

**2021 Maryland General Assembly – Sierra Club Advocacy**

This session, our Chapter’s dedicated staff and volunteers engaged in extraordinary efforts to address critical policy concerns and overcome pandemic-related challenges. We submitted written testimony on almost 120 bills – a record number – and provided oral testimony on over two dozen bills. We continued our commitment to address nearly every facet of environmental protection put before the General Assembly, and added to that by partnering with other organizations to support bills regarding voting rights, police reform, and worker protections.

Nearly half of the bills we supported were passed by the General Assembly. Almost all were approved by the Governor, either by him signing or by allowing bills into law without his signature. The Governor did, however, after session ended, veto several bills we supported, most notably the Transit Safety and Investment Act. Under the Maryland Constitution, these vetoes may be overridden by the General Assembly the next time the General Assembly convenes (i.e., in the 2022 regular session or an earlier special session if one is held). The Governor also vetoed, while the 2021 session was ongoing, police reform and labor bills we supported, and these vetoes were overridden during the session.

The bills on which we submitted written testimony are set out below, grouped by subject matter area. Bills passed by the General Assembly are bolded, with notations regarding gubernatorial review.

**Clean Energy**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Senate Bill</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>SC Position</b>	<b>Result</b>
Coal transition	SB148 – West	HB66 – Brooks	Electric Generation – Transition From Fossil Fuels – Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rate and Transition Plan and Fund (Coal Community Transition Act of 2021)	Support (with sponsor amendments)	Withdrawn by sponsors
<b>Municipal utilities – Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements</b>	<b>SB153 -- Eckardt</b>	<b>HB376 – Mautz</b>	<b>Renewal Energy Portfolio Standard – Municipal Utilities</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor</b>
<b>Energy efficiency – social justice</b>	<b>SB77 -- Griffith</b>	<b>HB70 – Rogers</b>	<b>Energy Efficiency – Net-Zero Homes – Contract Preferences</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor</b>
<b>Energy regulation – PSC consideration of climate change, and fair labor standards</b>	<b>SB83 – Kramer</b>	<b>HB298 – Charkoudian</b>	<b>Utility Regulation – Consideration of Climate and Labor</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>

Green state buildings	SB228 – Hettleman	HB86 – Forbes	High Performance and Green Buildings – Alterations (Green Building Restoration Act)	Support with amendments	Committees did not act on the bill
Solar on state buildings	SB330 – West	HB469 – Forbes	State-Funded Construction and Major Renovation Projects – Solar Panels – Requirement	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
<b>Renewable Portfolio Standard – remove black liquor (and amended to make other RPS adjustments)</b>	<b>SB65 – Kelley</b>	<b>HB875 – Davis, D.E.</b>	<b>Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Tier 2 Renewable Sources, Qualifying Biomass, and Compliance Fees (originally entitled Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Qualifying Biomass)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Renewable Portfolio Standard – remove incineration	No cross file	HB332 – Ivey	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources	Support	House committee voted bill down
Geothermal energy study	No cross file	HB40 – Charkoudian	Maryland Energy Administration Study on Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems and Geothermal Energy Workgroup	Support	Withdrawn by sponsor (study included in HB1007 enacted by General Assembly, and signed by Governor)
Clean energy – replace the Renewable Portfolio Standard	SB53 – Hershey	HB220 – Adams	Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement	Oppose	House committee voted bill down; Senate committee did not act
<b>Solar energy – increase net metering cap</b>	<b>SB407 – Kramer</b>	<b>HB569 – Clippinger</b>	<b>Net Energy Metering – Limit</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor</b>
Geothermal in state buildings	No cross file	HB520 – Barve	State Buildings – Geothermal Energy Systems – Requirement	Support	Withdrawn by sponsor

