State of Delaware
Public Integrity Commission
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Dover, DE 19901

# Lobbyist Activity Report

## General Assembly Session 152

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# HB 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

This Act removes all penalties for use or possession of a personal use quantity of marijuana and marijuana accessories. It further specifies that the adult sharing of a personal use quantity or less of marijuana is legal activity for those 21 years of age or older and that those 21 or older may possess, use, display, purchase, or transport accessories and personal use quantities of marijuana without penalty. When transporting in a vehicle, those items must be in a closed container or otherwise not readily accessible to anyone inside the vehicle. The statute also specifies certain activities which remain unlawful. Finally, the definition of "personal use quantity" of marijuana is updated to include not only 1 ounce or less of leaf marijuana, but also equivalent amounts of marijuana product in other forms.

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| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
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## HCR 1

### RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023 AS "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH" IN DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes January 2023 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Delaware

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |

## HJR 1

### ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING AND LITERACY EDUCATION EFFORTS IN DELAWARE.

This Joint Resolution creates a bi-partisan School Mentoring and Literacy Task Force, designed to expand volunteer mentoring and literacy education in Delaware schools ,with a report due on June 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ACTION FOR DELAWARE'S CHILDREN | Matthew Denn | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HJR 1

This Amendment adds 2 members to the School Mentoring and Literacy Task Force.

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HB 2

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 4, 11, 16, AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CREATION OF THE DELAWARE MARIJUANA CONTROL ACT.

The Delaware Marijuana Control Act regulates and taxes marijuana for recreational use in much the same manner as alcohol. It creates a framework for production, manufacture, and sale in a legal recreational marijuana industry.

Section 1: Amends Chapter 47 of Title 16 to provide that the offenses and penalties under Uniform Controlled Substances Act do not apply to marijuana-related conduct allowed under the Delaware Marijuana Control Act or the Delaware Medical Marijuana Act, Chapter 49A of Title 16.

Section 2: Amends § 4902A of Title 16 so that the definition of a registered safety compliance facility includes not just marijuana produced for medical use but also marijuana produced under the Delaware Marijuana Control Act.

Section 3: Amends Chapter 4 of Title 4 to expand the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement’s duties and powers to the Delaware Marijuana Control Act.

Section 4: This sectioni s the Delaware Marijuana Control Act. Subchapter I contains definitions and general provisions. Where definitions or analogous provisions exist in the Delaware Code, the definitions are referenced and the language from existing statutes is used. This section of the Act permits individuals over age 21 to possess, use, purchase, or transport 1 ounce (28 grams) or less of marijuana, no more than 5 grams of which may be concentrated, if the individuals are in compliance with this chapter. It permits the operation of marijuana businesses if they operate under licenses granted under Chapter 49A of Title 16, but imposes the same limits on hours and holiday sales as apply to sales of alcohol. It prohibits the use of marijuana in public, by drivers or passengers in vehicles, and prohibits the smoking of marijuana anywhere that smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes is not permitted. Marijuana may not be sold in an establishment licensed to sell alcohol. It delineates the rights of property owners with respect to marijuana possession and consumption. There are specific provisions imposing the same penalties as with alcohol sales, for individuals under the age of 21 using false identification to purchase marijuana, and for businesses that fail to verify the age of marijuana consumers.

This Act creates the Delaware Marijuana Control Act Oversight Committee. This Oversight Committee will coordinate the implementation of this Act with the Medical Marijuana Program, the Division of Public Health, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and the public. The Oversight Committee will review the effectiveness of the Delaware Marijuana Control Act in regard to the safe operation of facilities licensed under this Act, the impact of this Act on public safety, and the impact of this Act on public health. The Commissioner must submit an annual report to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly setting forth all matters of interest and all statistics concerning marijuana regulation and control in the State including: the number of licenses of each variety issued with the State; including the name and address of each person licensed to cultivate, manufacture, or sell marijuana or marijuana products in the State; the amount of marijuana and marijuana products sold within the State; the number of licenses of each kind granted and the number cancelled during the year, and the outcomes and effective of the issuance of social equity licenses.

Subchapter II creates the position of Marijuana Commissioner and an Appeals Commission. The Commissioner has the power to grant licenses for marijuana establishments, establish health and safety regulations for marijuana cultivation, regulate distribution, and hear complaints regarding establishments licensed under this Act. The Commissioner must consult with the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement before adopting or establishing policies that concern enforcement. Finally, they must coordinate with the Division of Small Business, Development, and Tourism so that potential businesses licensed under this Act have access to programs, particularly those that support small businesses owned by minorities, women, and veterans.

Subchapter III sets up the regulations and licenses under the Delaware Marijuana Control Act. The Marijuana Commissioner has the authority to adopt regulations to implement this Act and include specific requirements that marijuana establishments must meet to obtain licenses. Regulations must require that products containing marijuana use a symbol and a standard measurement to be used on all marijuana products so they are easily identified as containing marijuana and consumers can identify the amount of marijuana in different products; be in opaque, child-resistant packaging; and contain a warning label explaining evidence-based harms from consuming marijuana, including the impact on developing brains. The regulations must also contain security requirements, testing requirements, advertising restrictions, and require that food products comply with State food safety laws.

There are separate licensing requirements for retail marijuana stores, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana cultivation facilities, and marijuana product manufacturing facilities. Licensing requirements also differ between open licenses, social equity licenses, and microbusiness licenses. There is a $10,000 biennial fee for most open licenses, with reduced licensing fees for microbusinesses and social equity licenses. Cultivation licenses are determined by square footage of the grow canopy area. As part of the competitive scoring process the Commissioner will use to determine which applicant may obtain licenses to operate each type of marijuana establishment, applicants for open licenses will submit a business plan, an environmental and sustainability plan, as well as attestations affirming that (1) the applicant has a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization.

Subchapter III also establishes the criteria for a social equity applicant and requires the Commissioner to develop financial and technical assistance programming to aid social equity applicants. It also establishes the criteria for a microbusiness license.

Subchapter IV contains provisions relating to local control, procedural requirements for licenses and renewals, and hearings and appeals related to licenses.

Subchapters VI and VII provide the Commissioner the authority to refuse approval of changes in the ownership, officers, or directors, financial interest or lease in connection with any license. The subchapter also details the requirements when there is a change in ownership of a license or licensee, a change in officers and directors, and changes in the financial interest of a license or licensee.

Subchapter VIII deals with taxation and creates the Marijuana Regulation Fund and the Justice Reinvestment Fund. The Regulation Fund will consist of fees collected, penalties imposed, and taxes collected under this Act. It creates the marijuana control enforcement tax on retail marijuana in the amount of 15%. 7% of the tax revenue collected will be allocated to the Justice Reinvestment Fund, under the management of the Department of Justice where it will be used for projects to improve quality of life for communities most impacted by the prohibition of marijuana and “war on drugs” era policies. This subchapter also provides for an annual audit of the Office of the Commissioner.

Section 5: Creates a State tax deduction for corporations for all ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred by a marijuana establishment to reflect the inability of a business licensed under this Act to deduct these expenses from federal taxes and thus state taxes. This creates a more level playing field with other businesses.

Section 6: Creates a State tax deduction of ordinary and necessary business expenses for pass through entities operating under this Act.

Section 7: Allows the Director of Revenue to enter into an agreement with the Marijuana Commissioner for the inspection of any tax return.

Section 8: Exempts marijuana taxes paid or payable to the state from the gross receipts tax.

Section 9: Removes possession of marijuana from the list of activities that prohibits a person from at the same time possessing a handgun.

Section 10: Makes the provisions of the bill severable.
Section 11: Requires regulations required under new § 1331 of Title 4 to be adopted no later than one year from this bill's effective date.
Section 12: Requires the Controller General to send a notice to the Registrar of Regulations when funds have been appropriated to implement this Act.
Section 13: Provides that the bill is effective upon the later of the publication of the notice under Section 13 or its enactment.

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## HCR 2

### COMMEMORATING JANUARY 22ND, 2023 AS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULING IN ROE V. WADE

This Concurrent Resolution commemorates January 22nd, 2023 as the 50th Anniversary of the United States Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade.

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |

## HJR 2

### THE OFFICIAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

This Resolution provides the official revenue, refund, and unencumbered funds estimates for Fiscal Year 2023.

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 2

This amendment does all of the following:

(1) Removes language relating to alcoholic liquor testing.

(2) Corrects a typographical error.

(3) Reinserts language relating to terms and conditions of employment with respect to marijuana that was present in previous versions of this bill.

(4) Makes technical corrections relating to canopy grow area and licensing.

(5) Gives the Division of Revenue power to set the form and manner of marijuana tax payments and the manner the tax appears on a consumer's receipt at the time of sale.

(6) Extends the privacy protections given to other tax returns and reports to the marijuana tax.

(7) Replaces the Department of Justice with the Criminal Justice Council as the administrator of the Justice Reinvestment Fund.

(8) Adds cross-references to Chapter 30 relating to the hierarchy of rules for tax administration, procedures and enforcement.

(9) Adds a quarterly report from the Commissioner to the General Assembly regarding progress towards timely implementation of the Act.

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HA 2 to HB 2

This amendment makes technical corrections and clarifications requested by the Office of the Governor.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Mar 8, 2023 |
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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 2

This Amendment does all of the following:

(1) Provides for political balance on the Delaware Marijuana Control Act Oversight Committee and the Appeals Commission.

(2) Permits an individual subject to a fine, license suspension, or license revocation to request documents relevant to the regulatory action issued by the Commissioner.

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| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |

## HB 3

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

According to a recent CDC survey, the COVID pandemic exacerbated an existing mental health crisis for students. One in 5 school aged children has a mental health condition, and 45% of children may have experienced a traumatic event. This bill provides for excused absences for the mental or behavior health of a student and requires that any student taking more than 2 such excused absences will be referred to a behavioral health specialist. This bill provides a supplemental tool to identify students struggling with mental and behavioral health issues and legitimizes these struggles faced by many students. Moreover, this bill makes clear that the mental and behavioral health of students is a priority in this State.

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
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| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
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## HCR 3

DESIGNATING JANUARY 23, 2023, AS "MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution designates January 23, 2023, as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware.

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| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |

## HJR 3

THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDES THE OFFICIAL REVENUE, REFUND, AND UNENCUMBERED FUNDS ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

This Resolution provides the official revenue, refund, and unencumbered funds estimates for Fiscal Year 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 3

This amendment clarifies that after the second absence, the student must be referred to a school-based mental or behavioral health specialist. The amendment also requires the Department of Education to provide the technical ability so the Act can be implemented seamlessly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE VETERANS COALITION | David Skocik | Jul 2, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 16, 2023 |

## HB 4

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SCHOOL TRAUMA.

This Act is Nolan’s Law. The purpose of this legislation is to provide more behavioral health supports to school districts and charter schools in the aftermath of a school-connected traumatic event, which is defined as the death of any student, educator, administrator, or other building employee of a public school.

The Department of Education is charged with developing guidance, best practices, and written resources for schools dealing with a school-connected traumatic event. The Department must consult with behavioral health specialists and school-based mental health professional organizations such as NAMI, Delaware, Delaware Association of School Psychologists, Delaware School Counselors Association, and the School Social Workers Association of Delaware. The Department must finalize these items by January 1, 2024.

This legislation also requires the Department to cover the costs of grief counseling offered to students for up to thirty days after a school-connected traumatic event.

In an effort to create a more standardized approach for the occurrence of a school-connected traumatic event, this bill charges each school district and charter school to establish a detailed crisis response policy that must meet a minimum number of required policies and procedures. Policies must be adopted by the school district or charter and distributed to the Department of Education by September 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 8, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |

## HCR 4

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AS "WORLD CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA DAY" IN DELAWARE.

Cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer, is a cancer that occurs in the bile ducts in or outside the liver. This Resolution recognizes February 12, 2023 as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |

## HA 2 to HB 4

This amendment expands the definition of "school-connected traumatic event" to include any "other traumatic event that affects a significant portion of the students in the school. It also specifies that the Department of Education is responsible only for grief counseling provided at the school and extends the period during which the Department must cover the cost of grief counseling to 45 days, with an option to renew for an additional 45 days. Finally, it requires that the Department provide a report each year to the JFC chairs and Education Committee chairs detailing the costs of grief counseling provided pursuant to this section.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 5

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The State’s Medicaid Plan still limits the reimbursement of Medicaid-covered, school-based behavioral health services to those provided under an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), despite federal policy changes that allow for these services to be provided as a medical necessity without IEP or IFSP documentation. This bill would charge the Department of Health & Social Services to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State Plan Amendment that would allow for reimbursement of medically necessary behavioral health services without IEP or IFSP documentation. Local education agencies must use the reimbursed funds to further invest in school-based behavioral health supports.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 2, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |

## HCR 5

DESIGNATING JANUARY 22-28, 2023 AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates January 22-28, 2023 as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists' (CRNA) Week in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 5

This amendment removes the provision allowing the Department of Education to retain 5% of federal reimbursements to defray administrative costs and rephrases the requirement that reimbursements be used for school-based behavioral health programs and services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 5

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The State’s Medicaid Plan still limits the reimbursement of Medicaid-covered, school-based behavioral health services to those provided under an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), despite federal policy changes that allow for these services to be provided as a medical necessity without IEP or IFSP documentation. This bill would charge the Department of Health & Social Services to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State Plan Amendment that would allow for reimbursement of medically necessary behavioral health services without IEP or IFSP documentation. Local education agencies must use the reimbursed funds to further invest in school-based behavioral health supports.

This House Substitute differs from the original HB 5 in that the deadline for application for a State Plan Amendment is extended to January 1, 2025. It also allows the Department of Education, the administrator of all reimbursements, to retain up to 5% of federal reimbursement dollars in order to defray administrative costs. Remaining funds shall be reimbursed to the local education agencies providing the services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 6

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

This Act requires the State to fund a Mental Health Professional and Mental Health Coordinator position for each district and charter school by the 2024-25 school year. The Mental Health Professional and Mental Health Coordinator must develop partnerships with community-based organizations, work to establish collaborative relationships with the school, families, and local community, create an implementation plan, and undertake an assessment of the district's mental health needs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |

## HR 6

ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET SPORTS LOTTERY LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP.

This House Resolution creates an Internet Sports Lottery Legislative Working Group to evaluate and make recommendations on authorizing an internet sports lottery in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BETMGM, LLC | Jon Mandel | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COUNCIL ON GAMBLING PROBLEMS, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STANDARDBRED OWNERS ASSN., INC. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DRAFTKINGS INC. | Jon Mandel | Jun 30, 2023 |
| FANDUEL INC. | Jon Mandel | Jun 30, 2023 |
| FBG ENTERPRISES OPCO, LLC | Jon Mandel | Jun 30, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |

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| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 5, 2023 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Nov 30, 2023 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Adam Marchuk | Nov 28, 2023 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Paul Wierbicki | Jan 31, 2024 |
| SPORTS BETTING ALLIANCE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 30, 2023 |
| SPORTS BETTING ALLIANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Feb 10, 2023 |

## HB 7

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PEDIATRIC INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT.

This Act requires Delaware Medicaid to provide an enhancement to the acute care per diem rate for psychiatric facilities for hard to place pediatric behavioral health inpatients. The per diem enhancement is limited to an inpatient stay of 14 days. The applicability of the per diem enhancement is determined based on whether admission criteria is met. This Act also creates a Quality Oversight Committee designed to identify quality metrics for facilities admitting patients as well as provide biennial recommendations to the General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee regarding eligibility categories and enhancement rates.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 2, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |

## HB 8

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CLEAN CONSTRUCTION PREFERENCES FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

This Act directs state agencies to collaborate on the development and implementation of "clean construction preferences" that will allow for the incorporation and consideration of sustainability and carbon impact data in the award of public works contracts.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 8

REQUESTING THE DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE DISPOSAL OF AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS.

This Concurrent Resolution requests the Delaware State Fire School propose a plan for the safe disposal of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), due to the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) they contain from Delaware Fire Departments and companies. The Delaware State Fire School is to provide a report to the President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Controller General, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The report is also to include the cost of disposal and the cost to obtain safe, viable, alternatives. The concept would be to fund this disposal foam and remove it from the Delaware Fire Service by a one-time exchange of this foam voluntarily and allowing the Fire Service the opportunity to replace AFFF with a new compliant supply at no cost to them. This report would establish a cost line item for the 2023-24 Bond Bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | Mar 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HR 8

AMENDING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 152ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This Resolution amends the Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly to require legislation assigned to a committee be acted on by the committee unless the House prime sponsor or floor manager of the legislation requests the committee to not act on the legislation. If the legislation is not acted on by the committee within 12 legislative days, the legislation must be placed on the agenda for the committee's next meeting time assigned under Rule 33(a) or a date agreed to by the Chair of the committee and the House prime sponsor or floor manager of the legislation and must be heard and acted on at that meeting. The Chief Clerk shall send notice of legislation reaching its twelfth legislative day in committee without action to the Chair of the committee and the House prime sponsor or floor manager of the legislation.

Additionally, this Resolution amends the Temporary Rules of the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly to require legislation reported out of committee and placed on the ready list be placed on an agenda by the Speaker unless the House prime sponsor or floor manager of the legislation requests the Speaker not place the legislation on an agenda. If the legislation is not placed on an agenda within 3 legislative days, the legislation must be placed on the agenda for the next convening of the House of Representatives under Rule 1 or a date agreed to by the Speaker and the House prime sponsor or floor manager of the bill or resolution. The legislation must then be heard

and acted on by the House on that legislative day. The Chief Clerk shall send notice of legislation placed on the ready list that has reached its third legislative day without being placed on an agenda to the Speaker and House prime sponsor or floor manager of the legislation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 8

This amendment clarifies that the “Director of the Office” references the Director of OMB. It also requires the committee to consult with representatives/experts from the contracting and material industry in the development of the preferences and in any annual reevaluation and updates to the clean construction preferences.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 17, 2023 |

## HB 9

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE FLEET.

This Act requires that all passenger vehicles and light duty vehicles owned and operated by the State be zero emission vehicles by 2040 by requiring increasing volumes of zero emission vehicles every few years.

The Office of Management and Budget shall be authorized to grant exemptions to these requirements. Law enforcement vehicles and vessels of State agency law-enforcement personnel; vehicles owned by the Department of Education, school districts, and charter schools; and designated take home vehicles shall be exempt from these requirements as well.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 9

This Amendment requires OMB to submit an implementation report relating to the procurement of zero-emission vehicles every 3 years. It also requires a report detailing recommendations to further lower carbon emissions in the statewide fleet by January 31, 2035. Finally, this Amendment exempts emergency vehicles from the zero-emission vehicle requirements of HB 9.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HB 10

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM.

This Act establishes targets for annual purchase of electric school buses through fiscal year 2030, and requires the Department of Education to submit an annual implementation report through 2029 as well as a comprehensive report in 2030 detailing future recommendations for electric vehicle purchases and other measures to reduce the carbon and environmental impact of the State's school transportation fleet.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Charles Garlow | Oct 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 11

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY BUILDING CODES.

This Act requires new commercial buildings with a foundation footprint of 50,000 square feet or greater to meet certain requirements to ensure that their roof is able to support solar energy infrastructure.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 11

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes the pertinent work of social workers throughout Delaware and the entire country, encourages the creation and expansion of Social Work programs, and recognizes March 2023 as Social Work Month in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 10, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 11

The amendment makes clear that solar-ready zones must comply with Appendix CA Solar-Ready Zone—Commercial of the International Energy Conservation Code or ASHRAE Standard 90.1, both of which are building standards. This amendment requires that the total solar-ready zone area shall not be less than 40 percent of the roof area, which is consistent with Appendix CA Solar-Ready Zone—Commercial of the International Energy Conservation Code, and erroneously omitted from House Bill No. 11.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |

## HB 12

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

This Act creates an Electric Vehicle Rebate Program to incentivize the purchase and lease of new and used electric vehicles by Delaware residents. All-electric vehicles shall receive a rebate of no more than $2,500 and hybrid vehicles shall receive a rebate of no more than $1,000. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control shall develop standards, forms, and procedures necessary to implement this program.

