full genome sequencing as a prerequisite for life insurance or disability insurance eligibility or coverage; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 222 Public Safety - Fuel Gas Piping Systems and Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing - Prohibitions and Study

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of non-arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing; providing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act; and requiring the Office of the State Fire Marshal, by September 1, 2026, to conduct a study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly the results and recommendations related to preventing the fire hazards associated with commonly used fuel gas piping systems.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1222 Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)

Requiring an employee or agent of a State or local correctional facility and a law enforcement agent to provide certain notice of the release of an individual who is the subject of an active immigration detainer request and has been convicted of a certain crime of violence and transfer the individual to federal immigration authorities under certain circumstances; requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement agreement by July 1, 2025; etc.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1 Department of Transportation - Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop or identify and implement a training program for transportation sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking victims; requiring transportation sector employers to certify by January 1, 2027, and each year thereafter that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring new employees to receive training within 90 days of hiring; removing civil and criminal liability for reporting of suspected trafficking; etc.

*Passed 45-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 497 Residential Child Care Programs - Transportation Companies - Regulation (Preventing Abduction in Youth Transport Act of 2025)

Prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from using certain restraints unless there is a substantial likelihood of imminent serious physical harm to a child or others; prohibiting transportation companies that transport children to residential child care programs from picking up children between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.; authorizing an individual and the Attorney General to bring a certain civil action against certain transportation companies; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Passed 44-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 541 Department of Commerce - Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Established

Establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance and work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes, collect and share certain information, and represent nonprofit

organizations' interests and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council; and requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the navigator.

*Passed 32-13. McKay voted Nay*

HB 293 Criminal Procedure - Child Victims - Testimony in Child Abuse Cases

Altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases; requiring the testimony of a child victim taken by closed circuit television within the courthouse be in a setting that reasonably mitigates the likelihood the child victim will suffer emotional distress; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 618 State Lottery - Internet Sales of Subscription Plans – Authorization

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow the establishment of a system or program that allows an individual to purchase a State lottery subscription plan through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device; and requiring the Agency to report by December 1, 2026, to certain committees of the General Assembly on State lottery subscription sales.

*Passed 46-1. McKay voted Yea*

HB 704 Higher Education - Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program - Eligible Institutions

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include certain students attending the Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1035 Electricity and Gas - Emissions Reductions, Rate Regulation, Cost Recovery, Infrastructure, Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs (Next Generation Energy Act)

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue loans, in addition to grants, for certain purposes relating to reducing direct greenhouse gas emissions from certain multifamily residential buildings; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain

agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations; etc.

*Passed 34-8. McKay did not vote*

HB 1036 Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

Altering the factors the Public Service Commission must consider before taking final action on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; establishing a distributed generation certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize the construction and operation of a certain distributed solar energy generating system; requiring the Power Plant Research Program, by July 1, 2026, to develop and submit to the Commission proposed siting and design requirements and licensing conditions; etc.

*Passed 35-11. McKay voted Nay*

HB 1037 Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

Establishing the Strategic Energy Planning Office; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Wholesale Energy Markets and Bulk Power System Risk Report and examine certain scenarios to support the development of the Risk Report; requiring the Risk Report to assess wholesale energy market financial resource adequacy and reliability risks and to identify any necessary cost-effective solutions that ensure electric system reliability while meeting the State's energy policy goals; etc.

*Passed 40-6. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1111 Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems - Systems Located on or Over Water Retention Ponds, Quarries, or Brownfields

Providing that solar energy generating systems located on or over certain water retention ponds or quarries are eligible for the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; and authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain nonresidential solar energy generating systems.

*Passed 43-4. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1316 Primary and Secondary Education - Youth-Centric Technology and Social Media Resource Guide

Requiring the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, in consultation with the State Department of

Education, to develop and publish a youth-centric technology and social media resource guide by the 2027-2028 school year; requiring the guide to be distributed, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, to each public school and the parent teacher organization for each public school and posted on the websites of the Department and each county board; etc.

*Passed 46-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1375 Vehicle Equipment - Portable Variable Messaging Signs – Authorization

Authorizing a tow truck to display a portable variable messaging sign mounted on the tow truck while at the scene of a crash or a disabled vehicle; and requiring the portable variable messaging sign to conform to the standards established in the manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration and display only messages approved by the Administration.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 1467 Local Finance - Special Taxing Districts - Anne Arundel County Erosion Prevention Projects and Erosion Control Projects

Requiring interest earnings on money deposited for a certain taxing and assessment district to be credited to that district; specifying that a certain provision of law governing the petition process for the construction of an erosion prevention project or erosion control project in a certain district in Anne Arundel County does not apply to certain planning, permitting, or cost estimate activities; authorizing certain entities to use tax funds for upkeep or reconstruction of an existing shore erosion control project; etc.

*Passed 47-0. McKay voted Yea*

HB 860 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act; and providing that a common carrier that commits a violation is may be liable to the State or local government for civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for each day the public nuisance continues.

*Passed 46-0. McKay Excused*