Energy efficiency – low-income housing	SB462 – Feldman	HB379 – Charkoudian	Low-Income Housing – Energy Performance Targets	Support	House committee voted bill down; Senate committee did not act
<b>PSC procedures for approving new electricity generating facilities</b>	<b>SB417 – Pinsky</b>	<b>HB777 – Brooks</b>	<b>Power Plant Research Program – Review of Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Alterations</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor vetoed; veto may be overridden at next General Assembly session</b>
Thermal biomass energy	SB549 – Hershey	HB682 – Buckel	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Thermal Biomass Systems	Oppose	House committee sent for interim study; Senate committee did not act
<b>Community choice energy in Montgomery County</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB768 – Montgomery County Delegation</b>	<b>Montgomery County – Community Choice Energy – Pilot Program</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Existing and new gas plants and coal plants in Prince George’s County	No cross file	HB613 – Prince George’s County Delegation	Prince George’s County – Coal- and Gas-Fired Generating Stations Prohibitions (Prince George’s County Stop Environmentally Unjust Coal and Gas Plants Act of 2021)	Support with amendments	House committee voted bill down

**Climate (not specifically energy or transportation related)**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Senate Bill</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>SC Position</b>	<b>Result</b>
Mitigation of GHG emissions associated with state food purchases	No cross file	HB317 – Gilchrist	Maryland Green Purchasing Committee – Food and Beverage Procurement - Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on bill

Climate mitigation targets, plans, & actions	SB414 – Pinsky	HB583 – Stein	Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021	Support	House and Senate passed different versions, and did not reach agreement (portions of the bill were enacted in other bills – HB991 (tree planting); SB137 (electric transit buses))
Carbon fee, and revenue allocation	SB76 – Kramer	HB33 – Fraser-Hidalgo	Climate Crisis and Education Act	Support with amendments	House committee voted bill down; Senate committee did not act
State climate office	SB518 – Klausmeier	HB503 – Young, P.	Office on Climate Change – Establishment	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
Coast building siting and design	SB528 – Elfreth	HB512 – Lehman	Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria - Private Construction or Reconstruction Projects and Enforcement	Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Shore Rivers)	Committees did not act on the bill
<b>Climate counsel office for Public Service Commission</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB30 – Korman</b>	<b>Office of People's Counsel – Alterations (Office of People's Counsel Environmental Reform Act) (originally entitled Office of Climate Counsel – Establishment (Climate Counsel Act))</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Attorney General authority to file climate lawsuits	No cross file	HB1078 – Terrasa	Attorney General – Climate Change Actions – Authorization	Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Center for Climate Integrity)	Committee did not act on the bill

**Environment, Cross-Cutting**

Issue	Senate Bill	House Bill	Bill Title	SC Position	Result
Environmental constitutional amendment	SB151 – Patterson	HB82 – Fisher, W.	Constitutional Amendment – Environmental Rights	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
<b>Environmental enforcement information</b>	<b>SB324 – Elfreth</b>	<b>HB204 – Lierman</b>	<b>Environment and Natural Resources – Complaints, Inspections, and Enforcement – Information Maintenance and Reporting</b>	<b>Support (sign on testimony, prepared by MD League of Conservation Voters)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Bird-safe buildings; energy efficiency	No cross file	HB236 – Hill	Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on bill
Green businesses	No cross file	HB61 – Shetty	Environment - Statewide Green Business Certification Program - Establishment	Support (sign on testimony, prepared by sponsor)	House passed; Senate committee did not act on bill
<b>Environmental justice</b>	<b>SB674 – Elfreth</b>	<b>HB1207 – Bridges</b>	<b>Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities – Reform</b>	<b>Support with amendments (sign-on testimony, prepared by MD League of Conservation Voters)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>

**Hazardous Substances – Public Health**

Issue	Senate Bill	House Bill	Bill Title	SC Position	Result
PFAS regulation	SB195 – Elfreth	HB22 – Love	PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions and Requirements	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
<b>Pesticides</b>	<b>SB375 – Kagan</b>	<b>HB208 – Healey</b>	<b>Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Sale and Storage</b>	<b>Support (coalition testimony, prepared by MD Smart on Pesticides Coalition)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>

