



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Legislation Passed by the Maryland General Assembly

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR WOMEN (2004 – 2024)

2024

- Sexual Crimes – Definition of Consent and Repeal of Force
- Criminal Law – Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography – Prohibition
- Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment
- Residential Services Agencies – Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services (Homecare Worker Rights Act of 2024)
- Public Safety – Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program – Establishment (Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act)
- Labor and Employment – Equal Pay for Equal Work – Wage Range Transparency
- Legally Protected Health Care – Gender-Affirming Treatment

2023

- Declaration of Rights – Rights to Reproductive Freedom
- Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Repeal of Spousal Defense
- Reproductive Health Protection Act
- Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Reproductive Health Services Plans – Requirements
- Criminal Law – Victims of Child Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking – Safe Harbor and Service Response
- Early Childhood Development – Child Care Scholarship Program – Alterations
- The Maryland State Police Gun Center – Firearms Surrendered Under Final Protective Orders

2022

- Criminal Law – Stalking – Definition
- Temporary Protective Orders – Electronic Filing and Video Conferencing Hearings
- Abortion Care Access Act
- Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2022)

2021

- Criminal Law – First Degree Child Abuse – Continuing Course of Conduct
- Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products – Requirements
- Maryland Health Equity Resource Act
- Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Worker Protections Act)

2020

- Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Sales, Rentals, and Transfers [vetoed by the Governor; veto overridden in 2021]
- Labor and Employment – Wage History and Wage Range
- Criminal Law – Assault in the First Degree – Strangulation
- Criminal Procedure – Motion to Vacate Judgment – Human Trafficking (True Freedom Act of 2020)
- Sexual Solicitation of a Minor – Solicitation Through Parent, Guardian, or Custodian – Prohibition and Penalties
- Protective Orders – Relief Eligibility – Rape and Sexual Offenses
- Correctional Services – Prerelease Unit for Women – Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act [vetoed by the Governor; veto overridden in 2021])

2019

- Health – Prescription Drug Affordability Board
- Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program
- Pilot Program – Alleged Rape, Sexual Offense, or Child Sexual Abuse-HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis

2018

- Family Law – Child Conceived Without Consent – Termination of Parental Rights (Rape Survivor Protection Act)
- Courts – Evidence of Sexually Assaultive Behavior – Admissibility (Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018)
- Family Law – Domestic Violence – Permanent Protective Orders
- Correctional Facilities – Pregnant Inmates – Medical Care (Healthcare Services for Pregnant Inmates)

2017

- Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act [vetoed by the Governor; veto overridden in 2018]
- Criminal Law – Sexual Offenses – Physical Resistance

2016

- Equal Pay for Equal Work Act
- Criminal Law – Stalking and Harassment
- Peace Orders – Grounds for Relief
- Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance
- Health Insurance – Contraceptive Equity Act

2015

- Maryland Licensure of Direct-Entry Midwives Act
- Domestic Violence – Additional Relief
- Domestic Violence – Persons Eligible for Relief
- State Personnel – Limits on Use of Leave for Birth, Adoption, Foster Placement or Care of Child

2014

- Labor and Employment – Unpaid Parental Leave – Birth or Adoption of a Child
- Correctional Services – Healthy Births for Incarcerated Women Act
- Family Law – Domestic Violence – Permanent Final Protective Orders
- Peace and Protective Orders – Burden of Proof

2013

- Criminal Procedure – Seizure and Forfeiture – Property Used in Human Trafficking

2012

- Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2012
- Gift of a Statue of Harriet Tubman to the United States Government

2011

- Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Definition
- Criminal Law – Human Trafficking Victim Protection Act
- Education – Human Trafficking – Awareness, Training and Distribution of Materials
- Equity for Girls in Maryland's Juvenile Justice System
- Job Applicant Fairness Act
- Sales and Use Tax – Alcoholic Beverages – Supplementary Appropriation (replaced The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011)

2010

- Unemployment Insurance – Tax Deferment, Trust Fund Solvency, and Cost-Neutral Modernization Act
- Family Law – Protective Order – Extension
- Collective Negotiations by Family Child Care Providers
- Civil Cases – Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund

2009

- Family Law – Protective Orders – Surrender of Firearms
- Family Law – Temporary Protective Orders – Surrender of Firearms
- Unemployment Insurance for Part-Time Workers
- Health Insurance – Mandated Benefits – Hospitalization and Home Visits
- Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009

2008

- Labor and Employment - Pay Disparity Data - Reporting
- Flexible Leave Act
- Kids First Act

2007

- Forensic Laboratories - Standards and Oversight
- Child Sexual Abuse and Crimes of Violence

2006

- Criminal Law - Crimes of Violence - Child Abuse
- Family Law - Property Disposition in Annulment or Divorce - Transfer of Real Property

2005

- Labor and Employment - Equal Pay Commission [Veto override]
- Maryland Commission for Women
- Residential Leases - Termination - Limitation of Liability
- Domestic Violence - Protective Orders - Definition of Abuse

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR MARYLAND WOMEN (1994-2004)

LAMW became MLAW in 2004

2004

- Sexual Offenses - Spousal Defense
- Residential Child Care Programs - Certification of Program Administrator
- Labor and Employment - Equal Pay Commission [Governor vetoed]

2003

- Sexual Offenses - Reputation and Opinion Evidence and Evidence of Prior Sexual Conduct - Admissibility
- Informal Kinship Care - Consent to Health Care on Behalf of a Child
- Education - Children in Informal Kinship Care Relationships
- Family Law - Reporting of Out-of-State Child Abuse and Neglect
- Election Law - Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland

2002

- Interim Domestic Violence Orders and Interim Peace Orders - Issuance by District Court Commissioners *and* District Court Commissioners - Powers and Duties (Constitutional Amendment)
- Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act (*Thornton Commission recommendations - education funding based on adequacy*)

2001

- Health Insurance - Hearing Aids - Coverage for Children
- Law Enforcement Officers - Vehicle Laws - Race-Based Traffic Stops (*racial profiling prevention*)
- Anti-Discrimination Act of 2001
- Skills-Based Training for Employment Promotion (STEP) Pilot Program
- Juvenile Causes (*repeal of religious exemptions in juvenile cases*)

2000

- Maryland Children's Health Program - Expansion
- Integration of Child Welfare and Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000

1999

- Child Welfare Citizen Review Panel and Child Fatality Review Teams
- Maryland Meals for Achievement Pilot In-Classroom Program
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Peace Orders (originally Family Law - Domestic Violence - Dating Relationships)

1998

- Maryland Children's Health Program
- Family Law - Grounds for Absolute Divorce - Cruelty of Treatment and Excessively Vicious Conduct
- Income Tax-Earned Income Tax Credit - Refunds
- Health Benefit Plans - Coverage for Prescription Contraceptive Drugs or Devices
- Child Abuse - Out of Court Statements - Nurses and Others
- Breast Cancer Screening Program

1997

- Family Investment Plan - Earned Income Disregard
- Domestic Abuse - Duties of Law Enforcement Officers
- Family Law - Protective Orders
- Evidence - Assault Trials - Spousal Privilege - Record of Assertion

1996

- Crimes - Assault Laws - Revisions
- Health Insurance – Mothers and Newborns - Minimum Length of Stay and Utilization Review
- Criminal History Records Checks - Child Care in Various Settings

1995

- Probation Before Judgment - Sexual Offense Against a Child
- Domestic Violence Act of 1995
- Mother's and Infant's Health Security Act

1994

- Domestic Violence Act of 1994

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