This program will be terminated if either of the following occurs and notice is given to the Registrar of Regulations and the General Assembly:

(1) Available funds for the program will be exhausted within the following year; or

(2) It is determined that the median cost of electric vehicles is comparable with the median cost of similar internal combustion engine vehicles

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HR 12

HONORING MAY 7-13, 2023 AS “DELAWARE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK”.

This Resolution recognizes May 7-13, 2023 as “Delaware Correctional Officers and Employees Week” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 12

This Amendment changes the price cap for a vehicle eligible for the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program from $60,000 in total vehicle price to $50,000 in MSRP. It also clarifies that DNREC and DOT should determine the median cost of both new and used electric vehicles when determining whether the median cost of electic vehicles is comparable with that of internal combustion engine vehicles.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HB 13

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

This Act directs DNREC, in consultation with DOT, to publish an assement of the availability of residential charging stations for electric vehicles, which shall include strategies to deploy additional charging stations in high-need areas. This Act further directs DNREC to develop incentive program that will improve the electric vehicle charging infrastructure based on gaps identified in the report, with a focus on single-family homes without access to designated off-street parking and multi-family dwellings.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE FOR AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION | Josh Fisher | Apr 1, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION | Charles Garlow | Jul 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HCR 13

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS “NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MONTH” IN DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of March 2023 as "National Developmental Disability Month" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 10, 2023 |

## HR 13

RECOGNIZING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS AND COMMENDING THEIR SKILLS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF DELAWARE.

This House Resolution recognizes and commends speech-language pathologists and audiologists throughout this State for their work with citizens of this State to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 13

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Based on DNREC’s finalized regulations that require automakers to deliver an increasing amount of zero-emission vehicles for sale in Delaware by 2032, Substitute 1 to HB 13 requires the Executive Director of the SEU to administer a program that provides up to $1,000 per applicant for the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging equipment at or near the applicant’s place of residence.  It further requires that at least 25% of the awards given under this program go to low-income applicants.

Substitute 1 to HB 13 further amends HB 13 by removing the requirement that DNREC create: (1) an assessment of the availability of residential charging stations; and (2) incentive programs based on that assessment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 13

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

This Act requires the Director of the Sustainable Energy Utility to administer a program to provide financial assistance to Delaware residents for the cost of purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment. For a low-income applicant (meaning up to 300% of the federal poverty level for household income), financial assistance covering up to 90% of the purchase and installation costs may be covered. For all other applicants the program may offer assistance to cover up to 50% of the costs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Anna Quisel | Mar 26, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | May 21, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HCR 13

This Amendment corrects the number of individuals in Delaware living with developmental disabilities and clarifies the impairments associated with developmental disabilities. This Amendment also corrects a typographical error.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 10, 2023 |

## HB 15

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OVARIAN CANCER.

This Act requires all individual, blanket, and group health insurance policies to cover annual ovarian cancer screening tests for women at risk for ovarian cancer. It further expands the scope of monitoring tests available to women subsequent to ovarian cancer treatment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Mar 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |

## HCR 15

DESIGNATING MARCH 14, 2023 AS "EQUAL PAY DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution designates March 14, 2023 as "Equal Pay Day" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 15, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 15

This amendment adds having a family history of breast cancer in a male relative or a personal history of polycystic ovarian cancer to the definition of “at risk for ovarian cancer.” It also strikes references to experimental or investigative services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 16

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 29 AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OVARIAN CANCER.

This Act requires that Medicaid and State employee health plans cover: (1) ovarian cancer monitoring tests for women treated for ovarian cancer; and (2) annual screening tests for women at risk for ovarian cancer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |

## HCR 16

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ISSUE A REPORT ANALYZING THE BENEFITS OF VIRTUAL LEARNING IN A POST-COVID LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

This Concurrent Resolution directs the Department of Education to issue a report assessing the advantages and disadvantages of virtual learning for kindergarten through grade 12 students in a post-COVID learning environment, to include a review of all current virtual learning options in the State.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 16

This amendment adds a family history of breast cancer in a male relative and a personal history of polycystic ovarian syndrome to the definition of "at risk for ovarian cancer".

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 17

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SICK TIME AND SAFETY LEAVE.

This Act requires all employers in the State to provide employees with a minimum of 1 hour of earned sick time and safety leave for every 30 hours worked. For employers with 9 or fewer employees, the time may be unpaid, job-protected time instead of paid time. Accrued earned sick time and safety leave may be used by the employee for time off with pay at the employee’s same wage and benefit rate to deal with the mental and physical health needs of either the employee or an employee’s family member and other specified purposes. Earned sick time and safety leave may also be used to address the consequences of domestic violence for such things as meeting with lawyers, obtaining services from victim service organizations, temporary relocation and the like.

Employers may cap the number of hours earned per year at 40, the carryover from one year to the next at 40 hours, and the maximum earned sick and safety leave an employee has access to at any one time at 40 hours. Employers may require employees to have been employed at least 90 days before they may take earned sick leave and safety time. Employers whose benefits packages already meet the minimum requirements of this Act are not required to offer anything additional.

The Department of Labor will promulgate regulations governing operation of the Act and will enforce the provisions of the Act. Employers who violate the Act are subject to civil penalty of no less than $2,000 nor more than $20,000. Employers are prohibited from discriminating against an employee who complains to the Department that an employer has violated the Act. Where discrimination or retaliation is found to have occurred a penalty between $20,000 and $50,000 may be applied.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 15, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Karl Stomberg | Apr 1, 2024 |

## HCR 17

RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2023 "ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY."

This House Concurrent Resolution designates the 21st day of the Month of March, 2023 as “Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day” and celebrates the beauty and contributions that people with Down Syndrome make in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 17

This amendment clarifies that the law will take effect for those covered by a collective bargaining agreement in effect on January 1, 2027 on the expiration date in the contract or when the contract is subject to renewal/amendment/extension. In this case, the law might not take effect for some unionized employees for many years, if they are covered by a very long contract term.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HS 1 for HB 17

This amendment removes closure of a family member's school or other facility and time to attend school-related functions and events from permissible uses of sick time and safety leave and makes conforming changes.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HS 1 for HB 17

This amendment changes the definition of "small business" to "an employer that employed less than 25 employees in this State during the previous 12 months."

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 17

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SICK TIME AND SAFETY LEAVE.

This Act requires all employers in the State to provide employees with a minimum of 1 hour of earned sick time and safety leave for every 30 hours worked. For employers of fewer than 10 employees, the time may be unpaid, job-protected time instead of paid time. Accrued earned sick time and safety leave may be used by the employee for time off with pay at the employee's same wage and benefit rate to deal with the mental and physical health needs of either the employee or an employee's family member and other specified purposes. Earned sick time and safety leave may also be used to address the consequences of domestic violence for such things as meeting with lawyers, obtaining services from victim service organizations, temporary relocation and the like.

Employers may cap the number of hours earned per year at 40, the carryover from one year to the next at 40 hours, and the maximum earned sick and safety leave an employee has access to at any one time at 40 hours. Employers may require employees to have been employed at least 90 days before they may take earned sick leave and safety time. Employers whose benefits packages already meet the minimum requirements of this Act are not required to offer anything additional.

The Department of Labor will promulgate regulations governing operation of the Act and will enforce the provisions of the Act. Employers who violate the Act are subject to civil penalty of no less than $1,000 nor more than $5,000. Employers are prohibited from discriminating against an employee who complains to the Department that an employer has violated the Act. Where discrimination or retaliation is found to have occurred a penalty between $1,000 and $5,000 may be applied.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Apr 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS | Michael O'Halloran | Apr 18, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Shyanne Miller | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HR 19

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

This resolution recognizes the month of October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HCR 20

REQUESTING THE DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE DISPOSAL OF AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS.

This Concurrent Resolution requests the Delaware State Fire School propose a plan for the safe disposal of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), due to the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) they contain from Delaware Fire Departments and companies. The Delaware State Fire School is to provide a report to the President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Controller General, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The report is also to include the cost of disposal and the cost to obtain safe, viable, alternatives. The concept would be to fund this disposal foam and remove it from the Delaware Fire Service by a one-time exchange of this foam voluntarily and allowing the Fire Service the opportunity to replace AFFF with a new compliant supply at no cost to them.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HB 21

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF AGENCY REGULATIONS.

This Act creates the Joint Committee on Oversight of Agency Regulations ("Committee") to engage in review and oversight of regulations adopted by State agencies.

Like laws in states such as Colorado and Utah, this Act does all of the following:
(1) Requires that all regulations adopted by an agency between each November 1 and October 31 expire at 5:00 p.m. on the following June 30 unless the General Assembly enacts a law to remove the expiration of the regulation.
(2) Establishes criteria for the Committee's review of State agency regulations.
(3) Establishes a process for the Committee's review and oversight of State agency regulations, including the requirement of a staff report, public hearings, and Committee recommendations to the General Assembly.
(4) If the Committee recommends a regulation not be allowed to expire, requires the Committee to draft and introduce a bill that removes the expiration of each regulation the Committee recommends not be allowed to expire.
(5) The Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and members receive the same additional compensation as the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Dec 20, 2024 |

## HCR 21

RECOGNIZING MARCH 24, 2023 AS WOMEN AND GIRLS IN STEM DAY IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates March 24, 2023 as Women and Girls in STEM Day in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## HR 21

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS ALOPECIA AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes the month of September 2023 as Alopecia Awareness Month.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HB 22

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ASSAULT.

School personnel report that school safety is a significant issue that affects whether or not they stay in the profession. This Act makes intentionally or recklessly causing physical injury to an employee, contractor, or subcontractor of a public or private elementary or secondary school an assault in the second degree. This Act is known as "The School Personnel Protection Act".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HR 22

ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET SPORTS LOTTERY LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP.

This House Resolution extends the deadline for the Internet Sports Lottery Legislative Working Group to provide its recommendations to the House of Representatives from June 30, 2023 to December 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CAESARS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COUNCIL ON GAMBLING PROBLEMS, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 22

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ASSAULT.

School personnel report that school safety is a significant issue that affects whether or not they stay in the profession. This Act makes recklessly or intentionally causing physical injury to an employee, contractor, or subcontractor of a public or private elementary school or secondary school an assault in the second degree. This Act may be cited as “The School Personnel Protection Act”.

This Act is a substitute for and differs from House Bill No. 22 by specifying that the person must recklessly or intentionally cause physical injury to the employee, contractor, or subcontractor while on school property or at a school-sponsored event in order for the provision to apply.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Mar 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 23

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE.

This Act does the following:

(1) Makes amendments to the administration of the Ivyane Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund by removing disbursement requirements to allow more flexibility to scholarship recipients, and clarifying that scholarship funds may be used for direct or indirect educational expenses and may not be used to reduce the amount of a waiver under the Delaware Fostering Independence Through Education Tuition Waiver Program. The Act also removes the 1 year residency requirement preceding application for the scholarship.

(2) Makes amendments to the administration of the Delaware Fostering Independence Through Education Tuition Waiver Program by codifying responsibility for administering the program with the Office of the Child Advocate

("Office"), and clarifying the responsibilities of the Office and those of the institutions of higher education. The Act clarifies that the waiver applies to both full-time and part-time students and summer and winter classes. The Act also lowers the maximum age of eligibility from 26 to 25, to bring this Program into alignment with the requirements of the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher program. Finally, the Act mandates that Ivyane Davis Scholarships and Chafee Education and Training Vouchers may not be applied to reduce the amount of the waiver and that students eligible for waivers may not apply for or take out loans to reduce the amount of the waiver.
(3) Amends the Office of the Child Advocate's duties outlined in § 9005A of Title 29 of the Delaware Code to include administration of the Fostering Independence Through Education Tuition Waiver Program.
(4) Makes technical corrections for uniformity of language and to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 24

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND INCOME TAX RETURNS.

This Act creates a new charitable donation option on the Delaware income tax return. It allows taxpayers to direct a donation to the SL24: Unlocke the Light Foundation out of their state tax refund or in addition to the payment of owed tax. The Foundation works to educate the community to end the stigma, myths, and barriers surrounding mental health and to encourage productive conversations regarding mental health and wellness; provide uninsured and underinsured young people the means to get the critical and ongoing health services they need through the SL24 Mental Health Scholarship program; and provide access to trained Peer24 Team Members, Support Groups, and safe spaces like Sean's House and Sean's Rooms;
The Act also removes the statutory limitation on the number of charitable funds that may be included on the income tax return.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |

## HCR 24

RECOGNIZING APRIL 25, 2023, AS "DELAWARE TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE DAY".

This Concurrent Resolutions recognizes April 25, 2023, as Delaware Teach Children to Save Day.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 24

This Amendment restores the 21 charitable organization limit for the tax return and strikes an existing charitable donation option because that organization has been dissolved.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 25

AN ACT TO DECLARE THE 2022 DELAWARE RELIEF REBATES AS QUALIFIED DISASTER PAYMENTS.

This legislation establishes that a relief rebate issued under the 2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program during the period that the federal major disaster declaration exists for the State of Delaware is intended to be a qualified disaster relief payment under § 139 of the Internal Revenue Code. It further provides that the State makes no representations or warranties to recipients regarding the 2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program and that civil actions of any nature and claims for any form of economic entitlement including but not limited to damages are prohibited with respect to this legislation. This legislation is effective as of the date on which the 2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program was enacted.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |

## HB 26

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEE LEAVE.

This Act provides state employees 30, rather than 15, days of paid leave per year to attend training camp or serve special duty as ordered by the military reserves or Delaware National Guard.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |

## HCR 26

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023, AS “PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH”.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 2023, as PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH in the State of Delaware and calls on all Delawareans to support the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, Inc. in their efforts to Have the conversation with friends, family, patients, and clients about gambling addiction.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COUNCIL ON GAMBLING PROBLEMS, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |

## HB 27

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NEW CASTLE COUNTY BIDDING THRESHOLDS.

This Act raises the public bidding thresholds for procurement of goods, contractual services, professional services, and public works contracts by the government of New Castle County to match the bidding thresholds established by the State's Contracting and Purchasing Advisory Council.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Jan 13, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |

## HB 29

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND EDUCATION EXPENSE FUND BY INCREASING THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.

This Act increases the Senior Real Property Tax credit to $750 from $400 as authorized in the Appropriations Bill for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which effectively amended Title 29, § 6102(q)(3) from $500 to $400.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 29

This amendment delays the implementation date until July 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 30

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.

This Act removes the 3 year residency requirement to qualify for the disabled veteran tax credit.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE VETERANS COALITION | David Skocik | Jul 23, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 30

This Amendment creates a taxable income ceiling of $50,000, individually, or $100,000, jointly, for a 100% disabled Delaware veteran resident to qualify for the disabled veteran property tax.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 31

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SENIOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.

This Act reinstates a credit against school taxes of up to $400 for seniors who have been domiciled in Delaware for 3 years or more. After 10 years domiciled in Delaware the credit would increase to $500. Under current law the credit is $500 after 10 years.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |

## HCR 31

RECOGNIZING MARCH 31ST AS INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY.

This concurrent resolution commemorates March 31st as International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## HR 31

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND AND SUPPORT EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN DELAWARE.

This House Resolution requests that the Department of Education does all of the following to expand and support equity and inclusion in financial literacy for all students in the State of Delaware:

1. Contract with the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration to conduct a curriculum alignment study for all local education agencies (LEAs).

2. Reports the findings of the financial literacy standards curriculum alignment study to the General Assembly no later than May 1, 2025.

3. Provides assistance to LEAs to improve implementation of existing financial literacy standards.

4. Reports its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, the General Assembly, and the Governor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HR 32

URGING THE STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, DIVISION OF STATEWIDE BENEFITS AND INSURANCE COVERAGE, TO COLLABORATE WITH A HEALTH SYSTEM PARTNER(S) TO WORK WITH A TECHNOLOGY PARTNER TO DELIVER FOCUSED AND TARGETED CARE PROTOCOLS TO A MEASURABLE COHORT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS THE GROWING PROBLEM DIABETES AND METABOLIC SYNDROME PRESENT, THEREBY IMPROVING HEALTH AND DECREASING EXPENSES FOR THE ENROLLEES OF THE

PLAN.

This resolution urges the Department of Human Resources / Division of Statewide Benefits and Insurance Coverage, to collaborate with a health system partner to work with a technology partner to deliver focused and targeted care protocols to a measurable cohort of the State Employee Group Health Insurance Plan to proactively address the growing problem Diabetes and metabolic syndrome present, thereby improving health and decreasing expenses for the enrollees of the Plan.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 33

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PREKINDERGARTEN SPECIAL EDUCATION.

This Act increases funding for preschool children with disabilities who are not counted in either "intensive" or "complex" special education units by revising the current ratio of 12.8 students per unit to 8.4 students per unit for children 3 years of age and older enrolled in a preschool program. This is the same ratio in effect as of July 1, 2023, for K-3 basic special education. The Act also creates a new “preschool 2” unit with a ratio of 7 students per unit. This is to accommodate 2-year-olds with disabilities who are enrolled in school district programs. The Office of Child Care Licensing requires a 1:7 ratio for classrooms that have 2-year-olds in them.

The preschool funding change is effective July 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jan 30, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 23, 2023 |

## HCR 33

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS THE ANNUAL “NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of April 2023 as “National Fair Housing Month” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 33

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PREKINDERGARTEN SPECIAL EDUCATION.

This Act increases funding for preschool children with disabilities who are not counted in either "intensive" or "complex" special education units by revising the current ratio of 12.8 students per unit to 8.4 students per unit for preschool children included in the basic unit count. This is the same ratio in effect as of July 1, 2023, for K-3 basic special education. The Act also consolidates the K-3 Basic Special Education Unit with the 4-12 Basic Special Education Unit as the ratio is the same for each group as of July 1, 2023.

This substitute bill is different from original HB33 in that it omits the “Preschool 2 Basic Special Education Unit.”

The preschool funding change is effective July 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jan 30, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 4, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |

## HB 34

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

This Bill requires school boards, including charter schools, to permit public comment on each agenda item presented for a vote at a school board meeting. The public comment period must take place before the school board vote on an agenda item. The school board may reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner of the public comment period.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Gregory Gross | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HCR 34

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS “AUTISM ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION MONTH” AND RECOGNIZING AUTISM DELAWARE’S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2023 as “Autism Acceptance and Inclusion Month” and Autism Delaware's 25 years of service to the people of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 5, 2023 |

## HR 34

PHASING OUT THE USE OF AVOIDABLE PFAS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Resolution states the intent to phase out the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products sold in Delaware, consistent with precedents set in other states that have banned the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 29, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 34

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

House Bill No. 34 requires school boards, including charter schools, to permit public comment on each agenda item presented for a vote at a school board meeting. The public comment period must take place before the school board vote on an agenda item. The school board may reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner of the public comment period.

House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 34 makes the following changes:

1. Clarifies that public comment is not required on procedural items on the agenda that require a vote such as a request to approve minutes or enter into executive session;
2. Removes language referring to open meetings; and
3. Makes other non-substantive changes to improve the bill’s clarity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 35

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE.

This Act charges the Department of Safety & Homeland Security, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Department of Transportation, to present a report and plan to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2023 for a comprehensive motor vehicle noise and abatement program. The agencies are charged with considering developments in technology, other state and federal standards, and proposing changes as necessary to Delaware law and recommendations for changes in equipment and procedures.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| EVERGREEN WASTE SERVICES, LLC | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jan 12, 2023 |

## HA 2 to HB 35

This amendment makes optional that public hearings required by this subchapter conform to the procedure established in § 6006 of the title.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |

## HB 36

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act decreases by 1% the rate of the realty transfer tax to be received by the State, thereby returning it to the rate that was applicable prior to August 1,2017. The Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual. This Act will apply to documents recorded and permits applied for after the effective date of the Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HB 37

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LANDLORD OBLIGATIONS AND TENANT REMEDIES.