Pesticides	No cross file	HB472 – Young, P.	Use of Glyphosate – Prohibition	Support (coalition testimony, prepared by MD Smart on Pesticides Coalition)	Withdrawn by sponsor
<b>Lead exposure in schools</b>	<b>SB546 – McCray</b>	<b>HB636 – Solomon</b>	<b>School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor</b>
<b>Cosmetics</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB643 – Palakovich Carr</b>	<b>Cosmetic Products – Ingredient Prohibition</b>	<b>Support (sign on testimony, prepared by MD PIRG)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Hazardous substances contamination	SB524 – requested by A.G.	HB739 – requested by A.G.	Multidefendant Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Cases – Effect of Settlement	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
<b>Water wells – contamination</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB1069 – Stewart</b>	<b>Water Supply – Private Well Safety Program</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Center for Progressive Reform)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Pesticides	No cross file	HB1025 – Terrasa	Carbofuran – Collection, Disposal, and Prohibition on Possession or Storage	Support (coalition testimony, prepared by MD Smart on Pesticides Coalition)	House committee voted bill down

**Natural Places**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Senate Bill</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>SC Position</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Low impact landscaping</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB322 – Hill</b>	<b>Real Property – Restrictions on Use – Low-Impact Landscaping</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Private party intervention in water pollution enforcement suits brought by MD</b>	<b>SB334 – Carter</b>	<b>HB76 – Love</b>	<b>Water Pollution Control – Intervention in Civil Actions – Rights and Authority</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Water-keepers Chesapeake)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Deer control</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB7 – Luedtke</b>	<b>Venison Donation Expenses – Income Tax Credit and Grant Program (originally entitled Income Tax Credit – Venison Donation Expenses – Montgomery County Deer Donation Program)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Ban animal killing contests</b>	<b>SB200 – Young</b>	<b>HB293 – Stein</b>	<b>Organized Killing Contests – Restriction</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Stormwater management</b>	<b>SB227 – Elfreth</b>	<b>HB295 – Love</b>	<b>Stormwater Management Regulations and Watershed Implementation Plans – Review and Update</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Invasive species</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB92 – Luedtke</b>	<b>Invasive Plant Species – Prohibition on Use of State Funds (originally entitled Prohibition on Use of State Funds – Invasive and Nonnative Plant Species)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>

Chesapeake Bay – reduce nitrogen pollution	SB119 – Guzzone	HB507 – Stein	Clean Water Commerce Act of 2021	Support	Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature
State parks	No cross file	HB458 – Guyton	Program Open Space – Local Projects – Visitor Behavior Policies	Support	Committee did not act on the bill
Conowingo Dam	SB540 – Hershey	HB427 – Jacobs	Federal Clean Water Act – Authority of State	Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Water-keepers Chesapeake)	House sponsor withdrew the bill; Senate committee did not act
Forest mitigation banks; amended to include tree planting program from Climate Solutions Now Act	No cross file	HB991 – Gilchrist	Tree Solutions Now Act of 2021 (originally entitled Forest Mitigation Banks – Qualified Preservation)	Oppose as introduced; supported as amended	Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature
Urban trees	No cross file	HB1133 – Bridges	Urban Trees Program and Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings	Support	Committee did not act on the bill (provisions included in HB991, enacted by General Assembly and allowed into law by Governor)
Disposal of yard waste on highways	No cross file	HB1114 – Arentz	Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Yard Waste – Disposal on Highways	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
Sunday deer hunting in Prince George’s County	No cross file	HB615 – Prince George’s Delegation	Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones – Prince George’s County (originally entitled Sunday Deer Hunting - Prince George’s County)	Oppose	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill



Atlantic menhaden protection	SJ6 – Bailey	(HJ4 – Crosby – we did not submit testimony)	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Atlantic Menhaden – Population Evaluation and Prohibition on Commercial Reduction Fishing	Support	Committees did not act on the resolution
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**Transportation**

