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Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Description	Legislative Status	Tourism Council Position
<u>HB1176</u>	Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses	Kipke	CF: SB730 - Allows a credit on state income tax for qualified expenses related to qualified travel. Qualified expense include lodging expenses, food, and beverage; qualified travel mean travel incurred between 12/31/20 and 12/31/23 within Maryland with a final destination at least 50 miles from the taxpayer's principal place of residence. Credit equals the lesser of: 100% of qualified expenses; \$4,000 individual or \$8,000 if married filing jointly plus \$500 x each dependent child. Cannot claim credit for expenses claimed on federal return. Credit can be carried over to future tax years.	Failed	SWT Letter & Testimony
<u>SB0730</u>	Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses	Waldstreicher	CF: HB1176 - Allows a credit on state income tax for qualified expenses related to qualified travel. Qualified expense include lodging expenses, food, and beverage; qualified travel mean travel incurred between 12/31/20 and 12/31/23 within Maryland with a final destination at least 50 miles from the taxpayer's principal place of residence. Credit equals the lesser of: 100% of qualified expenses; \$4,000 individual or \$8,000 if married filing jointly plus \$500 x each dependent child. Cannot claim credit for expenses claimed on federal return. Credit can be carried over to future tax years.	Failed	SWT Letter & Testimony
<u>HB0508</u>	COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity	Attar	CF: SB210 - Gives employers immunity for COVID claims for injuries sustained between 3/5/20 through 180 days after the lifting of the emergency COVID order provided all local, state, and federal rules regarding COVID safety were followed. Does not prevent claims	Failed	SWT

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			arising out of the OSHA and MOSHA violations.		
<u>HB1232</u>	Alcoholic Beverages – Manufacturer’s Licenses and Off–Site Permits	Brooks	CF: SB821 - Creates a new license class that authorizes manufacturers to hold tastings and sell offsite at fairs and events. Limits to 32 such events a year with no more 9 in a single jurisdiction. Also allows for direct sale and delivery to individuals in state. Removes limitations on amounts that can be sold on or off premises. Applies to distilled spirits, beer and wine.	Returned Passed	SWA
<u>SB0821</u>	Alcoholic Beverages – Manufacturer’s Licenses and Off–Site Permits	Hester	CF: HB1231 - Creates a new license class that authorizes manufacturers to hold tastings and sell offsite at fairs and events. Limits to 32 such events a year with no more 9 in a single jurisdiction. Also allows for direct sale and delivery to individuals in state. Removes limitations on amounts that can be sold on or off premises. Applies to distilled spirits, beer and wine.	Passed Enrolled	SWA
<u>HB0012</u>	Alcoholic Beverages – Sale or Delivery for Off–Premises Consumption	C. Watson	CF: SB205 - Generally authorizes bars, taverns and restaurants with appropriate on-sale consumption license to deliver a sealed beverage for consumption off-site. Must receive authorization from local licensing authority; ensure purchaser is at least 21; beverage delivered in original container, delivered as part of a food purchase, delivered not later than 11pm; and is not delivered to another premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or to an address located outside of the licensed jurisdiction.	Passed Enrolled	Support
<u>HB0225</u>	Queen Anne’s County – Natural	Arentz	CF: SB605 - Allows authorization to hunt on public lands; hunting on all Sundays in game	Failed	Support

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	Resources – Sunday Hunting		and bird season; removes authorization for Sunday hunting o deer in firearms season; Sunday hunting in deer bow and spring turkey seasons.		
<u>HB0325</u>	Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays	Mautz	CF: SB475 - In Talbot County, authorizes Sunday deer hunting; those under 17 to one Sunday of turkey if part of a junior hunt; to permit same on public land; removes Sunday deer during bow season; and on Sundays during deer firearms season.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0588</u>	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2022)	Req. Admin.	CF: SB491 - FY2022 proposed budget	Passed Enrolled	Support
<u>HB0589</u>	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2021	Req. Admin.	CF: SB493 - Budget reconciliation bill.	Passed Enrolled	Support
<u>HB0612</u>	CF: SB496 - Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act	Req. Admin.	CF: SB496 - Authorizes payments, grants, and/or loans that were forgiven as part of COVID relief in 2020 to be subtracted from income for tax purposes.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0631</u>	State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Purpose, Use, and Funding – Sunset Extension	Beitzel	CF: SB450 - Reauthorizes fund 2027.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0693</u>	Cecil County – Fishing – Restrictions	Cecil Co. Del.	CF: YES - Eliminates the current restrictions on fishing in Cecil County.	Failed	Support