It is the policy of this State that meaningful sanctions be imposed upon those who allow dangerous conditions and defects to exist in leased premises and that an effective mechanism be established for repairing these conditions and halting their creation. This Act allows tenants to bring an action of rent escrow to pay rent into the court because of asserted defects or conditions. Alternatively, the tenant may refuse to pay rent and raise the existence of the asserted defects or conditions as an affirmative defense to an action for summary possession or an action for nonpayment of rent. This Act requires the tenant to give proper notice and allow the landlord the opportunity to effect repairs. This Act requires the court to make appropriate findings of fact and to make any order that justice of the case may require, which may include termination of the lease and return of the leased premises to the landlord, order that the action for rent escrow be dismissed, order that the amount of rent be reduced in amount determined by the court to be fair and equitable, or order the landlord to make the repairs or correct the conditions complained of by the tenant.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Jan 3, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Jan 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 14, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Jerome Heisler, Jr. | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 37

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS "NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes the month of April 2023 as "National Donate Life Month" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 39

AN ACT TO CREATE THE EXPANDED PROTECTION FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND HOMES GRANT PROGRAM.

This bill seeks to create the Expanded Protection for Our Communities and Homes (EPOCH) Grant Program through a one-time appropriation of $20 million. The grant money would be distributed to every Delaware police agency that chooses to participate. The distribution would consist of a minimum standard allocation made to each agency and an allocation based on the number of uniformed officers authorized for each agency. EPOCH grants could be used by the recipient agencies to recruit new officers; promote or encourage careers in law enforcement; initially pay the salaries of newly hired officers; pay for overtime to facilitate additional work to address issues of local concern (including traffic enforcement); and implement programs designed to improve public safety in the area of the agency's jurisdiction. The grant allocations would be available for the agencies to use for up to three years, after which any unused and unencumbered funding would return to the General Fund.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jan 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Karl Stomberg | Feb 6, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 39

This amendment adds a 3/4 vote requirement to the bill and adds 3 agencies to the list of those receiving EPOCH Grants.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HB 40

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GRANTS-IN-AID.

This bill creates the Grants-In-Aid Committee. The Committee is a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives. The purpose of the Committee is to view applications for grants-in-aid and to develop and recommend to the Joint Finance Committee the grants-in-aid appropriations bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## HCR 40

EXTENDING THE WORK OF THE DELAWARE JUSTICE 40 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

This Resolution reauthorizes the work of and extends the final report deadline for the Delaware Justice 40 Oversight Committee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |

## HB 41

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DIGITAL RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT.

This bill creates the Delaware Digital Right to Repair Act. Currently when an electronic product such as a phone or electronic game breaks, it is only allowed to be repaired by the manufacturer. Parts are not available whether you are a consumer or a local repair shop. This act requires the manufacturer to make parts, documentation, tools, and updates available on fair and reasonable terms.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOC. (ADVAMED) | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 9, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Verity Watson | Jan 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 10, 2023 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jan 10, 2023 |
| DEERE & COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 10, 2023 |
| DEERE & COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jan 10, 2023 |
| DEERE & COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jan 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Mar 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |

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| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Gibbons | Mar 2, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Amanda Martin | Mar 2, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Amanda Martin | Mar 14, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Andrew O'Connor | Apr 15, 2024 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 9, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS ASSOC (MDMA) | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| MEDICAL IMAGING & TECH ALLIANCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 12, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Mar 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 12, 2023 |
| PEOPLEFORBIKES COALITION | Ashley Seaward | Apr 19, 2023 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Mar 15, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 16, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 41

This amendment inserts language excluding motor vehicle manufacturers, manufacturers of motor vehicle equipment, and motor vehicle dealers from the bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOC. (ADVAMED) | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS ASSOC (MDMA) | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| MEDICAL IMAGING & TECH ALLIANCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |

## HB 42

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS'

TAX RATE AFTER GENERAL REASSESSMENT.

This Act removes the up to 10% increase in school property taxes allowed after reassessment

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 23, 2023 |

## HCR 42

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 45

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING.

This Act amends Chapter 30A of Title 14 to clarify that screening will not be conducted if a parent declines developmental screening or notifies the licensee that the child is already receiving early intervention services or special education and related services. It further clarifies that the child care provider will conduct the screening where the parent or guardian fails to do so only upon receipt of parental consent.

Because this section of the code has a version that is effective until July 1, 2024, and a version that is effective thereafter, the change appears in both versions to make clear that it is intended to change the pre and post-July 1, 2024 versions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |

## HB 46

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE.

This bill reflects the National Association of Insurance Commissioner’s revisions to the Model Credit for Reinsurance Act giving the Commissioner express regulatory authority to address the handling and treatment of reinsurance agreements entered into, directly or indirectly, with life and health insurer-affiliated captives, special purpose vehicles or similar entities, including the authority to promulgate model regulations adopted by the NAIC that are required for the Department to meet accreditation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |

## HCR 46

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "NATIONAL NURSES MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution designates the month of May as "National Nurses Month" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 47

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION OF INSURERS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Delaware’s capital and surplus requirements for insurers have been in place for over fifty years and are currently among the lowest in the country.  This bill increases the minimum amount of capital stock and free surplus an insurer must possess and maintain in order to transact business in the State of Delaware, making them more in line with other jurisdictions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |

## HB 48

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.

This bill expands record retention requirements for licensed producers, adjusters and appraisers from 3 to 5 years. The bill also makes technical changes to conform to the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 12, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |

## HB 49

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND EMPLOYER ASSESSMENTS.

This Act provides post-pandemic related relief to both claimants receiving unemployment benefits and employers who are assessed unemployment taxes. This bill will increase the maximum weekly benefit amount payable to claimants seeking unemployment compensation benefits from the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Unemployment Insurance from $400.00 a week to $450.00 a week. The funds necessary to pay the increased weekly benefit amounts will be paid from the Unemployment Trust Fund. Delaware currently pays unemployment claimants less per week in benefits than claimants are paid in each neighboring state. The maximum weekly benefit amount has not changed since 2019.

The Governor’s agreement to allow federal pandemic funds to be used to replace the funds in the Unemployment Trust Fund that were depleted from the surge of pandemic related claims has made the Unemployment Trust Fund sufficiently solvent so as to allow the Department to offer unemployment tax relief measures to Delaware employers for a one-year period during calendar year 2023, at a time when employers continue to face post-pandemic rising economic challenges, supply chain problems, and difficultly in staffing. This Act will provide temporary relief to employers who pay unemployment tax assessments by reducing the new employer tax rates, reducing or holding constant overall employer tax rates, and reducing the maximum earned rate. This Act will also temporarily simplify the tax rate schedules that are used to calculate unemployment assessments paid by employers. The Department estimates that these unemployment tax assessment changes will reduce the tax obligation of employers an estimated $50 million in 2023. The various tax assessment relief provisions set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act are retroactive to January 1, 2023 and are intended to be in effect for the full calendar year 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## HB 50

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THEFT.

This Act creates a separate offense for the theft of mail, including packages, from a residential dwelling. A first offense of mail theft is a class A misdemeanor unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class G felony. A second offense of mail theft, within the previous 5 years is a class G felony, regardless of the

value of the stolen property.
Where a victim is 62 years of age or older, an adult who is impaired, or a person with a disability, a first offense of mail theft is a class G felony unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class F felony. A second offense of mail theft within the previous 5 years is a class F felony, regardless of the value of the property stolen.
Where the value of the property is more than $50,000 but less than $100,000, mail theft is a class D felony. Where the value of the property is $100,000 or more, mail theft is a class B felony.
Upon conviction, monetary restitution is required and a sentencing judge shall consider the imposition of community service.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 51

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSPECTION OF FLEET VEHICLES.

This bill allows the fleet inspection program to be applicable to a fleet of 10 or more vehicles (instead of 15) and counts trailers requiring inspection to count as fleet vehicles.
Additionally, an inspection may be performed at any qualified inspection and repair facility authorized by the Secretary of Transportation instead of being limited to such facilities at the fleet headquarters.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## HB 52

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ADULT CORRECTION HEALTHCARE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

This bill adds a Delaware licensed psychiatrist as a voting member of the Adult Correction Healthcare Review Committee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |

## HB 54

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18, TITLE 29, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS.

Currently, all health insurance plans subject to requirements under Delaware law must include at least 1 formulation of epinephrine autoinjectors on the lowest tier of the carrier's drug formulary for individuals who are 18 years of age or younger. This Act expands this requirement to all covered individuals, regardless of age, by January 1, 2024.
This Act also makes a technical correction to §§ 3571Y of Title 18 to add standard language about applicability, which

is already in § 3370D of Title 18.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Mar 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## HB 55

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

This Act is the Bill of Rights for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness to ensure that all individuals, regardless of housing status, have equal opportunity to live in decent, safe, sanitary, and healthful accommodations and enjoy equality of opportunities. To that end, this Act sets forth the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness and creates a process by which the State Human and Civil Rights Commission and the Division of Human Relations may accept and investigate complaints of discriminatory treatment, attempt conciliation, and refer enforcement actions to the Department of Justice where necessary.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Feb 15, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 9, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HCR 55

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO ISSUE A REPORT ANALYZING LONG-TERM CARE.

This Resolution requires the Department of Health and Social Services to submit a report no later than April 1, 2024 detailing recommendations for the revision of the Delaware Code and the Delaware Administrative Code related to long-term care. The report is also required to outline an implementation plan for a person-centered acuity model of long-term care staffing.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 8, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 55

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

This Act is the Bill of Rights for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness to ensure that all individuals, regardless of housing status, have equal opportunity to live in decent, safe, sanitary, and healthful accommodations and enjoy equality of opportunities. To that end, this Act sets forth the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness and creates a process by which the State Human and Civil Rights Commission and the Division of Human Relations may accept and investigate complaints of discriminatory treatment, attempt conciliation, and refer enforcement actions to the Department of Justice where necessary.

This Substitute differs from the original House Bill No. 55 in that it expands the definition of “individuals experiencing homelessness” to include those who may be staying with different friends or family without a permanent home and it eliminates a reference to voting rights, since such rights are addressed elsewhere in the Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 15, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 55

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

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This Substitute differs from the original House Bill No. 55 in that it expands the definition of “individuals experiencing homelessness” to include those who may be staying with different friends or family without a permanent home and it eliminates a reference to voting rights, since such rights are addressed elsewhere in the Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Mar 27, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 56

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 14 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS.

This Act makes a loan repayment under the Speech Language Pathologist Student Loan Repayment Program, the High Needs Educator Loan Payment Program, and the Mental Health Services Student Loan Repayment Program non-taxable for state income tax purposes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 23, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 56

ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 2023 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution acknowledges June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |

## HB 57

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPEED EXHIBITIONS, DRAG RACING, AND OTHER SPEED CONTESTS.

During the 151st General Assembly, House Bill No. 328 was passed updating the law relating to drag racing and other speed contests. This bill makes a small change to that law by specifying that tag-surrender in lieu of impoundment is available as a penalty only for Delaware-registered vehicles.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |

## HB 58

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NEWARK CITY CHARTER RELATING TO THE CITY’S ABILITY TO BORROW MONEY AND INCUR INDEBTEDNESS.

This Act amends the City of Newark Charter. Specifically, this Act increases the amount the City can borrow for municipal improvements that are directly assessed against adjoining owners of property from $500,000 to $1,000,000. This Act also exempts any short or long-term debt incurred from receipt of government revolving loan funds from the special referendum requirements set forth in the City Charter. This would allow Council to approve such borrowing directly and would eliminate the cost and time associated with holding a referendum.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COUNCIL ON GAMBLING PROBLEMS, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |

## HCR 58

COMMENDING DANA CAREY REPRESENTING THE LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BEING SELECTED AS DELAWARE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2023 AND COMMENDING EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER NETWORK'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.

This Concurrent Resolution commends the 2023 Delaware Behavioral Health Professional of the Year, Dana Carey, and all of the District/Charter Network Behavioral Health Professionals of the Year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 14, 2023 |

## HB 59

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RESIDENTIAL DRINKING WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS.

This Act establishes a residential drinking water purification system program to be administered through the Department of Health and Social Services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HB 60

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18, 29, AND 31 RELATING TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

This Act requires that all insurance policies issued or renewed in this State include coverage of supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations on terms that are at least as favorable as the coverage of annual screening mammograms. The Act covers all group, blanket, and individual health insurance policies as well as the State employee healthcare plan and Medicaid.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |

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| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Mar 8, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 60

This amendment changes the application date to December 31, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 60

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18, 29, AND 31 RELATING TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.

To prevent Delawareans from facing exorbitant costs for potentially life-saving screenings and follow-up tests, and to allow providers to use clinical judgement in the use of breast cancer examination tools based on established national standards, this Act requires that all insurance policies issued or renewed in this State include coverage of supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations on terms that are at least as favorable as the coverage of annual screening mammograms. The Act covers all group, blanket, and individual health insurance policies (except specified accident, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care or other limited benefit health insurance policies) as well as the State employee healthcare plan and Medicaid.

This substitute bill differs from the original bill in that it makes technical corrections, excludes certain health, and adds to the definition of breast MRI.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 61

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE MANUFACTURED HOME RELOCATION AUTHORITY.

The Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Authority administers the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Trust Fund. This Act provides members of the board of directors of the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Authority with $100 in compensation for each Board meeting a member attends. This compensation may only be paid from money appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose.

This Act also extends the sunset date for the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Trust Fund 5 years, until July 1, 2029, and clarifies that if the Trust Fund terminates, it continues for purposes of the liquidation required under § 7042 of Title 25.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |

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| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HB 62

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY.

This Act requires that each county reassess the value of real property in the county at least once every 5 years. The first 5-year period starts when the reassessment currently being conducted by each county is completed.

This Act also makes revisions to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and for consistency with current law and terminology as follows:

1. Because boards of assessment are not responsible for assessing property in any of the counties under current law, this Act repeals the penalty under § 8306 of Title 9 against a board of assessment that knowingly and wilfully assesses property at an incorrect value and corrects references to a county Department of Finance instead of the board of assessment in § 8307 of Title 9.

2. Requires that real property be assessed at its “present fair market value” instead of at its “true value in money.” Delaware courts have established that the “true value in money” for real property means its “present fair market value”, which is the terminology that is currently used.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 12, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HB 64

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

This bill authorizes coverage for the spouse of a survivor who qualified to receive a deceased pensioner's retirement benefits prior to May 15, 2012.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HCR 64

RECOGNIZNG JUNE 25TH, 2023 AS WORLD VITILIGO DAY WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE

This concurrent resolution recognizes June 25, 2023 as World Vitiligo Day in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |
| INCYTE CORP. | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |

## HB 65

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.

According to the Mayo Clinic, miscarriages occur in about 20% of all pregnancies, and generally, in the first 12 weeks. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 out of every 100 American pregnancies ends in stillbirth. Black women have a significantly higher risk of miscarrying— 43% higher when compared to white women. Black mothers are also more than twice as likely to experience stillbirth compared to Hispanic and white mothers.

This bill provides State employees who suffer a miscarriage, stillbirth or other loss, a maximum of 5 days of paid bereavement leave.

This Act shall be known as the "Sloane Hajek Act of 2023".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 65

This amendment clarifies that this Act's definition of "other loss" only includes termination of pregnancy for therapeutic reasons.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## HB 66

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DELAWARE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROFILES.

Each year, the Department of Education (Department) issues Delaware Public Education Profiles (Education Profiles), which are available on the Department’s website as the Delaware Report Card. The Delaware Report Card website provides data for all Delaware public schools, including charter schools, but can be viewed only on the basis of a selected school or school district. This Act ensures that parents and guardians can easily access and use this data to compare schools and school districts by requiring all of the following:

1. The ability to generate side-by-side comparisons of the Education Profiles for multiple schools or school districts so that data for multiple entities can be reviewed at the same time.

2. A link to the Education Profiles on both the home page of the Department's website and the school choice website.
3. That the Education Profiles include a list of a career pathways offered at a high school and must continue to include proficiency rates.

The changes to the Delaware Report Card under this Act must by implemented by the next date the Education Profiles are due, if that date is 6 months or more from enactment. If the next date the Education Profiles are due is less than 6 months from enactment, these changes must be implemented no later than in the following year's Education Profiles.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual which includes revisions to clarify repetitive, confusing or contradictory language.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 66

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DELAWARE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROFILES.

House Bill No. 66 adds required information to annual reports issued by the Department of Education (Department), currently known as School Performance Data Reports, and which are available on the Department's website as the Delaware Report Card.

Like House Bill No. 66, House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 66 adds the following requirements:
1. That there is a link to these reports on both the home page of the Department's website and the school choice website.
2. That these reports include a list of career pathways offered at a high school and must continue to include proficiency rates.

House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 66 reflects that the Department provides more education-related data than the annual reports required under existing law and that the Department has already made changes to their website in response to House Bill No. 66. The changes the Department has made makes education-related data more user friendly for the public, including links to the reports from more webpages and instructional videos to help people use the data.

Specifically, House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 66 differs from House Bill No. 66 as follows:
1. Does not require the ability to generate side-by-side comparisons of the Education Profiles for multiple schools or school districts so that data for multiple entities can be reviewed at the same time. This requirement is being removed because changes have been made to make these comparisons more accessible and because of the cost required to generate the side-by-side comparisons.
2. Changes the term "Education Profile" to "education-related data" to reflect the broad range of data that the Department publishes, in addition to the annual reports required under existing State and federal law.
3. Does not delay implementation of the new requirements.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual which includes revisions to clarify repetitive, confusing, or contradictory language.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## HB 67

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act creates an exemption from the realty transfer tax if 1 or more of the individuals otherwise subject to this tax paid the realty transfer tax for a different transaction within the previous 12 months and files personal income taxes using the addresses of both properties subject to the realty transfer tax to meet the requirements to be that individual's place of abode under § 1103 of Title 30.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |

## HB 68

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM.

This Act clarifies former HB 148 from the 151st General Assembly by defining the start and end date of the 4 year lookback period that determines if a municipality, governmental unit, the University of Delaware, or Delaware State University is subject to reimbursement for an employee’s training expenses when the employee is hired by another municipality, governmental unit, the University of Delaware, or Delaware State University.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Mar 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |

## HCR 68

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES CONFER AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING ACCESSIBLE PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE, ENFORCEMENT, AND COMPLIANCE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This resolution asks representatives from New Castle County, Kent County, Sussex County, and the League of Local governments to convene to provide recommendations for improving accessible parking enforcement, compliance, signage, and uniformity in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 27, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 68

This amendment clarifies that the lookback period for determining reimbursement of police training expenses does not apply to police officers who submitted applications to the 100th Delaware State Police Recruit Class on or before November 7, 2022, and were subsequently accepted to the 100th Delaware State Police Recruit Class.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HB 69

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BEER GARDENS.

This Act eliminates the requirement of a daily average of no less than 25 full time employees to operate a beer garden. Beer gardens are presently the only liquor establishments that have a statutory staffing requirement. This Act also includes beer gardens along with taprooms and taverns as establishments the Commissioner may deny a license if an existing same establishment is within 1200 feet, by accessible public road in an incorporated city or town, or 9/10 of a mile in an unincorporated or rural area.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HCR 69

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONDUCTING A STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RELATED TO ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE OR RELATED DEMENTIAS.

This resolution requests the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services submit a report detailing the findings of the request for information on conducting a statewide needs assessment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HB 70

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEATH PENALTY.

This Act eliminates the death penalty in Delaware. As such, the penalty for a person who is convicted of first-degree murder for an offense that was committed after the person's 18th birthday is imprisonment for the remainder of the person's natural life without benefit of probation or parole or any other reduction.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Mar 9, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | John Hardin "Jack" Young | Mar 20, 2023 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## HCR 70

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY MONTH" AND JUNE 27, 2023 AS "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY DAY".

This Resolution recognizes June 2023 as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Month" and June 27, 2023, as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day", and encourages State agencies to continue their work educating victims of assault or abuse, combat, serious accidents, and natural disasters about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of PTSI.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HB 71

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 RELATING TO THE LYME DISEASE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT BOARD.

This bill clarifies that the goal and function of the Lyme Disease Education Oversight Board includes Lyme Disease and other tick-related diseases. This Act supersedes the previous sunset provision that established the Board in House Bill 291 from the 148th General Assembly (80 Del. Laws c. 402 § 1) and extends the Board's existence until 2032 unless otherwise provided by a subsequent act of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HCR 71

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS GLUTEN-FREE DIET AWARENESS MONTH.