Issue	Senate Bill	House Bill	Bill Title	SC Position	Result
MTA transit funding	SB199 – McCray	HB114 – Lierman	Maryland Transit Administration Funding and MARC Rail Extension Study (Transit Safety and Investment Act)	Support	Enacted by General Assembly; Governor vetoed; veto may be overridden at next General Assembly session
Electric buses	SB137 – Zucker	HB334 – Korman	Conversion to Zero-Emission Buses (Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act)	Support	Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature
Traffic safety	SB293 – Waldstreicher	HB118 – Stein	Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties	Support	Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor
Bus transit	SB242 – Young	HB116 – Palakovich Carr	I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study	Support	Withdrawn by Senate sponsor; House committee did not act on the bill
Rapid transit	SB81 – Ellis	HB414 – Davis, D.M.	Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project – Funding	Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Preservation MD)	Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature

EVs; Strategic Energy Investment Fund	SB152 – MD Energy Admin.	No cross file	Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Use of Funds and Electric Vehicle Excise Tax Credits	Support with amendments	Committee did not act on the bill
Street paving material	No cross file	HB77 – Stewart	Application of Coal Tar Pavement Products – Prohibitions (Safer Sealant Act of 2021)	Support	House passed; reported to Senate floor but bill was not acted on
<b>Purple Line and other transportation projects – tree planting</b>	<b>SB359 -- Rosapepe</b>	<b>HB80 – Charkoudian</b>	<b>Urban Tree Program – Establishment (originally entitled Purple Line Tree Replacement Plan)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; signed by Governor</b>
<b>EV recharging</b>	<b>SB144 – Guzzone</b>	<b>HB110 – Korman</b>	<b>Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Purple Line</b>	<b>SB97 – Rosapepe</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>Purple Line Marketing Act</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor vetoed; veto may be overridden at next General Assembly session</b>
Maglev	SB188 – Pinsky	HB63 – Williams	State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System	Support	House committee voted bill down; Senate committee did not act
Distracted driving	SB179 – Klausmeier	No cross file	Distracted Driving Monitoring Systems – Authorization	Support	Committee did not act on the bill
EV parking	SB315 – Young	No cross file	Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces	Support	Committee did not act on the bill
EV parking	No cross file	HB480 -- Barve	Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces	Support	House passed; Senate did not complete approval process on the floor

Vehicle speeding	SB337 – Kramer	HB494 – Stewart	Reckless Driving – Excessive Speeding	Support	Withdrawn by House sponsor; Senate committee did not act
<b>EV recharging equipment</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB44 – Fraser-Hidalgo</b>	<b>Clean Cars Act of 2021</b>	<b>Support with amendments</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Reckless driving	SB495 – Cassilly	HB668 – Szeliga	Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must-Appear Violation (Sherry’s and Ryan’s Law)	Support	Committees did not act on the bill
Public private partnerships for funding transportation projects	SB361 – Rosapepe	HB485 – Solomon	Public-Private Partnerships and the Collection of Video Tolls (originally entitled Public-Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight)	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
Speed monitoring	SB368 – Peters	No cross file	Speed Monitoring Systems – Municipal Corporations – Authorization	Support	Senate committee did not act on the bill
EVs – state vehicle fleet	No cross file	HB592 – Fraser-Hidalgo	State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other Light-Duty Vehicles (originally entitled State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles)	Support with amendments	House passed; Senate committee did not act on bill
<b>Montgomery County speed limits</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB562 – Montgomery County Delegation</b>	<b>Montgomery County - Speed Limits - Establishment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Maglev	No cross file	HB704 – Ivey	Land Use – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System Siting (Maryland Stop the Maglev Act of 2021)	Support	House committee voted bill down

