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## 2019 PRIORITY BILLS

BILL #	BILL TITLE & DESCRIPTION	SPONSOR	SUPPORT/OPOSE	BILL STATUS
<a href="#">SB 87 / HB 271</a>	<p><b>Income Tax - Standard Deduction – Alteration</b></p> <p>This bill would increase the values of the standard deduction to give Marylanders the full benefit of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.</p>	Sen. Serafini (R) / Del. Krebs (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<p>Senate: Heard in B&amp;T on 1/30. Not brought up for a vote yet.</p> <p>House: Heard in W&amp;M on 2/13. Not brought up for a vote yet.</p>
<a href="#">SB 89 / HB 46</a>	<p><b>Small Business Relief Tax Credit – Expansion</b></p> <p>This bill would expand the small business relief tax credit by allowing a credit to small businesses for providing paid parental leave benefits to qualified employees.</p>	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<p>Senate: Heard in B&amp;T on 1/30. Not brought up for a vote yet.</p> <p>House: Hearing in W&amp;M on 3/6 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#">SB 90 / HB 43</a>	<p><b>Elections - Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment - Commission and Process</b></p>	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

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	This bill would create a non-partisan redistricting commission to create the new boundaries after the 2020 Census.			House: Hearing date not scheduled yet.
<a href="#"><u>SB 91 / HB 44</u></a>	<p><b>Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment</b></p> <p>This bill would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require single-member delegate districts and create certain standards for the drawing of legislative and congressional districts.</p>	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<p>Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>House: Hearing in Rules on 3/4 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 110 / HB 463</u></a>	<p><b>Congressional Districts - Standards (Anti-Gerrymandering of Maryland's Congressional Districts)</b></p> <p>This bill would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given to natural boundaries and boundaries of political subdivisions.</p>	Sen. Reilly (R) / Del. Malone (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<p>Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>House: Hearing in Rules on 3/4 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 115 / HB 541</u></a>	<p><b>Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications</b></p>	Sen. Hough (R) / Del. Cox (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/21 at 12:00 p.m.



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	This bill would clarify that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for the purpose of receiving a concealed carry permit.			House: Hearing in JUD on 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>SB 135 / HB 139</u></a>	<b>Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Site Program</b>  This bill would create organizations to provide a place for the consumption of pre-obtained illicit drugs including heroin and methamphetamine. The bill does not clarify any age restrictions nor prevent the sites from being mobile.	Sen. Feldman (D) / Del. Pena-Melnyk (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Senate: Heard in FIN on 2/14. Not brought up for a vote yet.  House: Heard in HGO on 2/14. Not brought up for a vote yet.
<a href="#"><u>SB 162 / HB 234</u></a>	<b>Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Human Trafficking</b>  This bill classifies a certain offense of human trafficking as a crime of violence under certain provisions of law.	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Heard in JPR on 1/31. Not brought up for a vote yet.  House: Heard in JUD on 2/12. Not brought up for a vote yet.
<a href="#"><u>SB 163 / HB 230</u></a>	<b>Vehicle Laws - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Subsequent Offenders - Felonies (Repeat Drunk Driving Offenders Act of 2019)</b>	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Heard in JPR on 2/6. Not brought up for a vote yet.



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	This bill would make repeat drunk driving offenses a felony under the law for individuals with three or more prior convictions.			<b>House: Heard in JUD on 2/13. Not brought up for a vote yet.</b>
<a href="#"><u>SB 167 / HB 152</u></a>	<b>Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Expansion Act of 2019</b>  The bill would repeal the limit on the number of P-TECH grants that may be awarded to a local school system in a year and expand the number of opportunities for high school students into technology.	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.  House: Hearing in W&amp;M on 3/7 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#"><u>SB 172 / HB 156</u></a>	<b>Public Charter School Facility Fund</b>  This bill would establish the Public Charter School Facility Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund. It specifies that the Fund shall be used to provide funding to public charter schools in the State to acquire, plan, develop, finance, construct, improve, repair, and maintain public charter school facilities.	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.  House: Hearing in APP on 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#"><u>SB 173 / HB 157</u></a>	<b>State Government - Regulations Impacting Small Businesses</b>	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>Senate: Heard in EHE on 2/7. Not brought up for a vote yet.</b>