This resolution recognizes November 2023 as Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 71

This amendment makes technical changes by changing “tick-related diseases” to “tickborne diseases”. This amendment also clarifies that the Lyme Disease Oversight Board expires on August 29, 2032 unless otherwise provided by a subsequent act of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 72

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY BIDDING THRESHOLDS.

This bill raises the public bidding thresholds for procurement of goods, contractual services, professional services and public works contracts by county governments to match the bidding thresholds set forth by the State of Delaware’s Contracting and Purchasing Advisory Council or otherwise set forth by state law. Section 1 of this bill addresses the bidding thresholds set forth in 9 Del C. § 314. First, this bill removes subsection f, which exempted Kent County from subsection a, which will now apply to all counties. Second, this bill grants Sussex County the same power and authority with respect to sole source procurement, emergency needs, contract performance, multiple source contracting as granted to the State under Chapter 69 of Title 29, an authority already granted to the government of New Castle County and Kent County. Finally, this bill grants Sussex County the same power and authority as Kent County and New Castle County to grant contracts without requesting competitive bids and without awarding such contract to the lowest bidder when such contracts are for engineering, legal or other professional services requiring special skills or training. Section 2 of this bill modifies the procedure by which the Financial Officer of Sussex County may award public contracts and aligns it with the procurement procedure set forth in Section 1 of this bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Mar 8, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HB 73

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS TO RECOVER OVERPAID UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

This Act clarifies that when H.B. 149 of the 150th General Assembly was enacted, removing the 5-year statute of limitations for the Department of Labor to bring civil actions to recover unemployment overpayment debts, the General Assembly intended to entirely remove all statutes of limitations notwithstanding any other debt collection statute of limitations in the law or provided in Title 10 of the Delaware Code. This Act will not apply to overpayment debts that accrue 3 years or more prior to the date of enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |

## HCR 73

RECOGNIZING JUNE 25TH-JULY 1ST, 2023 AS "DEAFBLIND AWARENESS WEEK”

"This resolution recognizes the week of June 25th-July 1st, 2023 as "Deafblind Awareness Week."

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 73

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS TO RECOVER OVERPAID UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

This House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill 73 provides a 5-year statute of limitations for the Department of Labor to bring civil actions to recover nonfraud overpayment debts and no period of limitations to recover fraud overpayment debts. This portion of the Substitute will apply to overpayment debts for which the statute of limitations has not yet run, which includes those that accrued less than 3 years prior to the enactment of this Act. This Substitute expressly codifies the current law that there is no deadline for the Department to collect overpayment debts by offset of future benefits, by state Department of Revenue offset or by federal Treasury offset of tax refunds, the last of which is mandated by federal law. Finally, this Substitute creates an overpayment waiver program, effective retroactively to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, to give the Department authority to waive non-fraud overpayments of traditional unemployment benefits resulting from either Department error or claimants receiving certain low-income public assistance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## HB 74

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE.

This Act abrogates the privilege between priest and penitent in a sacramental confession relating to child abuse and neglect. It requires priests to report child abuse and neglect or to give or accept evidence in a judicial proceeding relating to child abuse or neglect.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |

## HCR 74

DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS “DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH” IN DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates October of each year as “Dyslexia Awareness Month” in Delaware. According to the United States National Institute of Health, dyslexia is a learning disability that can hinder a person’s ability to read, write, spell, and sometimes speak. Dyslexia is the most common learning disability in children and persists throughout life with 10 percent of the population or one out of every 10 people in the United States suffering from dyslexia. Children with dyslexia who are identified as dyslexic and provided with effective reading instruction in kindergarten and first grade, will have significantly fewer problems learning to read at grade level than children who are not identified as dyslexic or provided help until third grade or after. Proper diagnosis, early and appropriate treatment, and support from family, teachers, and friends will greatly increase a child’s academic success and self-esteem; however it is
never too late for adults with dyslexia to learn to read, and process and express information more efficiently.

October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month, reminding students and their parents that living with dyslexia can be tackled with early intervention. Each year during the month of October, conferences are held around the United States to promote awareness, research, and early identification of dyslexia.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## HB 75

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN PERTINENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 19, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 19, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |

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| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jan 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| EASTER SEALS DELAWARE AND MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE | Verna Hensley | Apr 3, 2023 |
| EASTER SEALS DELAWARE AND MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE | Verna Hensley | Apr 3, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| HEARTS FOR HOMECARE | Robert Lattin | Apr 24, 2023 |
| HEARTS FOR HOMECARE | Robert Lattin | Apr 24, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| KENT-SUSSEX INDUSTRIES, INC. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lincoln Willis | Jan 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## HB 76

AN ACT MAKING A ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Governor's Recommended One-Time Supplemental Bill

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

*Refer to CSV file for Budget DDS information.*

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| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |

## HCR 76

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ASSESS COLLEGE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE POSITIONS AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PRACTICES.

This resolution directs the Delaware Department of Human Resources to publish a report detailing hiring and promotional practices, specifying jobs requiring degrees, outlining findings from the 18-month review of state positions, and providing insights into recent changes' impact on over 350 Family Service positions. The resolution directs the department to present recommendations for extending similar changes to other state jobs. The Secretary and the Department are directed to develop a comprehensive written progress report, encompassing these aspects, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024, ensuring transparency and accountability in the state's pursuit of a more inclusive workforce.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 13, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 13, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 13, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 13, 2024 |

## HB 77

AN ACT CONCURRING IN A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO § 3, ARTICLE II OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE RESIDENCY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This Act is the second leg of a constitutional amendment to the Delaware Constitution that would require legislators to remain domiciled in the districts they represent for the entirety of their term of office. The first leg of this constitutional amendment was House Bill No. 395 of the 151st General Assembly, published in Chapter 362 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware. On passage of this second leg by this General Assembly this amendment will become part of the Delaware Constitution.

Subsection (b) of this Act does not apply to sitting legislators who desire to change their residence to within the newly established district lines in order to continue to represent their district in the upcoming election.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly when the

General Assembly amends the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Apr 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |

## HB 78

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

This Act updates the definition of a catalytic converter and limits the purchase or sale of a catalytic converter to a licensed automotive recycler or licensed scrap metal processor, and their respective employees and agents. The Act prohibits minors from selling catalytic converters. The Act specifies the amount of time the catalytic converter must be held before sale as well as what contact information must be obtained from the purchaser and seller as well as identification information on the catalytic converter and requires the information be maintained for 1 year. The Act places a 48 hour hold on payments and limits payment form to checks and limits the time of day and location for the sale of a catalytic converter. The Act requires the licensed sellers to make the purchasers' and sellers' contact information available to the police. This Act makes a catalytic converter, in violation of this chapter, considered contraband and, possession thereof, subject to seizure and forfeiture. This Act is for the purpose of regulating the purchase and sale of catalytic converters and for the purpose of assisting law enforcement in response to the high level of catalytic converter theft that has occurred in Delaware. This Act also makes technical changes to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 78

This Amendment adds the vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed as additional information a scrap metal processor or other authorized purchaser of a catalytic converter must obtain at the time of purchase or acquisition.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HCR 79

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2024 AS MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution hereby designates January 23, 2024 as 'Maternal Health Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 80

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COVERAGE OF DOULA SERVICES.

This Act requires that doula services be covered by Medicaid in Delaware by January 1, 2024. It follows up on HB 343 from the 151st General Assembly which required the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance to submit a plan for implementing this coverage, and draws on that completed report.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 6, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 81

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION.

This Act makes clear that a school district may deny a request from a charter school to have the school district where the charter school is located to transport students residing in that district. If the school district denies the request, the charter school is to receive the payment provided by the State under existing law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 21, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HB 82

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMUNICATION OF ELECTION INFORMATION.

This Act requires the Department of Elections to biennially mail a notice to all registered voters informing the registrant of their polling place and containing the following additional information: a brief description of all available methods of voting; the dates and times on which the general and any primary election will be held; deadlines for voter registration for each election and for party changes before a primary; and a brief outline of procedures and requirements and polling places and early voting sites. If the notice is returned as undeliverable the Department is directed to follow a procedure already set forth in Code for attempting to update and verify voting registration records. The notice is to be mailed not later than 30 days before the state primary election.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Apr 4, 2023 |

## HCR 82

DESIGNATING JANUARY 21-27, 2024 AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS' WEEK IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates January 21-27, 2024 as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists' (CRNA) Week in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 83

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS.

This Act requires every public school and charter school to provide students enrolled in kindergarten, who have not been seen by a dentist by time of school enrollment, with an oral health screening by the last student attendance day of each school year. Notification to the primary teacher and parent or guardian must be done within 7 school days and a copy of the oral health screening results sent home. A referral to a dentist, if required, will be provided by the Bureau of Oral Health and Dental Services. The Division of Public Health (DPH), through the Delaware Smile Check Program, offers school-based oral screenings, at no cost to the school districts, schools, including charter schools, or the students. This Act takes effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 83

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS.

This Act requires every public school and charter school to provide students enrolled in kindergarten with an oral health screening by the last student attendance day of each school year. Notification to the parent or guardian must be done and a copy of the oral health screening results sent home. A referral to a dentist, if required, will be provided by the Bureau of Oral Health and Dental Services. The Division of Public Health (DPH), through the Delaware Smile Check Program, offers school-based oral screenings, at no cost to the school districts, schools, including charter schools, or the students. This Substitute Bill takes out the requirement to advise teachers of the results of the oral health screenings, including Special Education Coordinators and Educational Diagnosticians of students with an IEP. This Substitute Bill also removes any follow-up requirements, by the school, with the student's parent or guardian. The Substitute Bill also makes the school requirements, under this Act, contingent on the Delaware Smile Check Program remaining in effect or a comparable program to provide free oral health screenings to all enrolled kindergarten students. This Act takes effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 27, 2023 |

## HB 84

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS FOR PROTECTION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS AND BARKING DOGS.

This Act clarifies that police officers shall assist the Office of Animal Welfare and Department of Agriculture, as occasion requires, in enforcement of all laws for protection and control of animals. The Act prohibits the owner or person in possession or control of a dog from allowing the dog to bark for an extended period, defined as continuously for 15 minutes or more, or intermittently for 30 minutes or more. The Act exempts barking dogs if someone is trespassing on private property where the dog is located. The Act also exempts animal shelters, pet stores grooming facilities, veterinary offices and animal clinics. The Act also transfers the authority to impose and collect fines and penalties, for violations of laws relating to protection and control of animals, under this title to the enforcing agency. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB | Charles Hall | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HB 86

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 13 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.

This Act establishes a right to counsel for indigent parents in DSCYF custody proceedings. Parent representation will primarily be provided by a legal services entity contracted with the Family Court, but may also be provided by the Office of Defense Services or a private attorney appointed by the Court.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |

## HB 87

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

This Act establishes the Delaware Agricultural Production Assistance Program. The Program will provide a subsidy of up to 30% of the premium for eligible producers' multi-peril crop insurance premium, or whole farm revenue protection premium up to a maximum of $10.00 per acre. The subsidy would be directly paid by the Delaware Department of Agriculture to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of Delaware eligible producers. The Department would administer the Program. The Act requires the Department to provide an annual Report to the Chairs of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jan 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 11, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 87

This Amendment adds a definition for "qualifying policy" and replaces the phrase "multi-peril crop insurance and whole farm revenue protection" with "qualifying policy" in order to broaden the available types of policies administered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and purchased by eligible Delaware producers, that will be eligible for the policy premium subsidy under this Program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Oct 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jan 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 11, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 87

This Amendment limits the Program funding to $2,000,000 annually, and changes the contingency language under Section 2 of the Act to conform with the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## SA 2 to HB 87

The first part of this amendment clarifies that only the amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly will be available to provide the insurance premium subsidy established by the bill. The second part of this amendment clarifies that funding can be provided by other sources besides the State operating budget.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## HB 88

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CANDIDACY FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.

Under Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 78 (151st), the Commissioner of Elections (Commissioner) must determine that an individual does not have any disqualifying convictions before the individual can be a candidate for election to a school board. This Act clarifies that an individual who meets the filing deadline for candidates for a school board election are provisional candidates until the Commissioner determines if the individual is eligible to be a candidate and requires the Commissioner to disclose the names of provisional candidates.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 89

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 118 OF VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.

Section 1 of this Act increases the standard deduction for personal income tax purposes of resident individuals and spouses of this State for tax years beginning after December 31, 2023. Section 3 of this Act increases the monetary filing thresholds resulting from the increases the standard deduction under Section 1.

Sections 2 and 4 of this Act increase the refundable earned income tax credit to 7.5% of the corresponding federal earned income tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and clarify that a previously enacted refundable earned income tax credit of 4.5% of the corresponding federal earned income tax credit took effect for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Mar 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 89

This amendment deletes Section 1 of House Bill No. 89, which was intended to increase the standard deduction for Delaware income tax purposes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SA 2 to HB 89

This amendment deletes Sections 1 and 3 of House Bill No. 89 to remove the provisions related to the standard deduction for Delaware income tax purposes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## HB 90

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.

This Act requires large health-care facilities to provide information to uninsured patients regarding eligibility and the application process for medical assistance. Information must be provided at the time of service or prior to discharge, and again with each billing statement. When patients receive emergency care, information must be provided within 5 days of discharge.

This Act becomes effective 1 year from the date of its enactment or when final regulations are adopted by the Secretary, whichever occurs first.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |

## HB 91

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING PROPERTY.

This Act creates a new offense of Aggravated Criminal Mischief with enhanced penalties (class D felony) applicable when an individual knowingly damages or tampers with critical utility infrastructure intending to disrupt utility services. In recent years, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the FBI have issued repeated warnings about domestic terrorists and extremist groups targeting critical utility infrastructure. Bulletins issued through DHS' National Terrorism Advisory System in 2022 warned of a heightened threat environment based, in part, on "continued calls for violence directed at U.S. critical infrastructure." Physical and computerized attacks on electric utility equipment have

reached a 10-year high in 2022. Recent attacks in Washington and North Carolina have caused substantial outages and damage to the power grids in both states.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 19, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 91

This amendment excludes from the definition of “critical utility infrastructure” an electric power drop line that services a single family residence and telecommunication or internet infrastructure drop lines and wires that service a single family residence.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |

## HB 92

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RULES OF THE ROAD.

This Act requires drivers to change lanes or reduce their speed while approaching a stationary vehicle displaying warning signals, including vehicle hazard warning lights, road flares, traffic cones, cautions signs, or any non-vehicular warning signs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HCR 93

DESIGNATING MARCH 27, 2024 AS “MEDICAL MISDIAGNOSIS DAY”.

This Concurrent Resolution designates March 27, 2024 as Medical Misdiagnosis Day in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 94

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO USE OF ELECTRONIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICES.

The expectation for speed enforcement, under Delaware's Motor Vehicle statute, are Delaware's law enforcement agencies. It is not always possible for law enforcement officers to effectively enforce the speed limitations due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to, officer availability and safety. This Act would enable the state, as well as counties and municipalities to more effectively enforce speed limits on roads in a residential district in which a Department of Transportation study, no more than 1 year old, documents that the 85th percentile speed on the road is 5 miles per hour or more than the posted speed limit or the road is in a designated work zone. For a violation to occur a motor vehicle must exceed the posted speed limit by 11 miles per hour or more. This Act would impose only civil penalties for violations and does not impose points on the owner or operator’s driver’s license. Jurisdiction for adjudicating alleged violations would be in the Justice of the Peace Court and there would only be a right of appeal to the Court of Common Pleas if the penalty exceeds $100. Any excess revenue not used for administration of the system, will be managed by the Office of Highway Safety and used only for purposes of education, enforcement, engineering and administration. This Act will sunset in 5 years if not extended by a subsequent act by the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 94

This Amendment requires at least 1 sign be installed on the roadway, in question, advising motorists that the electronic speed monitoring system is in use. This Amendment also allows police agencies to consider crash data for determining where to install an electronic speed monitoring system once the system has been approved for a particular road. This Amendment also reduces the sunset provision, of this Act, from 5 years to 3 years.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 94

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO USE OF ELECTRONIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICES.

The expectation for speed enforcement, under Delaware's Motor Vehicle statute, are Delaware's law enforcement agencies. It is not always possible for law enforcement officers to effectively enforce the speed limitations due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to, officer availability and safety. The original Act enabled the State, as well as counties and municipalities to more effectively enforce speed limits on roads in a residential district in which a

Department of Transportation study, no more than 1 year old, documents that the 85th percentile speed on the road is 5 miles per hour or more than the posted speed limit or the road is in a designated work zone. For a violation to occur a motor vehicle must exceed the posted speed limit by 11 miles per hour or more. This Act would impose only civil penalties for violations and does not impose points on the owner or operator's driver's license. Jurisdiction for adjudicating alleged violations would be in the Justice of the Peace Court and there would only be a right of appeal to the Court of Common Pleas if the penalty exceeds $100. Any excess revenue not used for administration of the system, will be managed by the Office of Highway Safety and used only for purposes of education, enforcement, engineering and administration. This Act will sunset in 5 years if not extended by a subsequent act by the General Assembly.

This Act is a substitute for and differs from House Bill No. 94 in that it eliminates enforcement by Delaware State Police, anywhere other than work zones, and limits approval and implementation of the speed monitoring system to residential districts in New Castle County and municipalities. This Act also requires payment of voluntary assessments to be made to the entity designated on the summons, which may be the Department of Safety and Homeland Security or the county or city where the speed camera was located.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |

## HB 95

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPANION ANIMALS IN THE DISPOSITION OF MARITAL PROPERTY.

This Act requires Family Court to award possession and provide for the care of companion animals when dividing marital property after considering the well-being of the companion animal.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND | Brian Hackett | Apr 10, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |

## HCR 95

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MONTH IN DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of March 2024 as "Multiple Sclerosis Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |

## HB 96

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

This Act reduces the eligible age of a citizen to vote in school board elections for purposes of electing members to the school board from 18 years old to 16 years old. For all other public school elections, which includes referendums, the minimum voting age remains 18 years old. This Act also adds a driver education learner's permit, Level 1 learner's permit, and school transcript to the list of documents that may be presented to determine identification, and residence in the school district, in order to vote. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual. This Act will take effect January 1 after its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Apr 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE NOW | Monica Nick Beard | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 96

RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2024, AS "ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY."

This House Concurrent Resolution designates the 21st day of the Month of March 2024 as "Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day" and celebrates the beauty and contributions that people with Down syndrome make in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |

## HB 97

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT AND DECREASING THE CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION FEE FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS.

This Act decreases the Contractor Registration Fee for contractors who do not have a state contract and have 3 or less employees. This Act is to become effective July 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 98

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 7 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR DNREC PERMITS.

This Act creates certain uniform, minimum requirements for public notice related to permits and permit renewals issued by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. In particular, at least 30 days must be provided for submission of public comment after the notice issues, the notice must include instructions for electronic submission of public comment, the permit application to which the notice applies must be available electronically and a link to a page where the application may be accessed electronically shall be provided in the text of the notice, a copy of the notice shall be posted on the Department's website in addition to whatever other means of delivery is required for the notice, and elected officials whose district includes the location of the permitted activity must be individually notified by e-mail. Where the application materials are too voluminous to post online the Department may provide instructions for alternative access.

Conforming changes are made to other parts of the Code that deal directly with public notice of permit applications.

The Act is effective 180 days after its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 98

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION BY ADDRESSING FUNDING, IMPROVING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, STANDARDIZED TESTING, AND SCHOOL SAFETY AND CLIMATE TO THE 153RD DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This resolution requests the Governor of Delaware provide recommendations for the future of education by addressing funding, improving academic performance, standardized testing, and school safety and climate to the 153rd Delaware General Assembly by June 30, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 28, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 28, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 98

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 7 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR DNREC PERMITS.

This Act creates certain uniform, minimum requirements for public notice related to permits and permit renewals issued by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. In particular, the notice must include instructions for electronic submission of public comment or request for hearing, the permit application to which the notice applies must be available electronically and a link to a page where the application may be accessed electronically shall be provided in the text of the notice, a copy of the notice shall be posted on the Department's website in addition to whatever other means of delivery is required for the notice, and elected officials whose district includes the location of the permitted activity must be individually notified by e-mail. Where the application materials are too voluminous to post online the Department may provide instructions for alternative access.