Toll lanes on I-495 and I-270	SB843 – Benson	HB67 – Korman	I-495 and I-270 Public-Private Partnership – Partnership Agreement – Requirements (Maryland Department. of Transportation Promises Act of 2021)	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
Toll lanes on I-495 and I-270	No cross file	HB705 – Ivey	I-270 and I-495 - Prohibition on Toll Lanes (Stop Unnecessary Toll Lanes Act of 2021)	Support	House committee did not act on the bill
<b>EV recharging</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB784 – Terrasa</b>	<b>Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Electric school buses	No cross file	HB832 – Fraser-Hidalgo	Electric School Bus Pilot Program	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
<b>Montgomery and Prince George’s County planning process</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB464 – Montgomery and Prince George’s County Delegations</b>	<b>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Mandatory Referral Review</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor vetoed; veto may be overridden at next General Assembly session</b>
MARC expansion to Western MD	SB869 – Corderman	No cross file	Statewide Transit Plan - Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension Study	Support	Included in Transit Safety & Investment Act, enacted by General Assembly but vetoed by Governor
Transportation equity	No cross file	HB1204 – Ruth	Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses (Transportation Equity Analyses and Assurances Act of 2021)	Support	House committee did not act on the bill

Dedicated bus lanes	No cross file	HB284 – Lewis, R.	Vehicle Laws – Dedicated Bus Lanes – Enforcement	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
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**Zero Waste**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Senate Bill</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>SC Position</b>	<b>Result</b>
Plastic carryout bags	SB223 – Augustine	HB314 – Lierman	Plastic Bag Reduction Act	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
<b>Balloon releases</b>	<b>SB716 – Carozza</b>	<b>HB391 – Hartman</b>	<b>Prohibition on Releasing a Balloon into the Atmosphere</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>End treatment of incinerator ash as recyclable material</b>	<b>SB304 – Pinsky</b>	<b>HB280 – Charkoudian</b>	<b>Maryland Recycling Act – Recyclable Materials and Resource Recovery Facilities – Alterations</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Composting – condos and HOAs</b>	No cross file	<b>HB248 – Shetty</b>	<b>Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Rights and Restrictions – Composting</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Composting food waste</b>	<b>SB483 – Hettleman</b>	<b>HB264 – Charkoudian</b>	<b>Solid Waste Management - Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion -- Food Residuals</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Right to repair	SB412 – Hester	HB84 – Feldmark	Consumer Protection – Right to Repair	Support	House committee voted bill down; Senate committee did not act

Paint stewardship	No cross file	HB127 – Boyce	Maryland Paint Stewardship	Support	House passed; Senate recommitted to committee from Senate floor
Chemical recycling	No cross file	HB21 – Love	Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic	Support	House committee did not act on the bill
Extended producer responsibility	No cross file	HB36 – Lierman	Packaging, Containers, and Paper Products – Producer Responsibility	Support with amendments	House committee did not act on the bill
Bottle return	No cross file	HB99 – Love	Beverage Container Deposit Program – Establishment and Advisory Commission	Support with amendments	House committee did not act on the bill
Single-use plastics	No cross file	HB69 – Love	Single-Use Plastics – Restrictions	Support with amendments	House committee voted bill down
Synturf chain of custody	No cross file	HB857 – Lehman	Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill – Chain of Custody and Reuse	Support	House committee voted bill down
Mattresses stewardship	No cross file	HB1146 – Hill	Office of Recycling – Mattresses and Box Springs	Support with amendments	House committee did not act on the bill
Recycling task force	No cross file	HB807 – Love	Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill

**Racial and Social Justice; Voting Rights**

Issue	Senate Bill	House Bill	Bill Title	SC Position	Result
Voting rights – incarcerated individuals	SB224 – West	HB222 – Wilkins	<p><b>Correctional Facilities – Voter Registration and Voting (HB222 originally entitled Value My Vote Act)</b></p> <p>(as introduced, Senate and House bills were very similar but were not identical, and thus were technically not cross files)</p>	Support	<p><b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b></p>