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<u>HB0795</u>	Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Repeal of Food Sales Requirement for Class B (Golf Course) License	Wicomico Delegation	CF: SB715 - Eliminates the food sales requirements for those holding "golf course" alcohol sales licenses.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>HB0796</u>	Sales and Use Tax – Alcoholic Beverages – Rate Reduction	Buckel	CF: YES - Reduces sales tax from 9% to 6%.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0801</u>	Calvert County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism	Clark	Adds Calvert County to the list of jurisdictions where use of a building for agrotourism does not create a change in occupancy provided total width of means of egress meets or exceeds the International Build Code standard applicable to sprinkler exemptions.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>HB0802</u>	Calvert County – Sunday Hunting	Clark	CF: SB356 - Allows authorization to hunt on public lands; hunting on all Sundays in game and bird season; removes authorization for Sunday hunting o deer in firearms season; Sunday hunting in deer bow and spring turkey seasons.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0833</u>	Natural Resources – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Mandatory Funding	Buckel	CF: SB618 - Starting in FY2023, increases mandatory funding from \$1m to \$3m.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0840</u>	Somerset County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting	Otto	CF: SB634 - Allows for Sunday hunting in Somerset County in the game bird and game mamma season and on public lands leased to a hunt club.	Failed	Support
<u>HB0856</u>	Worcester County – Sunday Hunting – Game Bird and	Hartman	CF: SB633 - Allows for Sunday hunting in Worcester County in the game bird and game mammal season and on public lands.	Withdrawn	Support

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	Game Mammal Seasons and Public Land				
<u>HB0880</u>	Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees	AA Delegation	CF: SB679 - Waives FY 2021-2022 license fees for those selling alcohol for on-premises consumption at bars or restaurants provided the license hold paid fees for 2020-2021 licensing period.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>HB0911</u>	Natural Resources – Waterfowl Hunting – Susquehanna Flats	Lisanti	Brings back waterfowl hunting on the Susquehanna Flats provided hunter is standing on natural ground.	Failed	Support
<u>HB1137</u>	Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency	Kerr	CF: Yes - Enabling legislation allowing local jurisdictions to grant personal and real property tax credits for entities affected by a state of emergency. Local sets amount, duration, and criteria.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>HB1149</u>	Small Business Tax Relief – State of Emergency Orders	Cox	Exempts small businesses from income tax revenues generated during state or local states of emergency.	Failed	Support
<u>HB1162</u>	Economic Development – Maryland Stadium Authority – Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility	Thiam	CF: SB926 - Establishes a Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility and authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds up to \$59.5m and other activity related thereto.	Withdrawn	Support
<u>HB1163</u>	Caroline County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Hunting Seasons	Caroline Co. Del.	CF: SB603 - Authorizes Sunday deer hunting.	Failed	Support
<u>HB1179</u>	Wicomico County – Property Tax Credit	Wicomico Delegation	CF: SB794 - Authorizes local government to grant a property tax credit for new or	Returned Passed	Support

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	– Hotel or Residential Development		substantially renovated hotels or new residential developments.		
<u>HB1257</u>	Business Personal Property Tax – Businesses Affected by COVID–19 Restrictions – Reimbursement	Hornberger	Requires reimbursement of personal property taxes paid in 2020 if business was completely unable to do business or unable to conduct normal business and was required to provide curbside, carryout, or delivery services only. Must file for reimbursement between 1/1/21-4/15/21.	Failed	Support
<u>HB1259</u>	Horse Racing – Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area	Cecil Co. Del.	CF: SB919 - Eliminates the required 2 days of racing, the corresponding state fair, and steeple chase requirement. Requires budget allocation of \$1.3m in FY 2023-2027 for operation and maintainance of physical facilities.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>HB1301</u>	Baltimore City – Visit Baltimore – Appropriation Calculation	Smith	CF: SB789 - Requires Baltimore City to allocate to Visit Baltimore in addition to 40% of hotel tax an appropriation as follow: if the on 3-year rolling average of hotel tax is greater than the 40% allocation, the amount of difference; or if amount is less than the 40%, the City may decrease the 40% by the amount of difference.	Passed Enrolled	Support
<u>SB0205</u>	Alcoholic Beverages – Sale or Delivery for Off–Premises Consumption	Hettleman	CF: HB12 - Generally authorizes bars, taverns and restaurants with appropriate on-sale consumption license to deliver a sealed beverage for consumption off-site. Must receive authorization from local licensing authority; ensure purchaser is at least 21; beverage delivered in original container, delivered as part of a food purchase, delivered not later than 11pm; and is not delivered to another premises licensed to sell alcoholic	Passed Enrolled	Support