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	This bill would focus on helping small businesses with regulations. It would establish a registry online and post a proposed regulation with a certain small business impact and a compliance guide on its website. It would also require a State unit to consider conditions and actions in assessing a civil penalty against a small business for violations. O			House: Heard in HGO on 2/5. Not brought up for a vote yet.
<a href="#">SB 174 / HB 150</a>	<b>More Opportunities for Marylanders Act of 2019</b> This bill would extend benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders program to businesses and expand the program.	Hogan Administration	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Hearing in B&T on 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.  House: Hearing in W&M on 3/6 at 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#">SB 280 / HB 166</a>	<b>Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)</b> This bill would raise the Maryland minimum wage to \$15 an hour and peg future increases to the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).	Sen. McCray (D) / Del. Fennell (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Senate: Hearing in FIN on 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.  House: Heard in ECM on 2/8. Not brought up for a vote yet.
<a href="#">SB 295</a>	<b>Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders</b>	Sen. Salling (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Heard in JPR on 2/12. Not brought up for a vote yet.



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	This bill would provide the death penalty as a punishment option for individuals who are convicted of first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer or a first responder.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 385</u></a>	<p><b>Election Law - Primary Elections - Voting by Unaffiliated Voters</b></p> <p>This bill would allow unaffiliated voters to vote in any primary election that they so choose.</p>	Sen. Zirkin (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Hearing in EHE on 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>SB 449</u></a>	<p><b>Election Law - Election Day Voter Registration</b></p> <p>This bill would allow individuals to register to vote on election day without proving citizenship.</p>	Sen. Pinsky (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Hearing in EHE on 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>SB 489 / HB 530</u></a>	<p><b>Ballot Access - Voter Registration - Affiliating With a Party</b></p> <p>This bill would allow a non-affiliated voter to decide they want to vote in a primary for a party at the time they are voting. It would effectively open primaries for all parties at any time.</p>	Sen. Kagan (D) / Del. Qi (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<p>Senate: Hearing in EHE on 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>House: Hearing in W&amp;M on 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 570</u></a>	<p><b>Distribution of Fentanyl Resulting in Death</b></p>	Sen. Bailey (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/22 at 12:00 p.m.



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	This bill would prohibit a person from distributing fentanyl and establish penalties for when the use of fentanyl contributes to the cause of death of another.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 718 / HB 1165</u></a>	<p><b>State Government – Government Agents – Requests for and Use of Immigration Status Information</b></p> <p>This bill would prohibit a government agent requesting information about immigration or citizenship status of a person or a person's family members or acquaintances. It would also authorize an individual to recover court fees if this law is violated. This would effectively make Maryland a sanctuary state.</p>	Sen. Washington (D) / Del. Atterbeary (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<p><b>Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/22 at 12:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>House: Hearing in JUD on 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.</b></p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 737 / HB 786</u></a>	<p><b>Public Safety - Rifles and Shotguns – Transactions</b></p> <p>This bill would create a Long Gun Qualification Licenses (LGQL). Those seeking an LGQL would have to attend 4 hours of training and fingerprinting from the State Police and still have to wait 7 days before acquiring a long gun from a dealer.</p>	Sen. Lee (D) / Del. Atterbeary (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<p><b>Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/27 at 12:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>House: Hearing in JUD on 2/25 at 10:00 a.m.</b></p>