Conforming and technical changes are made to other parts of the Code that deal directly with public notice of permit applications.

The Act is effective 180 days after its enactment.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 99

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 7 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

This Act, known as the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023, follows the issuance of Delaware’s Climate Action Plan in 2021, and establishes a statutory target of greenhouse gas emissions reductions over the medium and long term to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change due to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions on the State. The Act establishes a process of regular updates to the Climate Action Plan to serve as the framework to achieve the targeted emissions reductions and develop resilience strategies for the State, creates Climate Change Officers in certain Key Cabinet-Level Departments who will assist DNREC in the ongoing implementation of the Climate Action Plan, requires State agencies to consider climate change in decision-making, rulemaking, and procurement, and requires an Implementation Report every 2 years on the progress of the State towards meeting the statutory targets.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 12, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | May 17, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 7, 2023 |
| CAESAR RODNEY INSTITUTE | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Robert Whetzel | Jun 3, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 12, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert Whetzel | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS' ASSN. | Michael O'Halloran | May 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 2, 2023 |
| PSEG SERVICES CORP. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| PSEG SERVICES CORP. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| VEOLIA | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| VEOLIA | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| VEOLIA | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Apr 30, 2023 |

This Amendment does all of the following: (1) Adjusts a “Whereas” clause for additional considerations to meet the State's climate goals; (2) Adjusts the timing of when DNREC would promulgate offset regulations; (3) Renames the Scientific Committee on Climate Scenarios to the Technical Climate Advisors; (4) Adjusts the list of recommendations by the Department in the Climate Action Plan to include offsets; (5) Requires that the names of the individuals who are Technical Climate Advisors be publicly posted at all times; (6) Adjusts to whom the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action Plan implementation reports are to be sent.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |

## HA 2 to HB 99

This amendment clearly states this chapter does not confer authority to State agencies to promulgate or amend regulations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |

## HB 101

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 7 AND 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXPEDITED REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT-RELATED PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

This Act directs DelDOT and DNREC to develop a program to allow for the expedited review of entrance plans and stormwater and sediment plans associated with new development. Under this process a consultant pre-approved by DelDOT and/or DNREC would conduct the review and the costs would be paid directly by the developer. The state agencies are charged with developing policies and procedures to protect against potential conflicts of interest in the use of private consultants.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 19, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| D2 MANAGEMENT, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | May 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | May 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |

## HB 102

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENTRANCE PERMITS.

This Act expedites the issuance of a temporary entrance permit for commercial and economic development projects. The Act also makes technical changes to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| D2 MANAGEMENT, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | May 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Apr 30, 2023 |

## HCR 102

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS “AUTISM ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION MONTH” AND RECOGNIZING AUTISM DELAWARE’S SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2024 as “Autism Acceptance and Inclusion Month” and Autism Delaware's years of service to the people of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 103

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT.

Transportation infrastructure is critical to the safe and efficient movement of people as well as goods and services throughout the State. The Delaware Strategies and Spending identifies various investment levels to help prioritize State infrastructure funding, with investment levels 1 and 2 representing the areas of highest priority. However, there are many transportation facilities within these areas which do not meet the current standards and rely on development projects to construct improvements resulting in unpredictable costs and fragmented infrastructure. This act creates a transportation impact fee for areas within state strategies and spending levels 1 and 2 that are not currently within an approved Transportation Improvement District. The impact fee ensures that development contributes a reasonable, responsible share of the transportation impact to fund off-site improvements including but not limited to bringing substandard roads to current standards, improving pedestrian facilities, and upgrading deficient intersections while allowing the Department of Transportation to implement the improvements in a more cohesive way. The fees are to be utilized within the counties where they are collected.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 19, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| D2 MANAGEMENT, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |

## HB 104

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LAND USE PLANNING.

The state’s pre-application process for land use process, known as PLUS, was created 20 years ago and has served to increase coordination among state and local agencies. In doing so, it has fulfilled its intent of providing predictability and consistency for the development community, especially in the area of major projects. Given that success, this bill assists in expediting the process for economic development projects in the State of Delaware with some exemptions from the PLUS process. A project located in Investment Level 1 or 2 under the Strategies for State Policies and Spending that is consistent with local zoning and any local comprehensive plan that will create full-time jobs is exempt from the pre-application process unless required by the local government or requested by the applicant.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| D2 MANAGEMENT, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Apr 30, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 104

This Amendment deletes the phrase “or otherwise” and replaces it with “or by ordinance” and deletes the phrase “or where an applicant voluntarily requests to participate under subsection (b) of this section” since it is duplicative of what is contained in subsection (b) of this section.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |

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| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 105

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 RELATING TO THE MEDICAL PRACTICES ACT.

This Act requires physicians who are discontinuing business, leaving the State, or terminating a patient-physician relationship for any other reason to notify affected patients at least thirty days prior to the discontinuation of services via first class mail and an electronic message if electronic communication is available. It removes the requirement that physicians ending a patient-physician relationship publish a notice in a newspaper of daily circulation.

Notice sent to patients must include information about how the patient may obtain their medical records and information about other physician services in the area that are available to patients who will require continued medical care.

This Act further adds that a patient receive notice by electronic message, if available, when a physician dies and has not transferred patient records to another health-care provider.

Finally, this Act makes technical changes to create consistency with those sections being amended by SB 74 of the 152nd General Assembly, relating to the transfer of medical records in other health-care professions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 10, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 105

This Amendment to House Bill 105 requires that physicians provide the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline notice of how patients may obtain their old medical records when a physician's medical practice closes or the physician dies. It also clarifies that when a physician notifies a patient that the patient-physician relationship will be discontinued, the notice shall include the date the physician services will be discontinued.

Finally, this Amendment makes this Act effective 6 months after its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |

## HCR 107

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2024, AS "BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK" IN DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 11 - 17, 2024, as "Black Maternal Health Awareness Week" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## HB 108

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES.

This Act does all of the following: (1) Allows for all licensed independent practitioners that are treating a driver for a medical condition to report findings which allows for Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, or Physician to sign Division paperwork and mirrors verbiage found in Title 13; (2) Updates the name of Medical Council to Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline which ensures compliance with code in handling of individual cases; and (3) Changes the Secretary of Health and Social Services to Secretary of Transportation for determining the status of driver's license for individuals with a potential medical condition which allows for quicker response and ensures the confidentiality of a driver.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 10, 2023 |

## HB 109

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

Frequently, driver license applicants over the age of 18 require more than six (6) months practice time behind the wheel and to prepare for the skills exam. By providing the permit for a total of one (1) year, it will eliminate the need to request the extension and decreases the risk of them having to retake the knowledge exam if they do not request the extension prior to the six (6) months expiration of their permit, thus eliminating the need to start the process over. The limited window of one extension after the 6-month period is a frequent complaint from customers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |

## HB 110

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18, 29, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY.

Section 1 amends Title 31 to require all health benefit plans delivered or issued for Medicaid to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy. Coverage provided under this section is not subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement and may not impose restrictions on services inconsistent with Subchapter IX, Chapter 17, of Title 24. It also moves the definition of "carrier" out of individual provisions and into the general definition section for the chapter.

Sections 2 and 3 amend Title 18 to require both individual and group health carriers to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy with identical cost-sharing prohibitions. Additionally, Sections 2 and 3 make clear that a religious employer may obtain an exclusion from the carrier if the requirements conflict with the organization's bona fide religious beliefs and practices.

Section 4 amends Title 29 to charge the State Employee Benefits Committee with the duty to ensure that state employee plans provide coverage for services related to the termination of pregnancy. Coverage shall not be subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement and shall not impose restrictions on such services inconsistent with protections placed in Subchapter IX, Chapter 17, of Title 24.
This Act takes effect January 1 following its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE NOW | Monica Nick Beard | Apr 27, 2023 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Apr 10, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Matthew Bittle | Apr 3, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 110

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18, 29, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY.

Section 1 amends Title 31 to require all health benefit plans delivered or issued for Medicaid to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy. Coverage provided under this section is not subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement and must cover the full scope of services permissible under the law. It also moves the definition of “carrier” out of individual provisions and into the general definition section for the chapter.
Sections 2 adds a definition of “religious employer.” Sections 3 and 4 amend Title 18 to require both individual and group health carriers to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy with identical cost-sharing prohibitions. Certain types of limited coverage plans are exempt from the requirement, and HDHP and catastrophic plans are exempt from the cost-sharing prohibitions if such requirements would cause them to lose their status and treatment under federal law. A religious employer may obtain an exclusion from the carrier if the requirements conflict with the organization’s bona fide religious beliefs and practices.
Section 5 amends Title 29 to require coverage for services related to the termination of pregnancy under the state employee health plan. Coverage shall not be subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement and shall apply to the full scope of services permissible under the law.

The changes to Medicaid and the state employee health plan are effective January 1 of the year following enactment. The changes to insurance requirements for private group, blanket, and individual coverage are effective for policies issued, renewed, or altered after January 1, 2025.

This substitute differs from the original bill as follows: (1) It makes several technical corrections; (2) It limits the permissible applications of referral, prior authorization, and in-network requirements to ensure full and timely access to covered services; (3) It explicitly states that the State will fund coverage of services for Medicaid recipients that are required under this Act for which federal funding may not be used; (4) It adds a definition of religious employer and requires a religious employer to cover services when the life or health of the mother is at risk; (5) It changes the effective and application dates of the coverage requirements.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Mara Gorman | Jan 26, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | April Thomas-Jones | Feb 1, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 110

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18, 29, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY.

Section 1 amends Title 31 to require all health benefit plans delivered or issued for Medicaid to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy. Coverage provided under this section is not subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement and must cover the full scope of services permissible under the law. It also moves the definition of “carrier” out of individual provisions and into the general definition section for the chapter.

Section 2 adds a definition of “religious employer” to Title 18. Sections 3 and 4 amend Title 18 to require both individual and group health carriers to cover services related to the termination of pregnancy with identical cost-sharing prohibitions. Certain types of limited coverage plans are exempt from the requirement, and HDHP and catastrophic plans are exempt from the cost-sharing prohibitions if such requirements would cause them to lose their status and treatment under federal law. A religious employer may obtain an exclusion from the carrier if the requirements conflict with the organization’s bona fide religious beliefs and practices.

Section 5 amends Title 29 to require coverage for services related to the termination of pregnancy under the state employee health plan. Coverage shall not be subject to any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-

sharing requirement and shall apply to the full scope of services permissible under the law.
The changes to Medicaid and the state employee health plan are effective January 1 of the year following enactment. The changes to insurance requirements for private group, blanket, and individual coverage are effective for policies issued, renewed, or altered after December 31, 2025.

This substitute differs from the original bill as follows: (1) It makes several technical corrections; (2) It limits the permissible applications of referral, prior authorization, and in-network requirements to ensure full and timely access to covered services; (3) It requires federal funds to be used for Medicaid services wherever the use of federal funds is allowed and specifies State funds will otherwise be used for covered services; (4) It adds a definition of religious employer and requires a religious employer to cover services when the life or health of the covered individual is at risk; (5) It changes the effective and application dates of the coverage requirements; (6) It caps the benefit at $750 per year per covered individual for Medicaid; and for private insurance it allows the benefit to be limited to $750 per covered individual per year.
The bill also makes a technical change by moving the definition of “carrier” out of individual sections of Chapter 5 of Title 29 and into the general definitions section for that chapter.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 17, 2024 |

## HB 111

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

This Act increases the length of time for a valid temporary tag from 60 days to 90 days. This Act also adds a new provision requiring temporary tags be issued through a temporary tag system, approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles, to further reduce fraud in the issuance of temporary tags, unless the Division of Motor Vehicles determines the temporary tag issuer must continue using temporary registration plates.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |

## HCR 111

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 2024 as “Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month” in the State of Delaware and encourages all Delawareans to learn about and raise awareness of sexual violence.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## HCR 112

CONDEMNING FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING PRACTICES IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

This resolution calls on the General Assembly to encourage the Delaware medical community to educate the citizens of Delaware about the forced organ harvesting that occurs in China, in the event they decide to travel to China for an expedited transplant. This resolution also calls on the United States Government to pass laws and regulations prohibiting American medical and pharmaceutical companies from collaborating with Chinese groups that are found to have involvement with forced organ harvesting, as well as banning entry into the United States individuals who have participated in the forced organ harvesting, and allowing prosecution of those persons involved.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## HB 114

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RECOVERY HOUSING.

Substance use disorder constitutes a severe threat to the health and welfare of the citizens of Delaware. Recovery residences address the needs of individuals in recovery from substance use disorder by providing a safe and healthy living environment and a community of supportive recovering peers to which residents are accountable. Recovery residences support the recovery of individuals with substance use disorder and help prevent relapse, criminal justice system involvement, and overdose. Ensuring the certification of recovery residences according to nationally recognized evidence-based standards protects residents and communities from the harm caused by poorly managed or fraudulent recovery residences.

This Act institutes a voluntary certification process for recovery residences under standards and procedures that uphold evidence-based best practices and support a safe, healthy, and effective recovery environment. This Act establishes residents' rights of a recovery residence and protects residents against unreasonable and unfair practices in setting and collecting fees and other residence payments. This Act provides training and technical assistance for recovery residence operators and staff. This Act enables the data collection needed to study the effectiveness of Delaware’s recovery residences. Furthermore, this Act establishes penalties for recovery residences engaged in kickbacks, inducements, patient brokering, and other unethical practices. This Act also excludes a certified recovery

house admission agreement from the provisions of the Landlord-Tenant Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 4, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Apr 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 30, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 114

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Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HS 1 for HB 114

This Amendment requires that certified recovery houses collect and report data on the destinations of former residents who complied with a request to leave or were removed from the certified recovery house.

This Amendment also corrects a typographical error and revises § 5102(6) of Title 25 to use the term “certified recovery house” because that is the defined term under § 2201A of Title 16.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## HB 115

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 16 RELATING TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE.

This Act does all of the following:

Requires a conviction before forfeiture. (plea of guilty or no contest, conviction, or dismissal because of completion of a diversion program all count)

Puts the burden on the state to prove all facts by clear and convincing evidence.

Requires the state to prove by clear and convincing evidence that a non-defendant owner knew about or consented to the unlawful activity before the property may be forfeit.

Strikes the presumption that cash with trace amount of drugs on it is presumed to be drug proceeds.

Strikes the presumption that money that is in proximity to controlled substances is drug proceeds. The state can still forfeit money if they have other evidence or circumstances that show it is drug proceeds.

Prohibits the use of the civil asset forfeiture proceeding for cash in any amount less that $1,000.

Changes the process so there is always a hearing before forfeiture. Under current law, there is only a hearing if an owner affirmatively requests one be held.

Requires the court to conduct a proportionality analysis prior to ordering a forfeiture – i.e., is the value of the property sought to be forfeit in line with the gravity of the crime.

Requires the State to pay reasonable attorney fees to a prevailing party in a forfeiture proceeding.

Directs forfeiture proceeds into the General Fund, rather than SLEAF to eliminate the perception that law enforcement might pursue a forfeiture for personal gain. Retains SLEAF and the process of application and distribution, but only where the General Assembly funds it in the regular appropriations process.

Makes changes to Title 11 provisions relating to vehicle forfeitures to align with the Title 16 process and the same new procedural protections.

Prohibits directing seized property to federal agencies for forfeiture and equitable sharing except for currency in excess of $100,000.

Requires the Attorney General to annualy compile and publish a report regarding the number and type of forfeiture cases, case outcomes, and demographic data on persons whose property is seized pursuant to civil forfeiture laws.

Directs the Office of Defense Services to provide representation in forfeiture proceedings to a defendant they represent in a related criminal matter.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 116

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS.

This Act requires public institutions of higher learning to grant credit for advanced placement examination scores of 3 or higher. An instution may require a score higher than 3 if the credit is to be used for meeting a course requirement for a particular major or program, provided that the student can receive course credit for that examination in an area outside of the student's major or program area. The institution must publish its advance placement score policies on its website.

This Act takes effect on August 1 following its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Caitlin Olsen | Jul 13, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HB 117

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.

This bill makes changes to the qualifications for professional land surveyors. This bill also makes clear that there is no civil or criminal trespass when a professional land surveyor enters upon land in the course of preparing a survey.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 117

This amendment updates the experience requirements from years to hours, and allows the experience requirement to be achieved concurrently with the education requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |

## HA 3 to HB 117

This amendment updates the experience requirements from years to hours, and allows the experience requirement to be achieved concurrently with the education requirement. A professional land surveyor is required to make a good faith effort to notify an adjacent property owner before entering onto an adjacent property.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |

## HB 118

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN VEHICLES WHEN A MINOR IS IN THE VEHICLE.

Due to continuing concerns over the negative health effects secondhand smoke will have on the youth of Delaware, this bill adds Smoking Restrictions within vehicles if a person under the age of eighteen (18) is in the vehicle. Also, it makes clear that a police officer will not stop or detain a car solely on suspicion of having violated this Statute.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 118

This Amendment removes a potential conflict between House Bill 118 and the rest of the Chapter by refining the chapter’s exception to private vehicles.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2023 |

## HA 2 to HB 118

This amendment clarifies that State and Local Police have the power to enforce this section of the Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 118

House Bill No. 118 prohibits smoking in a vehicle if a person is not the sole occupant of the vehicle and a person in the vehicle is under 18 years of age. This Amendment lowers that age to under 16 years.

This Amendment also rewrites House Amendment No. 1 to HB 118. Like HA 1 to HB 118, this Amendment revises the existing exceptions to the Clean Indoor Air Act under § 2904 of Title 16 so that these exceptions do not apply when a

passenger in the vehicle is under the age when the restriction under § 2909 of Title 16 applies. In addition, this Amendment makes technical corrections to § 2904 to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including all of the following:

1. Uses standard language to introduce and explain the applicability of the paragraphs.
2. Corrects punctuation at the end of each paragraph and adds Oxford commas to lists within paragraphs.
3. Revises the exceptions under § 2904(1) into a list for clarity.
4. Corrects the spelling of the word “fundraising”.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 119

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RULES OF THE ROAD.

Delaware is one of five states that does not have an open container law, which is in direct violation of federal regulations. This Bill bans open containers of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles and provides a civil penalty for an offense. A violation of this section would not be entered on an individual’s driving record.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HA 1 to HB 119

This amendment to House Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 119 removes the phrase “or unsealed,” from the prohibition on open containers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 119

This amendment clarifies that only the operator of a motor vehicle may be found in violation of the open container law. Passengers are not liable for violations under this section.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 119

This amendment removes “unsealed” containers or receptacles from the bill’s prohibitions. The prohibition on “open” containers remains.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 120

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RULES OF THE ROAD.

Speeding is a contributing factor in many serious injury motor vehicle crashes and roadway fatalities. This Act adds operating a motor vehicle at a speed of 90 miles an hour or more to the definition of reckless driving.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |

## SA 2 to HB 120

This amendment creates a new penalty scheme for those convicted of the charge of Reckless Driving when it is based on speeding at more than 90 miles per hour.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |

## HB 121

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEAFORD RELATING TO THE CITY'S ABILITY TO AUTHORIZE ARTIFICIAL ENTITIES, LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS' PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD IN SEAFORD.

This bill would allow the City of Seaford to authorize artificial entities, limited liability corporations' partnerships and trusts to vote in Municipal elections held in Seaford.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 121

DEDICATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS “FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH”.

This Concurrent Resolution dedicates the month of April 2024 as "Financial Literacy Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 121

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEAFORD RELATING TO THE CITY'S ABILITY TO AUTHORIZE ARTIFICIAL ENTITIES, LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS' PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD IN SEAFORD.

This bill would allow the City of Seaford to authorize artificial entities, limited liability corporations' partnerships, and trusts to vote in Municipal elections held in Seaford following the principle of "one person/entity/one vote".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Oct 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |

## HB 122

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT.

This Act updates and streamlines the State Nutrient Management Program within the Department of Agriculture. It expands and clarifies information required to be included in the Nutrient Management Plan, including, among other things:

(1) Field maps as arial photographs showing field identification boundaries, acres, location of surface waters, irrigation systems, and location of designated sensitive areas with associated nutrient application restrictions or setbacks;

(2) Results of approved risk assessment tools for nitrogen, phosphorus, and erosion losses; and

(3) Animal information including types, number, average sizes, annual manure generation, and any manure import or export.