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			beverages or to an address located outside of the licensed jurisdiction.		
<u>SB0210</u>	COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity	West	CF: HB508 - Gives employers immunity for COVID claims for injuries sustained between 3/5/20 through 180 days after the lifting of the emergency COVID order provided all local, state, and federal rules regarding COVID safety were followed. Does not prevent claims arising out of the OSHA and MOSHA violations.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0318</u>	Natural Resources – Fishing and Hunting Rights	Bailey	CF: Yes - Generalized statement that Maryland supports hunting and fishing rights subject to regulation within the state.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>SB0356</u>	Calvert County – Sunday Hunting	Bailey	CF: HB802 - Allows authorization to hunt on public lands; hunting on all Sundays in game and bird season; removes authorization for Sunday hunting o deer in firearms season; Sunday hunting in deer bow and spring turkey seasons.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0450</u>	State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Purpose, Use, and Funding – Sunset Extension	Edwards	CF: HB631 - Reauthorizes fund 2027.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0475</u>	Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays	Eckardt	CF: HB325 - In Talbot County, authorizes Sunday deer hunting; those under 17 to one Sunday of turkey if part of a junior hunt; to permit same on public land; removes Sunday deer during bow season; and on Sundays during deer firearms season.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0491</u>	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2022)	Req. Admin.	CF: HB588 - FY2022 proposed budget	Failed	Support
<u>SB0493</u>	Budget	Req. Admin.	CF: HB589 - Budget reconciliation bill.	Failed	Support

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	Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2021				
<u>SB0496</u>	Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act	Req. Admin.	CF: HB612 - Authorizes payments, grants, and/or loans that were forgiven as part of COVID relief in 2020 to be subtracted from income for tax purposes.	Signed	Support
<u>SB0594</u>	Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Verification	Carozza	Provided employer provided employee notice pertaining to the need to provide verification that leave was used appropriately, employer may deny leave if employee fails to provide requested verification.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0603</u>	Caroline County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Hunting Seasons	Hershey	CF: HB1163 - Authorizes Sunday deer hunting.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0605</u>	Queen Anne’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting	Hershey	CF: HB225 - Allows authorization to hunt on public lands; hunting on all Sundays in game and bird season; removes authorization for Sunday hunting o deer in firearms season; Sunday hunting in deer bow and spring turkey seasons.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0618</u>	Natural Resources – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Mandatory Funding	Edwards	CF: HB833 - Starting in FY2023, increases mandatory funding from \$1m to \$3m.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0633</u>	Worcester County – Sunday Hunting – Game Bird and	Carozza	CF: HB856 - Allows for Sunday hunting in Worcester County in the game bird and game mammal season and on public lands.	Withdrawn	Support

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	Game Mammal Seasons and Public Land				
<u>SB0634</u>	Somerset County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting	Carozza	CF: HB840 - Allows for Sunday hunting in Somerset County in the game bird and game mammal season and on public lands leased to a hunt club.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0679</u>	Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees	Edwards	CF: HB880 - Waives FY 2021-2022 license fees for those selling alcohol for on-premises consumption at bars or restaurants provided the license hold paid fees for 2020-2021 licensing period.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>SB0740</u>	Economic Development – COVID–19 Small Business Grant Program (COVID–19 Crisis Small Business Survival Program Act of 2021)	Rosapepe	Creates a grant program for small business (less than 50 employees) impacted by COVID-19. Grants available 2021 and 2022. To be eligible must have experienced at least a 25% drop in gross receipts during the pandemic resulting from quarantine rules or market forces.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0869</u>	Statewide Transit Plan – Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension Study	Corderman	Requires MTA to study the feasibility and routing of a MARC extension to Western Maryland.	Failed	Support
<u>SB0887</u>	Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency	Elfreth	CF: HB1137 - Enabling legislation to enact public safety related state of emergency property tax credits for business entities.	Returned Passed	Support
<u>SB0919</u>	Horse Racing – Fair Hill Natural Resources	Gallion	CF: HB1259 - Eliminates the required 2 days of racing, the corresponding state fair, and steeple chase requirement. Requires budget	Passed Enrolled	Support