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<a href="#">SB 812 / HB 451</a>	<p><b>Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019</b></p> <p>This bill would require force landlords to accept any applicant regardless of source of income, including Section 8.</p>	<p>Sen. Smith (D) / Del. Lafferty (D)</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/19 at 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>House: Hearing in ENT on 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#">SB 817 / HB 913</a>	<p><b>Correctional Facilities and Police Officers - Procedures - Immigration Status</b></p> <p>This bill would prohibit a employee of a correctional facility from detaining an individual beyond a certain date or notifying federal immigration authorities about a person. It would effectively turn Maryland into a sanctuary state.</p>	<p>Sen. Smith (D) / Del. Moon (D)</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>Senate: Hearing in JPR on 2/21 at 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>House: Hearing in JUD on 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<a href="#">HB 26</a>	<p><b>Baltimore City - Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries</b></p> <p>This bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to adopt a ranked choice or open primary voting system for city elections.</p>	<p>Del. Lierman (D)</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>House: Heard in W&amp;M on 1/17. MDGOP submitted written and verbal testimony against bill. Not brought up for a vote yet.</p>
<a href="#">HB 286</a>	<p><b>Election Law - Registration and Voting at Precinct Polling Places</b></p>	<p>Del. Reznik (D)</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>House: Heard in W&amp;M on 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. Not brought up for a vote yet.</p>





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	This bill would allow an individual to change their registration on election day. The individual can use a Maryland ID or a local bill. The bill will create an unfunded local government mandate of \$2 million annually.			
<a href="#">HB 337</a>	<p><b>Criminal Law - Opioids - Distribution Causing Death of Minor</b></p> <p>This bill would establish a penalty of up to 30 years in prison for anyone who distributes an opioid that's use causes the death of a minor.</p>	Del. Reilly (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	House: Hearing in JUD on 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. Not brought up for a vote yet.
<a href="#">HB 612</a>	<p><b>Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Colt AR-15 Sporter H-BAR Rifle</b></p> <p>This bill would outlaw the Colt AR-15 H-Bar in Maryland. It would also punish any gun owner who legally purchased a Colt AR-15 H-BAR after October 1, 2013 and force them to dispose of the firearm.</p>	Del. Ivey (D)	<b>OPPOSE</b>	House: Hearing in JUD on 2/25 at 10:00 a.m.
<a href="#">HB 624</a>	<p><b>Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 29-19</b></p>	Montgomery County Delegation	<b>OPPOSE</b>	House: Hearing in W&M on 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.



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	This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Council to adopt a ranked choice voting method of local offices.			
<a href="#">HB 670</a>	<p><b>Public Safety - Special Police Officers - Employing Entity</b></p> <p>This bill would allow a government body to apply for the appointment of special police officers to protect property owned, leased, or regularly used by another governmental body with the written consent of the other governmental body.</p>	Del. Morgan (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in JUD on 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#">HB 724</a>	<p><b>Legislative Districts - Single-Member Delegate Districts (One Person One Vote Act of 2019)</b></p> <p>This bill would propose an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require each legislative district to be subdivided into single-member delegate districts.</p>	Del. Buckel (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in Rules on 3/4 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#">HB 817</a>	<p><b>State and Local Correctional Facilities - Undocumented Immigrants - Transfer to United States Department of Homeland Security (Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2019)</b></p>	Del. Szeliga (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in JUD on 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.</b>



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	This bill would require a State or local correctional facility with custody of an undocumented immigrant who is serving a sentence in the facility for conviction of a crime to transfer the individual to the United States Department of Homeland Security on request of the United States Department of Homeland Security.			
<a href="#">HB 854</a>	<p><b>Income Tax Rates – Reductions</b></p> <p>This bill would reduce the State income tax rate by 0.25% for nearly every Marylander.</p>	Del. Szeliga (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in W&amp;M on 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#">HB 1023</a>	<p><b>Criminal Procedure - Maryland Violent Offender Registry</b></p> <p>This bill would require the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Maryland Violent Offender Registry and to make the registry publicly available.</p>	Del. Kipke (R)	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in JUD on 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<a href="#">HB 1214</a>	<p><b>Criminal Law - Crimes Against Property - Right to Defend Property (Stand Your Ground Act)</b></p> <p>This bill would allow an occupant of a home to use physical force to protect themselves if there's a</p>	Del. Grammar	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>House: Hearing in JUD on 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.</b>



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