This Act further clarifies Phosphorus application rules based on Delaware Phosphorus Site Index Scores. It also clarifies that Nitrogen application rates cannot exceed the application rates published by the University of Delaware of the specific crop, unless an adaptive approach is used to adjust in-season nitrogen application rates based on recommendations from a certified consultant or a Commission-approved nitrogen application model.

Finally, this Act streamlines the complaint and enforcement procedures for the State Nutrient Management Program by doing the following:

(1) Removing jurisdiction from the Justice of the Peace Courts and authorizing the Commission, rather than the Secretary, to impose fines for violations of the Nutrient Management Program; and

(2) Authorizing the Commission to create a hearing panel that will be subordinate to the Commission to review and hear complaints and make proposed orders to be reviewed by the Commission for a final decision.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FMC CORPORATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| FMC CORPORATION | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| FMC CORPORATION | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## HCR 122

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CONCERNS REGARDING WATER BEAD TOYS.

This concurrent resolution calls for parents, childcare centers and preschools to take precautions when allowing kids to play with water bead toys in light of the significant health concerns they present for Delaware children.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 123

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

This act would require the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to obtain the consent of the General Assembly before promulgating any regulations restricting the sale of fuel-powered cars, trucks, and SUVs in Delaware. This Act does not change the emission standards fuel-powered vehicles must currently meet. The provisions of this bill would be retroactive to March 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CAESAR RODNEY INSTITUTE | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 13, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 124

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS FOR PROTECTION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS AND BARKING DOGS.

This Act eliminates animal noise and noise disturbances from the Noise Control and Abatement Chapter in Title 7. This Act clarifies the authority of the Office of Animal Welfare and Department of Agriculture to enforce all state laws relating to the protection and control of animals with, as occasion requires, the assistance of police officers. This Act also adds restrictions concerning barking dogs with other provisions concerning dogs currently being enforced by the Office of Animal Welfare. This Act does not prohibit municipalities from enforcing their own dog laws or ordinances if they have their own enforcement agency. This Act clarifies that police officers shall assist the Office of Animal Welfare, as occasion requires, with the enforcement of all State and local dog control laws.

This Act prohibits the owner or person in possession or control of a dog from allowing the dog to bark for an extended period, defined as continuously for 15 minutes or more, or intermittently for 30 minutes or more. The Act exempts barking dogs if:(1) a person is trespassing on private property;(2) an animal is intruding on private property; (3) the dog is being teased or provoked. The Act exempts dogs located in:(1)animal shelters; (2) pet stores; (3) dog

grooming facilities; (4) veterinarian offices; (5) animal clinics. The Act also exempts dogs engaged in:(1) dog training;(2) dog exhibition; (3) lawful performance competitions; (4) hunting; (5) herding. Civil penalties are a written warning for the first violation, $50 for a second violation, if it occurs more than 7 days after the first violation, $100 for a third violation and $150 for all subsequent violations. This Act is effective 1 year after enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB | Charles Hall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## HCR 124

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12 AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution designates May 6-12 as "National Nurses Week" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 8, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 124

This Amendment adds livestock guarding to the list of activities a dog may be engaged in that does not constitute a violation of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## SA 2 to HB 124

This Amendment adds dog day care and boarding facilities to the list of activities a dog may be engaged in that does not constitute a violation of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## HB 125

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the U.S. Department of Agriculture eased program restrictions to allow for free breakfast and lunch for all students. With the expiration of U.S. Department of Agriculture waivers on June 30, 2022, Delaware schools participating in the USDA School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program were

required to return to pre-pandemic policies as they related to free breakfast and lunch meals. At present some Delaware schools and school districts provide free breakfast and lunch meals for all students because the schools qualify for Community Eligibility Provisions based on the percentage of students from low-income households. These schools are reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture using a formula. This Act would require all schools to offer all students free breakfast and lunch every school day. The Department would reimburse all schools for all expenses not reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The amount of reimbursement, by the Department, for each budget year, for each participating school, will be equal to the federal free reimbursable rate multiplied by the total number of eligible meals that the participating school serves during the applicable budget year minus the total amount of reimbursement for eligible meals served that the participating school receives under the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program. This Act takes effect 30 days after publication in the Register of Regulations of the notice by the Controller General that funds have been appropriated to implement this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jul 9, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 5, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 5, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Shyanne Miller | Apr 1, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Karl Stomberg | Apr 1, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 125

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the U.S. Department of Agriculture eased program restrictions to allow for free breakfast and lunch for all students. With the expiration of U.S. Department of Agriculture waivers on June 30, 2022, Delaware schools participating in the USDA School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program were required to return to pre-pandemic policies as they related to free breakfast and lunch meals. At present, some Delaware schools and school districts provide free breakfast and lunch meals for all students because the schools qualify for Community Eligibility Provisions based on the percentage of students from low-income households. These schools are reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture using a formula.

This House Substitute differs from House Bill No. 125 in that it requires all schools to only offer students who qualify for a reduced-price meal a free breakfast and lunch every school day as opposed to all students regardless of whether they qualify for a reduced-price meal. This Substitute bill also requires all schools and local education agencies who qualify, to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision.

The Department would reimburse all schools for all expenses not reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The amount of reimbursement, by the Department, for each budget year, for each participating school, will be equal to the federal free reimbursable rate multiplied by the total number of eligible meals that the participating school serves during the applicable budget year minus the total amount of reimbursement for eligible meals served that the participating school receives under the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program.

This Act takes effect 10 days after publication in the Register of Regulations of the notice by the Controller General that funds have been appropriated to implement this Act beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 125

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

This House Substitute bill eliminates any reference to § 4137 in Title 11 since it will remain as a separate section in the Delaware Code. This House Substitute requires all public schools to offer only students who qualify for a reduced-price meal, under the federal School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program, a free breakfast and lunch every school day. This House Substitute also eliminates a requirement that all schools and local education agencies, who qualify, must participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision, under 42 U.S.C. §1759a (a)(1)(F) since there is no such federal mandate. This Act also removes the requirement that a parent or guardian for each student complete a household income form since that requirement is already set forth in this title. This Substitute bill also removes the delayed effective date. This Act will take effect beginning the school year following its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 19, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 3, 2024 |

## HB 126

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CLEAN WATER FOR DELAWARE ACT.

This Act clarifies to whom the annual report must be sent and the date that the report must be submitted.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## HB 127

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 AND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION FEES.

This Act provides each county with the ability to impose, by duly enacted ordinance, a fire protection fee (fee). A county that enacts this fee must do all of the following:

1. Deposit all money collected from this fee in an account that is segregated from the county's general funds.
2. Establish criteria under which this money is distributed to fire companies providing fire protection in the county.
3. After using no more than 5% of the money annually deposited from this fee for administration of this fee, distribute all of the money collected, including accrued interest, within 18 months of receipt.

In addition, under this Act:
1. A fire protection fee may be collected from property that is otherwise exempt from taxation unless an exemption from this fee is provided by the county.
2. A county may, by ordinance, establish penalties for the failure to pay a fire protection fee and establish procedures to abate the penalty.
3. The unpaid balance and any penalties become a lien on the property upon which the fire protection fee was incurred and the county may institute a proceeding to enforce this lien.
4. A fire company must include the money received from a fire protection fee in the annual audit required under § 6608 of Title 16.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | May 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## HB 128

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

This Act creates the following new tax brackets for taxable years after December 31, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |

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| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## HB 129

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS.

This Act modifies Section 2803 to add definitions for negligence, misconduct and incompetence. These new definitions will provide greater clarity and guidance for the Council of the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers in determining whether a licensee is subject to discipline. Section 2817(a)(7) has been amended by striking the requirement that an applicant who fails the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination four times must go through additional steps before taking the examination another time. Eliminating this requirement will remove unnecessary barriers to licensure. Further, Section 2823 has been amended to add “negligence” and “pattern of negligence” as grounds for discipline. These changes will ensure that discipline is imposed for conduct that poses a risk to the public. This Act adds a definition for “successor professional engineer” and a new Section 2832 to delineate the acceptable parameters for a successor engineer’s reuse or adoption of work performed by another engineer. These revisions will both inform licensees of the permissible use of another engineer’s work and ensure that the recipient of services can identify the responsible engineer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS | Mary Davis | Jun 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |

## HCR 129

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SACRIFICES AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF DELAWARE’S DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS SERVING VULNERABLE ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

This resolution recognizes the importance and expertise of Direct Support Professionals to the State of Delaware on the occasion of May 21st as “Direct Support Professional” Advocacy Day, co-sponsored by the Ability Network of Delaware A Team Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 131

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE BETWEEN SPOUSES.

This Act resolves ambiguities in the current law and confirms the ability of a spouse who owns real property as tenant by the entirety, acting alone, to convey that spouse’s interest in such real property to both spouses, as tenants by the entirety or otherwise, or to the other spouse.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |

# HB 132

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10, TITLE 12, TITLE 13, AND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DECEDENTS' ESTATES AND FIDUCIARY RELATIONS.

Section 1 of this Act amends § 6504 of Title 10 to correct two erroneous cross-references (the cross-references will now correctly reference Title 12 rather than Title 10 of the Delaware Code).

Section 2 of this Act corrects § 3301(d) of Title 12 by updating the definition of the term "fiduciary" to be consistent with 2019 updates to § 3322 of Title 12, the effect of which was that when an agent is delegated duties by a fiduciary, such delegation neither causes the agent to cease to be a fiduciary nor causes the agent to be a fiduciary.

Section 3 of this Act amends § 3332(b) of Title 12 to add a cross-reference to, and incorporation of criteria from, § 3340 of Title 12, thereby emphasizing that satisfaction of the criteria of § 3340 of Title 12 means that a trust is administered in Delaware, but also emphasizing that § 3340 of Title 12 is a non-exclusive list of the criteria that may mean that a trust is administered in Delaware.

Section 4 of this Act amends § 3338 of Title 12 to: (1) expressly state that a consent to a nonjudicial settlement agreement under this section must be in writing; (2) permit parties to issue a written nonobjection, rather than a written affirmative consent, to a nonjudicial settlement agreement under this section (much as parties can do under § 3342 of Title 12, which is a similar statute; and as also contemplated under Court of Chancery rules for consent petitions); (3) emphasize that the permitted subjects of a nonjudicial settlement agreement for a trust, including those expressly listed in subsection (e) of this section, remain subject to the material purpose requirement of subsection (c) of this section; (4) make it clearer that the ability of a nonjudicial settlement agreement to resolve the interpretation or construction of the terms of a trust under paragraph (e)(1) of this section applies to any (and not just all) of the terms of a trust; and (5) expressly state (and thus make it clearer) that, in addition to other types of modifications to the terms of a trust that were already expressly listed in subsection (e) of this section, the terms of a trust may be modified by a nonjudicial settlement agreement under this section—though, again, any such modification will continue to be subject to the "material purpose" requirement of subsection (c) of this section, as is already the case, including for those matters currently expressly listed in subsection (e) of this section.

Section 5 of this Act amends § 3339 of Title 12 to make it clearer that: (1) a designated representative may be appointed via the methods specified in § 3339(a)(4) and (5) of Title 12, when those appointed under the methods given precedence under previous paragraphs of subsection (a) are not serving—in other words, when those appointed are unwilling or unable to serve (and not merely when such persons have been "appointed" in the sense of being named or nominated under the methods given precedence under previous paragraphs of subsection (a)); and (2) the limitation of § 3339(a)(4)b. of Title 12 that, in the stated circumstance under paragraph (4), does not allow a trustor to appoint a designated representative that is related or subordinate to the trustor, also applies to the trustor such that in such circumstance, the trustor cannot appoint himself or herself as the designated representative.

Section 6 of this Act amends § 3340 of Title 12 to make it clearer that: (1) a trust's satisfaction of any of the criteria listed in § 3340(1) through (3) of Title 12 conclusively means that the trust is administered in Delaware (such that satisfaction of such criteria does not lead merely to a rebuttable presumption); and (2) the criteria listed in § 3340(1) through (3) of Title 12 are not the exclusive means by which a trust is, or is considered to be, administered in

Delaware.

Section 7 of this Act amends § 3536 of Title 12 to make it clear that a former spouse of a trust beneficiary who has a claim against such beneficiary, such beneficiary's estate, or such beneficiary's property is considered a creditor of such beneficiary, thereby affording the beneficiary the protections of § 3536 of Title 12. The amendment is distinguishable from the factual situation addressed by, and is not intended to conflict with, Garretson v. Garretson, 306 A.2d 737, which held that a current spouse of a trust beneficiary who has a claim against such beneficiary is not considered a creditor of such beneficiary.

Section 8 of this Act amends § 3570(4) of Title 12 to make it clearer that the term "disposition" under Delaware's Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act can include a transfer to another trust (and not merely to a trustee or trustees).

Section 9 of this Act amends § 3573 of Title 12 to provide that the limitations on qualified dispositions applicable to the spouse of a transferor as imposed by § 3572 of Title 12, do not include transfers to trusts for which the spouse: (1) is given (a) written notice of the transfer, (b) a copy of the Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act, (c) a copy of the trust instrument of the receiving trust, (d) a list of the property subject to the transfer, (e) disclosure of all material information relating to the value of such property; (f) disclosure of the estimated value of the property, and (g) the basis for such estimate; and (2) consents in writing to the transfer after receipt of the foregoing.

Section 10 of this Act amends § 3585(c)(3) of Title 12 to update a cross-reference so that the current reference to § 3303(d) of Title 12 will now refer to § 3339 of Title 12, which is the more precise reference in light of recent statutory changes.

Section 11 of this Act amends § 61-604(a)(5) of Title 12 to: (1) include limited liability companies and statutory trusts as entities whose ownership by certain types of charitable trusts will be treated in the same way as partnerships owned by such trusts; and (2) make it clearer that any of those types of entities will receive such treatment even if such entities are disregarded for federal income tax purposes.

Section 12 of this Act amends § 1513 of Title 13 to make it clearer that a spouse's beneficial interest in a trust created by another person is not included within the term "marital property," which is defined by this statute, because such an interest falls within the statute's exclusion of gifts from the term "marital property." In addition, consistent with § 3315(b) of Title 12, language has been added to § 1513 of Title 13 to confirm that a discretionary interest in a trust is not a property interest under existing Delaware statutory law and, therefore, is not included in the definition of "property acquired" by a spouse (as such term "property acquired" is used in § 1513 of Title 13).

Section 13 of this Act amends § 2704(e)(4) of Title 18 such that the term "trust-owned life insurance policy" now includes a policy owned by an entity that is disregarded for federal income tax purposes and that is wholly owned by a trust (in addition to such a policy that is directly owned by a trust).

Section 14 of this Act provides an effective date.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |

# HB 133

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

First responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS) clinicians, and public safety telecommunicators, are crucial to ensuring public safety and health. First responders are at elevated risk for suicide because of the environments in which they work, their culture, and stress, both occupational and personal. This stress can be associated with a specific incident or an accumulation of day-to-day stress. Occupational stress in first responders is associated with increased risk of mental health issues, including hopelessness, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, as well as suicidal behaviors such as suicidal ideation (thinking about or planning suicide) and attempts. Even during routine shifts, first responders can experience stress due to the uncertainty in each situation. During emergencies, disasters, pandemics, and other crises, stress among first responders can be magnified. Relationship problems have also been linked to a large proportion of suicides among the general population (42%). Because first responders can have challenging work schedules and extreme family-work demands, stress caused by relationship problems may also be magnified in this worker group.

Suicide is ranked second for causes of death for law enforcement officers. As of December, 2022, there were 133 law enforcement suicides, and in 2021, there were 160. In November, 2022 alone, there were 9 police officer suicides in this country, including one from Delaware. Law enforcement officers face a 54 percent higher risk of suicide than the general population. An officer involved in a high stress event has a 70% chance of suicide following the next incident if intervention is not sought, but with intervention, the number drops to 3%. Police officers are also at an elevated risk for depression, substance abuse, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Law enforcement officers and firefighters are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty. A study of more than 1,000 firefighters found that nearly 50% had suicidal thoughts at some point during their career, and about 16% reported one or more suicide attempts. A survey of EMTs and paramedics in the United States round that 37% had contemplated suicide, and 6.6% had attempted it. EMS providers are 1.39 times more likely to die by suicide than the public. Studies have found that between 17% and 24% of public safety telecommunicators have symptoms of PTSD and 24% have symptoms of depression.

A study in Massachusetts found that the suicide rate for corrections officers was at least 7 times higher than the national suicide rate. Another study showed that 10% of corrections officers considered taking their own life, and about 1 in 3 are dealing with PTDS and depression. For the National Guard, there were 117 suicides in 2021 compared to 121 in 2020.

This bill makes clear that suicide is a death in the line of duty for Delaware’s first responders, police officers, firefighters, correctional officers and probation officers, and the National Guard.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 133

This amendment makes clear there is a rebuttable presumption that a suicide of a first responder is a death in the line of duty, whether the first responder is on active duty or not at the time of the suicide, and the burden is on the employer to demonstrate that such death was not a death in the line of duty by a preponderance of the evidence.
This amendment adds 9-1-1 dispatchers and retired first responders to the definition of covered person.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HCR 134

DESIGNATING MAY AS NATIONAL CRITICAL CARE AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION MONTH.

This House Concurrent Resolution designates May as National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month in the state of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## HB 135

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SUPREME COURT.

This bill requires that of the five Justices appointed to the Supreme Court, at least one is a resident of Kent County, at least one is a resident of Sussex County and at least two are residents of New Castle County.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| REBECCA BATSON KIDNER, P.A. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Apr 27, 2023 |

## HB 136

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

While the exact number of nurse vacancies in Delaware fluctuates, healthcare providers agree that the current shortage is unsustainable. Nursing shortages lead to error, higher morbidity, and mortality rates.
The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) outlines a number of contributing factors impacting the current national nursing shortage. One was a lack of nursing school faculty - including the preceptors that provide supervision and instruction for clinical practice. Since Delaware's nursing education programs must require clinical learning experiences provided by these preceptors, nursing students have difficulty completing the required coursework necessary for degree and licensure.
Section 1. This bill provides a nonrefundable tax credit of up to $1,000 and up to $5,000 for individual qualifying preceptors and clinical preceptors.
Section 2. This Act shall be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |

## HB 137

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUPIL AND STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

This Act corrects the Delaware crisis text number and the National Suicide Prevention call or text line that is required to be printed on pupil identification cards for all public schools serving pupils in grades 7 to 12 and for all students attending public institutions of higher learning in Delaware. This Act takes effect for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## HB 138

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER APPRENTICESHIPS.

This Act establishes a Delaware Educator Apprenticeship Program to be developed by the Department of Education. The Department of Education will work with the Department of Labor to create a program that places aspiring teachers in paid positions in schools, while the teacher candidates complete the training and schooling necessary to become a Delaware credentialed teacher. This program will complement the Grow Your Own Educator Program and teacher residency programs to create a low-cost pathway for aspiring teachers to earn their teaching credentials and will address the educator shortage in Delaware.

A pilot program will be created for the 2023-24 school year between 1 institute of higher education and 1 district or charter school. The program shall be expanded if interest and funding is available for the 2024-25 school year and thereafter.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 8, 2023 |
| EXCELINED IN ACTION | Ashley Mullins | Jul 10, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## HCR 138

RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS STROKE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of May as Stroke Awareness Month in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 140

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO END OF LIFE OPTIONS.

This Act permits a terminally ill individual who is an adult resident of Delaware to request and self-administer medication to end the individual's life in a humane and dignified manner if both the individual's attending physician or attending advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and a consulting physician or consulting APRN agree on the individual's diagnosis and prognosis and believe the individual has decision-making capacity, is making an informed decision, and is acting voluntarily.

This Act uses terms and definitions that are consistent with other Delaware laws in Title 16, specifically Chapter 25 (regarding advance health-care directives) and Chapter 25A (regarding Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment).