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	Management Area		allocation of \$1.3m in FY 2023-2027 for operation and maintainance of physical facilities.		
<u>SB0926</u>	Economic Development – Maryland Stadium Authority – Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility	Corderman	CF: HB1162 - Establishes a Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility and authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds up to \$59.5m and other activity related thereto.	Passed Enrolled	Support
<u>HB0581</u>	Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers’ Protection Act)	D.E. Davis	CF: SB486 - Mandates that employers treat the work environment for essential works as it would any other occupational hazard mitigation in cases of emergency or when under executive order; if fail to do so employee has cause of action; grants sick leave up to 14-days if the employee gets sick; requires telework when feasible and mandates employers set this up for employees whose jobs can be accomplished via telework; and grants employees hazard pay in the amount of an additional \$3 per hour for any employee working less than \$100,000 per year who are not subject to a collective bargaining unit that already stipulates the amount of hazard pay. Applies most employment sectors and jobs categories.	Returned Passed	Oppose/Letter
<u>HB0901</u>	Anne Arundel County – Hotel Tax Alterations – Distribution of Revenue	Req. AA County	CF: SB529 - dedicates 3% of tax raised in Annapolis to special fund to be used to provide funds to the Annapolis Art in Public Places Commission; makes the contributions to AA Arts Council and Visitors Bureau "special funds;" requires reporting on uses of funds; and authorizes County or City governments to	Passed Enrolled	Oppose

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<u>SB0211</u>	Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Hayes	withhold funds if report is not made. CF: HB375 - Creates an insurance fund for family & medical leave; benefits cap at \$1,000 and/or 12 weeks of leave. Both employer and employees contribute. Employee contribution not to exceed 0.75% of wages; employer's contribution is 50% of total of employees contributions. P16 L3: "Each employee of an employer shall contribute and amount equal to 50% of the total rate of contribution." Unclear what this means. Contribution amount set by State Treasure who administers the fund. Benefits begin in 2023 but contributions start on effective 2022. Does not change collective bargaining agreements but agreements must have the minimum benefits under this section.	Failed	Oppose
<u>SB0486</u>	Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Req. Admin.	CF: HB581 - Mandates that employers treat the work environment for essential works as it would any other occupational hazard mitigation in cases of emergency or when under executive order; if fail to do so employee has cause of action; grants sick leave up to 14-days if the employee gets sick; requires telework when feasible and mandates employers set this up for employees whose jobs can be accomplished via telework; and grants employees hazard pay in the amount of an additional \$3 per hour for any employee working less than \$100,000 per year who are not subject to a collective bargaining unit that already stipulates the amount of hazard pay. Applies most employment sectors and jobs	Failed	Oppose

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<u>SB0529</u>	Anne Arundel County – Hotel Tax Alterations – Distribution of Revenue	Req. AA County	CF: HB901 - dedicates 3% of tax raised in Annapolis to special fund to be used to provide funds to the Annapolis Art in Public Places Commission; makes the contributions to AA Arts Council and Visitors Bureau "special funds;" requires reporting on uses of funds; and authorizes County or City governments to withhold funds if report is not made.	Passed Enrolled	Oppose
<u>SB0727</u>	Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave	Feldman	CF: HB1326 - Eliminates exemption for agricultural workers; expands family members; and adds a new category of leave related to public health emergencies.	Failed	Oppose
<u>SB0214</u>	Unemployment Insurance – Computation of Earned Rate of Contribution – Applicable Table of Rates	Salling	Shifts employer contributions to the rates specified in Table A regardless of amount in the insurance fund.	Failed	Monitor
<u>HB1373</u>	Highways – Public–Private Partnerships – Cultural Preservation	Love	CF: SB960 - Prohibits acquisition or development of a highway that encroaches on places designated as historically significant.	Failed	
<u>SB0956</u>	Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit for Business Entities – State of Emergency	Salling	Authorizes Baltimore County to develop a credit against the local property tax to businesses impacted by state of emergency. County sets amount, duration, eligibility, etc.	Failed	
<u>SB0960</u>	Highways – Public–Private	Lee	CF: HB1373 - Prohibits acquisition or development of a highway that encroaches on	Failed	

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	Partnerships – Cultural Preservation		places designated as historically significant.		