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<a href="#">HB0022</a> <b>Betty Weller</b>	<p>Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification</p> <p>Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and, except under certain circumstances, a witness, and the local board verifies the voter's signature; and providing that the witness signature requirement does not apply to active duty uniformed services members serving overseas or their spouses or dependents who live overseas.</p>	<a href="#">Delegate Long, R.</a>	<p>In the House - First Reading Ways and Means</p>	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	
<a href="#">HB0028</a> <b>Harold Siskind</b>	<p>Income Tax – Credit for Caregivers of Senior Family Members</p> <p>Allowing a credit against the State income tax for qualified expenses paid or incurred by a caregiver during the taxable year in caring for a qualified senior family member; and defining "qualified senior family member" as an individual who is at least 60 years of age, is a relative of the taxpayer, and resides on the same property as the taxpayer's permanent place of residence for at least 6 months of the taxable year.</p>	<a href="#">Delegate Lehman</a>	<p>In the House - First Reading Ways and Means</p>	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	

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<a href="#">HB0035</a> <b>Bob Jervis</b>	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.	<a href="#">Delegate Long, R.</a>	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	
<a href="#">HB0125</a> <b>Gene Streagle</b>	Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years of age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of the subtraction modification; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022; etc.	<a href="#">Delegate Grammer</a>	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a>	

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<a href="#">SB0008</a> ( <a href="#">HB0121</a> )  <b>Linda Elwood</b>	Mental Health – Treatment Plans for Individuals in Facilities – Requirements  Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring a certain health care facility to take certain actions if the facility is unable to address certain needs under a plan of treatment; etc.	<a href="#">Senator Augustine</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Finance</a> 1/31/2023 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0108</a>  <b>Shirley Hicks</b>	Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Coverage and Reimbursement  Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.	<a href="#">Senator Augustine</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Finance</a> 2/01/2023 - 1:00 PM	
<a href="#">SB0137</a>  <b>Harold Siskind</b>	Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums (Long-Term Care Relief Act of 2023)  Altering eligibility for and the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax for certain long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer with a Maryland adjusted gross income of less than \$250,000 for long-term care insurance purchased before January 1, 2005; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.	<a href="#">Senator Klausmeier</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation	<a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a>	