<b>Labor</b>	<b>SB95 – Kramer</b>	<b>HB174 – Brooks</b>	<b>Investor-Owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor vetoed; veto may be overridden at next General Assembly session</b>
<b>Police reform</b>	<b>SB178 – Carter</b>	<b>HB120 – Acevero</b>	<b>Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Search Warrants and Inspection of Records Relating to Police Misconduct (Anton’s Law) (originally entitled Public Information Act – Personnel Records – Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (Anton’s Law))</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; General Assembly overrode Governor’s veto</b>
<b>Access to broadband internet</b>	<b>SB66 – Elfreth</b>	<b>HB97 – Lierman</b>	<b>Digital Connectivity Act of 2021</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor signed</b>
<b>Voting rights – students and military</b>	<b>SB283 – Elfreth</b>	<b>HB156 – Luedtke</b>	<b>Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by MD PIRG)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
<b>Labor</b>	<b>SB35 – Feldman</b>	<b>HB37 – Valderrama</b>	<b>Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Applicability</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; General Assembly overrode Governor’s veto</b>
<b>Voting rights – locations</b>	No cross file	<b>HB493 – Guyton</b>	<b>Voting Locations – Accessibility by Public Transportation and Voters With Disabilities</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Disability Rights MD)</b>	<b>House committee did not act on the bill</b>

<b>Labor</b>	<b>SB486 – Augustine</b>	<b>HB581 – Davis, D.E.</b>	<b>Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
County commission and school board election method	No cross file	HB655 – Crosby	County Commissioner and County Boards of Education – District Voting (originally named County Commissioner Elections - District Voting)	Support	House passed; Senate committee did not act on the bill
<b>Police reform</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB670 – Speaker</b>	<b>Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021</b>	<b>Oppose (sign-on testimony, prepared by MD Coalition for Justice &amp; Police Accountability)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; General Assembly overrode Governor's veto</b>
Police reform	No cross file	HB671 – Speaker	Personnel and Investigatory Records – Complaints Against Police Officers	Oppose (sign-on testimony, prepared by MD Coalition for Justice & Police Accountability)	House committee did not act on the bill
Police reform	SB626 – Carter	HB139 – Davis, D.M	Law Enforcement Officers – Use of Force	Support	Senate passed; House committee did not act on the bill
Police reform	No cross file	HB151 – Acevero	Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights – Repeal	Support	House committee did not act on the bill
Montgomery County voting system	No cross file	HB767 – Montgomery County Delegation	Montgomery County – Voting Methods	Support	House committee did not act on the bill
<b>Early voting</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB745 – Luedtke</b>	<b>Early Voting Centers – Number Required</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by MD PIRG)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>



<b>Campaign finance</b>	<b>SB415 – Pinsky</b>	<b>HB424 – Feldmark</b>	<b>Public Financing Act - Matching Fund Revisions (Maryland Fair Elections Act)</b>	<b>Support (sign-on testimony, prepared by Common Cause MD)</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Early voting	No cross file	HB1005 – Crosby	Early Voting Centers – Number Required	Support	House committee did not act on the bill (bill provisions included in HB745, enacted by General Assembly and allowed into law without Governor’s signature)
Mail-in voting	No cross file	HB1047 – Wilkins	Mail-In Voting Enhancement Act	Support	House and Senate passed different versions, but did not reach agreement on a final version
<b>Absentee voting</b>	<b>SB683 – Kramer</b>	<b>HB1048 – Wilkins</b>	<b>Permanent Absentee Ballot List, Ballot Drop Boxes, and Reports (originally entitled Permanent Absentee Ballot List)</b>  <b>(as introduced, Senate &amp; House bills were very similar but were not identical, and thus technically not cross files)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
Historic African American cemeteries	No cross file	HB1099 – Carr	Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund and Study	Support	House committee did not act on the bill
Mail-in voting	No cross file	HB1345 – Kaiser	Mail-In Voting Certification of Assistance, Design of Materials, and Ballot Curing	Support	House committee did not act on the bill

<b>Ethics rules for certain land use decisions in Prince George's County</b>	<b>No cross file</b>	<b>HB980 – Prince George's County Delegation</b>	<b>Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Payments and Transfer and Zone Intensification Requests (originally entitled Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application)</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Enacted by General Assembly; Governor allowed into law without signature</b>
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