This Act provides the following procedural safeguards:

1. No one may request medication to end life on behalf of another individual.
2. An individual cannot qualify for medication to end life under this chapter solely because of the individual's age or disability. A mental illness or mental health condition is not a qualifying condition under this Act and a mental illness or mental health condition may be the reason that an individual does not have decision-making capacity and is thus, ineligible for medication to end their life in a humane and dignified manner.
3. Both the individual's attending physician or attending APRN and a consulting physician or consulting APRN must confirm that the individual has a terminal illness and a prognosis of 6 months or less to live, has decision-making capacity, is making an informed decision, and is acting voluntarily.
4. The individual's attending physician or attending APRN must also provide specific disclosures to the individual to ensure that the individual is making an informed decision, including the presentation of all end of life options which include comfort care, palliative care, hospice care, and pain control.
5. The individual must be evaluated by a psychiatrist or a psychologist if either the attending or consulting physicians or APRNs are concerned that the individual lacks decision-making capacity.
6. The individual must complete a witnessed form requesting medication to end life and there are limitations on who can witness the signing of the form.
7. The attending physician or attending APRN must offer the individual the opportunity to rescind the request for medication to end life before writing a prescription for the medication.
8. Two waiting periods must pass before the attending physician or attending APRN may prescribe the medication to end life.
9. The attending physician or attending APRN must provide the qualified patient with instructions about the proper safe-keeping and disposal of unused medication to end life in a humane and dignified manner under applicable state

or federal guidelines. The United States Food and Drug Administration guidelines include using a medication collection site or a medication disposal pouch, that deactivates and renders drugs ineffective.
10. An insurer or health-care provider may not deny or alter health-care benefits otherwise available to an individual based upon the availability of medication to end life or otherwise coerce or require a request for medication to end life as a condition of receiving care.
11. A health-care institution may prohibit a physician or APRN from prescribing medication under this Act on the health-care institution's premises and a physician or APRN may to refuse to prescribe medication under this Act.
12. A request or prescription for or the dispensing of medication under this Act does not constitute elder abuse, suicide, assisted-suicide, homicide, or euthanasia.
13. People acting in good faith and in accordance with generally accepted health-care standards under this Act have immunity, but those acting with negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct do not have criminal or civil immunity.
14. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) must develop rules and regulations to collect information regarding compliance with this Act and require health-care providers to file a report when medication to end life in a humane and dignified manner is prescribed or dispensed. DHSS may review samples of records maintained under this Act.
The information DHSS collects must include the information necessary to assess a physician's or APRN's compliance with their responsibilities under this Act and DHSS has explicit authority to share information with the Division of Professional Regulation if DHSS suspects that a health-care provider failed to comply with the requirements under this Act.
15. DHSS must complete an annual statistical report of information collected under this Act, similar to public reports available in other states such as New Jersey where this end of life option is available. This report has the following purposes:
• To assist the DHSS in its oversight responsibilities for this Act.
• To assist the public in learning how well this new law is operating.
16. The Department of State may also promulgate regulations or develop forms and protocols necessary under this Act.
17. Allows the Office of Controlled Substances to provide reports of data in the prescription monitoring program to DHSS to assess compliance with this Act.

This Act takes effect when final regulations required under this Act have been promulgated or July 1, 2024, whichever occurs earlier.

This Act is known as "The Ron Silverio/Heather Block End of Life Options Law" in memory of Ron Silverio and Heather Block, who were passionate advocates that passed away without this option becoming available to them.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Dec 20, 2024 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 18, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Ceil Tilney | Jun 6, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 140

This Amendment extends the implementation deadline for this Act from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## HCR 142

RECOGNIZING THE NONPROFITS OF DELAWARE FOR SUPPORTING THE STATE AND THE CRITICAL RESOURCES THEY PROVIDE TO DELAWAREANS.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the nonprofits of Delaware for supporting the State and the critical resources they provide to Delawareans.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 142

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

This bill precludes the so-called LGBTQ+ "panic" defense that seeks to partially or completely excuse or justify a defendant from full accountability for the commission of a crime on the grounds that the actual or perceived sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, or sex assigned at birth of the victim is sufficient to explain, excuse, or justify the defendant's conduct, or contributes to or causes the defendant's mental state, or that the defendant’s reaction thereto constitutes a mental illness, mental defect, or mental disorder sufficient to excuse or justify the defendant's conduct (including under circumstances in which the victim made a nonviolent romantic or sexual advance toward the defendant or in which the defendant and the victim dated or had a romantic or sexual relationship). Sections 1 and 3 of this bill move the definitions for gender identity and sexual orientation currently in the hate crimes statute to the general definitions section of the Criminal Code to maintain standard definitions of these terms throughout the Criminal Code. Section 2 of this bill provides that in any prosecution or sentencing for an offense: (i) a defendant is not justified in using force against another based on the discovery of, knowledge or belief about, or the potential or actual disclosure of the victim’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, or sex assigned at birth; (ii) for the purposes of determining whether there is a reasonable explanation or excuse for the existence of extreme emotional disturbance or other asserted mitigating factor or circumstance, such explanation or excuse is not reasonable if it is based on the discovery of, knowledge or belief about, or the potential or actual disclosure of the victim’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, or sex assigned at birth; and (iii) a defendant does not suffer from a mental illness, mental defect, mental disorder, serious mental disorder, psychiatric disorder, or other impairment affecting or impacting the defendant’s mental state relating to any questions of intent, knowledge, capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the defendant's conduct, disturbance of the defendant's

thinking, feeling or behavior, culpability, willpower to choose whether to do or refrain from doing an act, or ability to distinguish right from wrong, based on the discovery of, knowledge or belief about, or the potential or actual disclosure of the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, or sex assigned at birth.

This bill does not preclude a defendant from availing themself of any defense permitted by the Delaware Criminal Code or other applicable Delaware law on bases other than those specifically precluded by this bill.

This House Substitute No. 2 differs from the original in that it corrects the omission of the phrase "or sentencing" in § 472(a), (b), and (c).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Jun 20, 2023 |

## HB 143

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 5 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INTEREST RATES ON LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS.

Delaware is one of a handful of states that has no cap other than unconscionability on interest rates for short-term consumer loans. Under Delaware case law, the unconscionability of an interest rate is decided by a court on a case by case basis. This Act caps interest rates at 20% for short-term consumer loans of $1,000 or less that must be repaid in less than 60 days and motor vehicle title loans.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| NORTHEASTERN TITLE LOANS, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NORTHEASTERN TITLE LOANS, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NORTHEASTERN TITLE LOANS, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |

## HB 144

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WORKERS COMPENSATION

This Act increases the number of members of a limited liability corporation who are eligible for exemption from workers compensation reimbursement from four to eight, making the number equal to the number of officers in a traditional corporation who are eligible for exemption.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Claire Pantaloni | May 18, 2023 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Johnathan Savant | May 17, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |

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| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## HB 145

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REVERSE LOCATION AND REVERSE KEYWORD SEARCHES AND COURT ORDERS.

Reverse-location court orders and reverse keyword court orders enable the government to obtain location data or technology search data without identifying any specific person as to which there is probable cause to believe they have committed or will imminently commit a crime. The profusion of electronic devices and apps in recent years has allowed recordation of numerous details of citizen’s everyday lives, that the government should not be permitted to collect and review at will. Such general searches allow the government to sweep in personal information about hundreds or thousands of people who are not suspected of having committed any crime. These searches are an invasion of privacy, have a potentially chilling effect on civil liberties, and sidestep requirements for individualized suspicion that are otherwise required for a lawful search. This Act would prohibit law enforcement and courts from requesting, issuing, or enforcing reverse-location court orders, reverse-keyword court orders, reverse-location requests and reverse keyword requests. It also creates a private right of action for an individual whose personal information was obtained in violation of this Act and requires the suppression of evidence derived from an unlawful reverse-location or reverse-keyword search.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jan 10, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (NATIONAL) | Chad Marlow | May 3, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 25, 2023 |

## HCR 145

THIS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDS THE 2024 DELAWARE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR, SHANNON GRONAU, AND ALL OF THE DISTRICT/CHARTER NETWORK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR.

This Concurrent Resolution commends the 2024 Delaware Behavioral Health Professional of the Year, Shannon Gronau, and all of the District/Charter Network Behavioral Health Professionals of the Year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## HB 146

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE.

This bill increases the assessments charged to insurance companies to fund the increased costs of the operation of the Fraud Prevention Bureau.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## HCR 146

SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE REDDING CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE CITY.

This Concurrent Resolution supports the Redding Commission for Educational Equity's recommendations to move immediately to support Christina School District's City of Wilmington students and to plan for the eventual withdrawal of the Christina School District from the City of Wilmington.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HB 147

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12, TITLE 25, AND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT.

This Act provides a mechanism for the nonprobate transfer of real estate. This is done by permitting an owner of an interest in real estate to execute and record a transfer on death (TOD) deed designating a beneficiary who will automatically receive the real estate on the owner's death without a probate procedure. During the owner's lifetime the beneficiary of a TOD deed has no interest in the real estate and the owner retains full power to transfer or encumber the real estate or to revoke the deed.

This Act adopts the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act authored by the Uniform Law Commission. The Uniform Law Commission "provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law."

The Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act has been enacted in 17 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and a substantially similar law has been enacted in 11 states. The Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act has been introduced in 5 states this year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 26, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 147

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12, TITLE 25, AND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT.

This Act is a substitute for House Bill No. 147. Like House Bill No. 147, this Act provides a mechanism for the nonprobate transfer of real estate. This is done by permitting an owner of an interest in real estate to execute and record a transfer on death (TOD) deed designating a beneficiary who will automatically receive the real estate on the owner's death without a probate procedure. During the owner's lifetime the beneficiary of a TOD deed has no interest in the real estate and the owner retains full power to transfer or encumber the real estate or to revoke the deed.

Like House Bill No. 147, this Act adopts the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act authored by the Uniform Law Commission. The Uniform Law Commission “provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law.” The Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act has been enacted in 18 states (including Virginia) and the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and a substantially similar law has been enacted in 11 states. The Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act is pending before 3 state legislatures and has been enacted in New Hampshire and Utah this year.

This Act differs from House Bill No. 147 as follows:
(1) By making clear that a transfer of death deed takes precedence over any contrary instruction in a will to transfer the same property.
(2) By making clear in the optional forms included in this Act, which may be used to create a transfer on death deed or revoke a transfer on death deed, that a transferor is a grantor and a beneficiary is a grantee. This change is made to assist the Recorders of Deeds in integrating the forms in their computerized databases.
(3) By authorizing the Registers of Wills to adopt a form to be used by a beneficiary to provide notice of the death of a person whose property has transferred to the beneficiary by transfer on death deed.
(4) By authorizing a beneficiary to file with the Register of Wills the death certificate of a person whose property has transferred to the beneficiary by transfer on death deed.
(5) By making abundantly clear that which is already permitted under the law of this State, that a person may obtain from the Office of Vital Statistics a death certificate to establish their legal right to property and may disclose that death certificate to the Register of Wills to prove the person’s legal right to property.
(6) Under Section 3 of this Act, clarifying that an individual who executed a transfer on death deed does not die seized of the property and, therefore, the property is not required to be included on an inventory and appraisal to the Register of Wills.
(7) Making a clarification in § 5402 of Title 30 contained in Section 5 of this Act.
(8) Delaying the effect of this Act until 90 days after its enactment into law.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |

## HB 148

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

This Act makes updates to Title 15 related to the efficient administration of elections.

Section 1 requires that ballots and sufficient materials essential for the administration for each election shall be provided to each polling location on Election Day.

Section 2 revises, consolidates, and clarifies the sections of the Code that address opening and preparing ballots for tabulation. Updates are made to the language to reflect the use of electronic scanning and tabulation machinery rather

than written tally sheets. It also clarifies the process for creating a duplicate ballot that can be read by the machine in the event the original ballot is unreadable. For administrative efficiency, the Act extends the time when ballots may be opened and processed to begin 30 days before the election rather than the Friday before the election.Finally, instead of requiring the teams of election judges to be composed of half Democrats and half Republicans, the requirement would now be that no more than half of the members of the team may be registered with any one party. This allows independents or members of smaller parties to participate as election judges but prevents any one party from dominating a team, as a safeguard against fraud. The requirement that ballots may only be opened and processed in public meetings, with challengers present, and that the ballots at all times are securely stored is maintained. The results of the ballots are not permitted to be extracted or reported before the polls have closed on the day of the election

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HCR 148

REQUESTING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH RESOURCES ON INFANT AND CHILD CPR AND BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING.

This Concurrent Resolution requests that medical professionals who engage in the provision of prenatal or postnatal care, delivery, or infant care services to provide parents and caregivers resources on infant and child CPR and basic first aid training.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HB 149

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.

This Act requires personal income tax brackets to be annually adjusted for cost-of-living increases. This will prevent tax rate increases resulting from cost-of-living pay increases that push lower income taxpayers into higher tax brackets. This is referred to as "bracket creep". Cost-of-living pay increases are intended to offset inflation and not create a greater tax burden on lower income taxpayers.

Social justice requires that lower income taxpayers should not face both inflation and higher tax rates at the same time.

This Act will be effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |

## HB 150

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ALL DELAWARE CHILDREN.

This bill is the Cover All Delaware Children Act. Many children who are undocumented do not have access to routine or preventative healthcare, including vaccinations and physicals, because they cannot afford the services. Instead they may rely upon emergency room visits when untreated conditions worsen. Providing publicly funded healthcare

coverage to low-income children greatly improves their health and long-term outcomes. Medicaid coverage is linked to fewer chronic conditions, better overall health, improved oral health, and fewer hospitalizations and emergency room visits.

This Act directs the Department of Health and Social Services to develop and operate a limited medical assistance program for children in Delaware who are not otherwise covered, including children who are not documented. A child resident in the state whose family income is low enough that they would qualify on that basis for Medicaid or CHIP coverage, but is not eligible for Medicaid or other federally funded coverage, is eligible for coverage and medical care under this Act. The coverage would be co-extensive with that provided by CHIP and Medicaid, except that it would not include in-patient care at a hospital or other healthcare facility.

The Act also directs the State to submit a plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services so that the state can take advantage of the federal CHIP option to include coverage of pregnant women regardless of immigration status.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 14, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 10, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | May 10, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | May 10, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |

## HB 151

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROTECTION FROM ABUSE PROCEEDINGS.

This Act expressly adds the intentional restriction of another adult’s access to economic resources resulting in a loss of financial autonomy to the definition of abuse for protection from abuse proceedings. This Act also specifies that tangible property of the petitioner includes legal documents belonging to the petitioner. In addition, this Act codifies the existing practice of Family Court to allow relief by ordering respondents to return specific legal documents. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |

## HB 152

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE.

This Act revises the membership of the State Employee Benefits Committee by removing the Delaware retiree appointed by the Governor and adding 2 members who are eligible to receive health care insurance under Chapter 52 of Title 29 under a pension or retirement plan. The President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint 1 of these members.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 5, 2023 |

## HB 153

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPEDITURES.

This bill permits political committees to make donations to any religious, charitable, educations or scientific organization exempt from Delaware income tax under Delaware tax laws or to any volunteer fire company.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |

## HCR 153

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO PRODUCE A REPORT OUTLINING THE CREATION OF A STUDENT INJURY MONITORING SYSTEM.

This House Concurrent Resolution directs the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Social Services to jointly produce a report outlining the creation of a student injury monitoring system. The system is intended to facilitate the sharing of injury information from medical professionals to school nurses, counselors, athletic trainers, and any other necessary medical professionals working in schools, focusing on injuries that require surgery, pain management, physical therapy, and concussions, while ensuring compliance with health information privacy laws. The report is to be submitted by August 31, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HB 154

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

This bill creates the Delaware Personal Data Privacy Act. The Act delineates a consumer's personal data rights and provides that residents of this State will have the right to know what information is being collected about them, see the information, correct any inaccuracies, or request deletion of their personal data that is being maintained by entities or people.

This Act is modeled after existing frameworks for data privacy in other jurisdictions. This Act will apply to entities that conduct business in the State of Delaware who controlled or processed the personal data of not less than 35,000 consumers or controlled or processed the personal data of not less than 10,000 consumers and derived more than 20 percent of their gross revenue from the sale of personal data.

This Act requires Delaware Department of Justice to engage in public outreach to educate consumers and the business community about the Act beginning at least 6 months prior to the effective date of the Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOC. (ADVAMED) | Sean Finnigan | May 19, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | May 17, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 7, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jun 27, 2023 |
| AT&T | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jun 1, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Gibbons | Jul 21, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Andrew O'Connor | Jul 21, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| INTERNET COALITION, INC. | Lincoln Willis | Jun 7, 2023 |
| MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS ASSOC (MDMA) | Sean Finnigan | May 31, 2023 |
| MEDICAL IMAGING & TECH ALLIANCE | Sean Finnigan | May 31, 2023 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES (NAMIC) | Matt Overturf | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Oct 2, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| RELX INC. | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| STATE PRIVACY & SECURITY COALITION, INC. | Andrew Kingman | Jun 22, 2023 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Jun 8, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| TECHNET | Christine P. Schiltz | May 22, 2023 |
| T-MOBILE USA, INC. | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |
| VISA INC. | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| VISA INC. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |

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| VISA INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |

## HCR 154

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes September 2024 as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 154

This amendment provides that nonprofit organizations which are dedicated exclusively to preventing and addressing insurance crime are not covered by the Act. This amendment also provides that a consumer has the right to obtain a list of the categories of third parties to which the controller has disclosed the consumer's personal data.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Oct 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Jun 8, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |

## HA 4 to HB 154

This amendment makes changes to certain definition and makes changes to the enforcement provisions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 154

This Amendment makes the following changes to House Bill No. 154:

1) On lines 104 through 106, amends the definition of “Publicly available information”;

2) On line 124, deletes the reference to “national origin”;

3) After line 163, adds to the list of entities that the Bill does not apply to;

4) After line 203, adds to the list of information and data that the Bill does not apply to; and

5) On line 485, deletes the phrase “collect data directly from consumers” and substitutes “collect consumer data.”

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| APPLE INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jun 29, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |

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| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 27, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HB 155

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DEADLY WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS.

This bill makes the unsafe storage of a firearm in a vehicle a class A misdemeanor if the person knowingly leaves a firearm unattended in a vehicle and the firearm is not stored in a locked box or container, a firearms rack that is on the motor vehicle, or locked in the trunk. This bill also provides that compliance with unsafe storage of a firearm in a vehicle is a defense to carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Jul 6, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |

## HCR 155

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 AS PRIDE MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution recognizes the month of June 2024 as Pride Month in the state of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 155

This Amendment prevents a person who stored their firearm in their vehicle so that it was not visible and was not readily accessible to a person outside the vehicle from being found guilty of unsafe storage of a firearm.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |

## HB 156

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PET INSURANCE.

This Act establishes the comprehensive framework for the regulation of pet insurance transacted in Delaware. The Act reflects the adoption of the National Association of Insurance Commissioner’s Pet Insurance Model Act, with adjustments made to conform the model act to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including using the singular tense of a word rather than the plural tense.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Claire Pantaloni | May 18, 2023 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Johnathan Savant | May 17, 2023 |

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| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## HB 157

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PAWNBROKERS, SECONDHAND DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS.

This Act prohibits a pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or scrap metal processor from purchasing or otherwise acquiring a gift card or other item in its original packaging unless the individual offering the item for sale produces a receipt or proof of purchase at the time of transaction. The Department of Homeland Security or its designee may seize an item found in violation of Chapter 23, Title 24 for a period of 30 days to allow the pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or scrap metal processor an opportunity to provide a receipt or proof of ownership.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| RECYCLED MATERIALS ASSOCIATION (REMA) | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| RECYCLED MATERIALS ASSOCIATION (REMA) | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| RECYCLED MATERIALS ASSOCIATION (REMA) | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## HCR 157

URGING DELAWARE'S HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE MIDWIFERY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

This concurrent resolution urges all higher education institutions in the State of Delaware having nursing programs to pursue and establish ACME-accredited pathways for becoming Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HCR 158

DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS “DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH” IN DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates October of each year as “Dyslexia Awareness Month” in Delaware. According to the United States National Institute of Health, dyslexia is a learning disability that can hinder a person’s ability to read, write, spell, and sometimes speak. Dyslexia is the most common learning disability in children and persists throughout life with 10 percent of the population or one out of every 10 people in the United States suffering from dyslexia. Children with dyslexia who are identified as dyslexic and provided with effective reading instruction in kindergarten and first grade, will have significantly fewer problems learning to read at grade level than children who are not identified as dyslexic or provided help until third grade or after. Proper diagnosis, early and appropriate treatment, and support from family, teachers, and friends will greatly increase a child’s academic success and self-esteem; however, it is never too late for adults with dyslexia to learn to read, and process and express information more efficiently.

October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month, reminding students and their parents that living with dyslexia can be

tackled with early intervention. Each year during the month of October, conferences are held around the United States to promote awareness, research, and early identification of dyslexia.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HB 160

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 988 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 established 988 as the universal phone number for "the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline." This Act provides the framework to maximize the benefits of 988 and provide crucial support to Delawareans in need through the implementation of a practical, modern, and comprehensive, integrated crisis care system. Under this Act, the proposed integrated crisis care system consists of a statewide 24/7 behavioral health crisis communications center capable of telephonic, text, and chat to receive communications made to 988. This Act requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to ensure the availability of mobile crisis teams to respond to individuals in crisis and crisis stabilization programs operated by community-based providers to provide a place for an individual in crisis to go.

To implement this framework, this Act establishes the Behavioral Health Crisis Services Board to provide additional oversight and input on the development of the system. This Act establishes the Behavioral Health Crisis Communications Center, a statewide and continuously operated communications hub for taking 988 and other communications related to behavioral health. The Center is under a partnership between the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families to provide services to Delawareans of all ages.

This Act establishes dedicated funding sources for behavioral health crisis services and creates the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund. Specifically, this Act establishes a 60-cent per month per line fee on phone lines and a 60-cent one-time fee on prepaid services.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Katie McEvoy | Jun 12, 2023 |
| AT&T | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE COUNSELING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| MEADOWWOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 12, 2023 |

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 25, 2023 |
| T-MOBILE USA, INC. | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HCR 160

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution urges the establishment of a medical school in the State of Delaware; calls for the formation of a formal Steering Group to guide the planning and implementation of a medical school; encourages the pursuit of partnerships with established medical schools and other medical education programs; and commits to supporting efforts to secure necessary funding needed to establish a medical school.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 160

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The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 established 988 as the universal phone number for "the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline." This Act provides the framework to maximize the benefits of 988 and provide crucial support to Delawareans in need through the implementation of a practical, modern, and comprehensive, integrated crisis care system.

This Act is a substitute for House Bill No. 160. Like House Bill No. 160 this Act does the following:
(1) Created the Behavioral Health Crisis Services Board (“Board”) to provide oversight and input on the development of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system in this State.
(2) Imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on business and residential telephone services, wireless telephone services, and prepaid wireless telephone services. The surcharge will create a dedicated funding source for behavioral health crisis services. The Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund is created to receive the surcharge funds. Specifically, this Act establishes a 60-cent per month per line fee on phone lines and a 60-cent one-time fee on prepaid services.

This Act differs from House Bill No. 160 as follows:
(1) Models the behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge after the existing E-911 surcharge and prepaid wireless E911 surcharge created under Chapter 101 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code.
(2) Removes the creation of the Behavioral Health Crisis Communication Center and instead directs the Board to develop and recommend a plan for establishing, operating, and maintaining a behavioral health crisis communications center. The Board must submit the plan to the Governor and General Assembly within 12 months from the effective date of this Act.
(3) Makes changes to the definition of “mobile crisis team”.
(4) Makes changes to the composition of the Board to add the Executive Director of the Ability Network of Delaware and the Executive Director of each of Delaware’s Lifeline Centers.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| T-MOBILE USA, INC. | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HS 2 for HB 160

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 988 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 established 988 as the universal phone number for "the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline." This Act provides the framework to maximize the benefits of 988 and provide crucial support to Delawareans in need through the implementation of a practical, modern, and comprehensive, integrated crisis care system.

This Act is a second substitute for House Bill No. 160. Like House Bill No. 160 this Act does the following:

(1) Created the Behavioral Health Crisis Services Board (“Board”) to provide oversight and input on the development of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system in this State.

(2) Imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on business and residential telephone services, wireless telephone services, and prepaid wireless telephone services. The surcharge will create a dedicated funding source for behavioral health crisis services. The Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund is created to receive the surcharge funds. Specifically, this Act establishes a 60-cent per month per line fee on phone lines and a 60-cent one-time fee on prepaid services.

Like House Substitute No. 1 to House Bill No. 160, this Act does all of the following:

(1) Models the behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge after the existing E-911 surcharge and prepaid wireless E911 surcharge created under Chapter 101 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code.

(2) Removes the creation of the Behavioral Health Crisis Communication Center and instead directs the Board to develop and recommend a plan for establishing, operating, and maintaining a behavioral health crisis communications center. The Board must submit the plan to the Governor and General Assembly within 12 months from the effective date of this Act.

(3) Makes changes to the definition of “mobile crisis team”.

(4) Makes changes to the composition of the Board to add the Executive Director of the Ability Network of Delaware and the Executive Director of each of Delaware’s Lifeline Centers.

This Act differs from House Substitute No. 1 to House Bill No. 160 as follows:

(1) Exempts State government from the behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge.

(2) Removes a provision that would permit an increase in the behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge collected for prepaid wireless telecommunication services if the General Assembly increased the behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge collected for residential and business telephone service, wireless service, and nontraditional communication service.
(3) Removes the “crisis intervention service” definition.
(4) Removes "Providing crisis intervention services." from the list of eligible expenditures for the Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services Fund and replaces it with "Establishing, operating, or contracting for crisis teams for adults and children.".

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Jul 19, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HB 161

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

This Act allows the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to assist more small businesses and organizations in making energy efficiency improvements to their facilities by raising the proportion of those projects that can be funded through grants or loans by the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund. Currently, assistance is capped at 30% of the project cost up to $250,000, leaving an applicant to come up with the remaining 70% or more. This can be prohibitive for smaller entities. By raising the eligible proportion of the project cost to 60%, without changing the

maximum funding, the Department can help more small businesses, local governments, and nonprofits reduce their operating costs and environmental impact.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 161

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 AS GLUTEN-FREE DIET AWARENESS MONTH.

This resolution recognizes November 2024 as Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 162

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9, 12, 16, 24, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS.

This Act authorizes the process of natural organic reduction to be used in this State. Natural organic reduction is the gentle, respectful process that accelerates the decomposition of human remains to soil. This process uses large vessels to hold human remains together with straw, wood chips, or other natural materials for about 30 days. The human remains and organic materials, mixed together with warm air, are periodically turned and the process eventually results in reduction of the human remains to a soil material that can then be provided to the deceased individual's family. Natural organic reduction is considered a more eco-friendly cremation alternative, forgoing the usage of formaldehyde and the release of carbon dioxide and mercury into the atmosphere. The process also uses 1/8 the energy of cremation.

Section 3 of this Act removes "and by the Attorney General or a deputy attorney general" from § 3163 of Title 16, which was overlooked when Chapter 164 of Volume 68 of the Laws of Delaware was enacted, removing similar language in § 3159 of Title 16. Section 12 of this Act replaces the citation to § 3162 of Title 16 with a citation to § 3159. Section 3162 was transferred to § 3159 when Chapter 31 was reenacted by Chapter 274 of Volume 68 of the Laws of Delaware, but this citation was overlooked.

This Act takes effect the earlier of 1 year from the date of the Act's enactment or notice in the Register of Regulations that final regulations to implement this Act have been adopted.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 28 of Article IV of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to expand the scope of an existing crime within the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas, Family Court, or Justice of the Peace Court.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HCR 162

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER 2024 AS OBESITY CARE WEEK IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the second week of October 2024 as Obesity Care Week in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HS 1 for HB 162

This Amendment deletes the restriction on remains that were previously embalmbed. This Amendment deletes a restriction on remains that the Board of Funderal Services determines are or are reasonably believed to be carrying a viral or other health risk, and adds a restriction on remains from an individual who had or is suspected of having a viral or other health risk that the Division of Public Health determines may not be eliminated in the process of natural organic reduction. This Amendment also makes additional technical changes to correct drafting errors.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 162

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9, 12, 16, 24, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS.

House Bill 162 authorizes the process of natural organic reduction to be used in this State. Natural organic reduction is the gentle, respectful process that accelerates the decomposition of human remains to soil. This process uses large vessels to hold human remains together with straw, wood chips, or other natural materials for about 30 days. The human remains and organic materials, mixed together with warm air, are periodically turned and the process eventually results in reduction of the human remains to a soil material that can then be provided to the deceased individual's family. Natural organic reduction is considered a more eco-friendly cremation alternative, forgoing the usage of formaldehyde and the release of carbon dioxide and mercury into the atmosphere. The process also uses 1/8 the energy of cremation.

Section 3 removes "and by the Attorney General or a deputy attorney general" from § 3163 of Title 16, which was overlooked when Chapter 164 of Volume 68 of the Laws of Delaware was enacted, removing similar language in § 3159 of Title 16. Section 12 of this Act replaces the citation to § 3162 of Title 16 with a citation to § 3159. Section 3162 was transferred to § 3159 when Chapter 31 was reenacted by Chapter 274 of Volume 68 of the Laws of Delaware, but this citation was overlooked.

This Act takes effect the earlier of 1 year from the date of the Act's enactment or notice in the Register of Regulations that final regulations to implement this Act have been adopted.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 28 of Article IV of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to expand

the scope of an existing crime within the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas, Family Court, or Justice of the Peace Court.

This Substitute No. 1 to HB 162 adds requirements to those already set forth in HB 162 for natural organic reduction facilities and changes the permissible chemical limits for final remains after natural organic reduction. This Substitute also sets forth circumstances that preclude remains from being admitted to a natural organic reduction facility. This Substitute defines “final remains” and “last remains” identically in Title 12 of the Delaware Code to allow for the use of either phrase throughout that Title. This Substitute also makes typographical and technical corrections to conform existing and drafted law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |
| EARTH FUNERAL GROUP, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 25, 2023 |

## HB 163

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION.

This Act authorizes the Department of Education to issue an initial or continuing license to a Junior Reserve Officer Training Core (JROTC) Instructor who has been certified by the United States Department of Defense (USDOD). This Act also removes outdated language.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |

## HB 164

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DELMAR.

This bill increases the amount of money the Town of Delmar is permitted to raise from levying and collecting taxes from $1,000,000.00 to $2,500,000.00.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HCR 164

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY MONTH" AND JUNE 27, 2024 AS "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY DAY".

This Resolution recognizes June 2024 as “Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Month” and June 27, 2024, as “Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day”, and encourages citizens of the state to continue their work educating victims of assault or abuse, combat, serious accidents, and natural disasters about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of PTSI.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 165

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

This bill codifies the prosecution's obligation under Brady v. Maryland, a United State Supreme Court case, which requires the prosecution to provide evidence favorable to an accused. The purpose of this bill is to ensure the fairness and finality of criminal trials and guilty plea by requiring that the accused in every criminal case promptly receives all information and evidence favorable that is material to guilt or to punishment. The bill sets for what the prosecution must mandatorily disclose to the defense, which includes information relating to the credibility of a police officer and impeachment evidence of government witnesses such as favorable treatment of the witness's criminal charges. The bill sets forth the process and timing of such disclosure and requires the prosecutor on the case to file a certificate of compliance with the Court. The bill provides a process by which the State can seek a protective order relating to the disclosure of information it must disclosure if the State can show that disclosure would create a substantial risk of physical harm, intimidation, bribery, economic reprisals or unnecessary annoyance or embarrassment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |

## HB 167

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING.

This Act establishes school resource officer units to fund school resources officers in all Delaware public schools. Specifically, this Act funds at least 1 school resource officer in each school in a school district and each charter school, regardless of enrollment, and provides for additional school resource officers for schools with over 1,000 students.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 167

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING.

This Act is a substitute for House Bill No. 167. Like House Bill No. 167, this Act establishes school resource officer units to fund school resources officers in all Delaware public schools. Specifically, this Act funds at least 1 school

resource officer in each charter school and in each school in a school district, regardless of enrollment, and provides for additional school resource officers for schools with over 1,000 students.

This Act differs from House Bill No. 167 by defining "school resource officer" to include constables commissioned under Chapter 56 of Title 24 of the Delaware Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |

## HB 168

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LODGING TAX.

Section 1 of this bill requires every short-term listing service to obtain an occupational license and pay an annual licensing fee of $25.00. Section 2 of this bill defines short-term rental as any person who rents a bedroom or dwelling unit to overnight guests for a continuous period of 150 days or less using a short-term listing service. Short-term listing services is a person or business that facilitates or arranges the renting of short-term rental units on a website or through other means. This bill also makes the lodging tax that applies to all hotels, motels, and tourist homes apply to short-term rentals. The bill also sets forth the obligations of a short-term rental listing service which is primarily to remit data as required by the Division of Revenue and the tax collected pursuant to the statute. Section 3 of the bill authorizes New Castle and Sussex Counties to impose a lodging tax of no more than 3 percent on short-term rentals. Section 4 applies the Act to all rent for a short-term rental after December 31, 2023 collected by a short-term rental listing service.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AIRBNB, INC. | Kelly Fay | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| EXPEDIA, INC. | Tracie Robinson | Jun 21, 2023 |
| EXPEDIA, INC. | Tracie Robinson | Oct 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Jun 8, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 25, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 2 for HB 168

This Amendment adds the 3/5th voting requirement to the enactment clause of House Substitute 2 to House Bill 168. This clause was inadvertently removed from the substitute bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 168

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LODGING TAX.

Substitute 1 to HB 168 applies the lodging tax to short-term rentals and requires an accommodations intermediary to obtain an occupational license and pay an annual licensing fee of $25.00. This bill defines an accommodations intermediary as a person or business that facilitates or arranges the renting of rooms or dwelling units to an occupant on a website or through other means, including the renting of properties subject to a timeshare plan. Under this Act, accommodations intermediaries must collect and remit taxes and data as required by the Division of Revenue. This Act further authorizes New Castle and Sussex Counties to impose a lodging tax of no more than 3 percent on short-term rentals.

This bill is primarily different from the original in that it uses different terms and definitions to identify the individuals responsible for collecting short-term rental taxes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jan 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 168

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LODGING TAX.

House Bill No. 168 creates a short-term rental lodging tax at the rate of 8% of the rent upon every occupancy of a short-term rental within the State. For purposes of collecting the lodging tax on short-term rentals, HB 168 creates an occupational license for a short-term rental listing service. It also authorizes New Castle and Sussex Counties to impose a lodging tax of no more than 3 percent on short-term rentals.

House Substitute 2 to House Bill No. 168 is primarily different from House Bill No. 168 in that it decreases the tax rate on short-term rentals and uses different terms and definitions to identify the individuals responsible for collecting short-term rental taxes. Specifically, House Substitute 2 to House Bill No. 168 makes the following changes:

(1) Requires accommodations intermediaries to obtain an occupational license and pay an annual licensing fee of

$25.00;
(2) Ensures that accommodations intermediaries are responsible for the collection and remittance of taxes under this Act and clarifies responsibilities for the collection and remittance of the tax;
(3) Defines an accommodations intermediary;
(4) Decreases the short-term rental tax rate from 8% to 4.5%;
(5) Establishes the short-term rental tax in a new chapter within Title 30;
(6) Clarifies that short-term rental taxes will be distributed as follows: 62.5% to the State General Fund; 12.5% to the Beach Preservation Fund of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control; 12.5% to be designated in the proportion in which collected, to the duly established convention and visitors bureau in each county; and 12.5% to the Delaware Tourism Office;
(7) Adds the Georgetown, Millsboro, Milton, Milford, and Western Sussex Chambers of Commerce to those organizations that determine the Sussex County Convention & Visitors Bureau; and
(8) Updates effective dates for licensing, tax levy, and related obligations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 169

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

This Act requires the Secretary of Education to publish and deliver to the General Assembly a report detailing requests for certificates of necessity that are not included in the proposed capital budget and the reasons for the rejection and a ranking of the rejected projects by need. The report is also required to include a breakdown of the current and previous 5 years of state spending committed through the certificate of necessity process, as well as a report on which priority level (1, 2, or 3) all approved and rejected applications are given.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |

## HB 170

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN.

This Act does all of the following regarding suspected human trafficking of children:

1. Ensures the sharing of information between the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) and the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council.
2. Expressly requires a multidisciplinary response to these cases, similar to child deaths and serious physical injury.
3. Even though human trafficking of children is child abuse, specifically delineates it throughout the child abuse

multidisciplinary investigative response.

4. Codifies a review panel and oversight committee within CPAC for these cases, with the same authority, subpoena power, and immunities provided to the system that reviews child abuse deaths and near deaths.

5. Establishes that the Office of the Child Advocate will staff the review panel and oversight committee.

This Act also makes minor technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 171

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM.

This Act extends the Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program annual fees for facilities in Delaware, which have historically expired and been reauthorized by the General Assembly every three years. Existing statutory authorization to collect fees sunsets on December 31, 2023. This legislation updates the fee assessments based on the work of the Title V Operating Permit Program Advisory Committee and makes additional clarifying updates. For 2024-2026, the total fee will be comprised of a base fee, user fee, and program fee. Base fees are based on the number of staff hours spent on the source's permitting, compliance, and enforcement activities, while the user fee is based on the source's air emissions. The program fee will be assessed based on the total base and user fees. This Act authorizes the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to collect Title V annual fees for calendar years 2024 through 2026, at which point the authority sunsets and would need to be reauthorized.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 172

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF LAUREL.

This bill increases the amount of money the Town of Laurel is permitted to raise from levying and collecting taxes from $500,000 to $2,500,000.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 173

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ABSENCES OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

Currently school employees must use their accumulated sick leave to take off for a religious holiday that is not a State recognized religious holiday. This Act allows for 2 floating holidays per school year that would not fall within a State recognized religious holiday. The 2 floating holidays are not to be considered part of the employee's sick leave and cannot be accumulated. The building administrator must approve the request to be absent for a floating holiday but cannot ask the reason for the request. A request may only be denied if school operational requirements cannot be met.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW (DELAWARECAN) | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 174

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STUDENT DISCIPLINE REFERRALS.

This Act requires that any student who has had 2 out-of-school suspensions in a school semester, or trimester, be referred to the school-based problem-solving team, located in the school the student is attending, for both academic and non-academic intervention, including any recommendations based on the team's assessment of the student.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW (DELAWARECAN) | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 175

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9, 21, AND 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES.

This Act adds provisions to Title 21 defining accessible parking spaces, incorporating federal standards for accessible parking spaces found in the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable regulations. The Act also provides additional requirements that enhance these standards and better reflect the needs of persons with disabilities in Delaware. The Act increases the penalty associated with violating the statute that prohibits individuals who do not possess a parking placard or special license plate from parking in accessible parking spaces, or in the access aisles located next to accessible parking spaces. This Act adds provisions in Titles 9 and 22 to require county and municipal governments to adopt regulations and ordinances incorporating these requirements for accessible parking spaces, including the requirement that property owners have a permit and process to ensure compliance for new or modified accessible parking spaces, in order to increase compliance and uniformity statewide.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | May 19, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |

## HB 176

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DEADLINES.

This bill would extend various deadlines in the Unemployment Code. The intent is to provide claimants and employers additional time to receive and prepare a response or appeal of benefit determinations and other important documents that require a response, in an effort to reduce the incidents of late filed appeals and missed deadlines. This would benefit claimants and employers by providing more time, while also reducing the administrative burden to the Division of Unemployment Insurance of responding to late appeals and late filed documents. This bill also makes conforming changes to additional sections of the Unemployment Code that provide for delivery by mail or other delivery methods to provide flexibility to the Division and Board if they decide to send notices and other documents by email or other

delivery methods to reduce mailing expenses and increase efficiency. Finally, this bill confirms Superior Court precedent that Code references to “days” mean “calendar days” unless otherwise specified.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 177

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

This bill increases the amount of Compassionate Leave for eligible employees of the State upon the death of an immediate family member.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HB 178

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL ON APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING.

This Act updates the makeup and duties of the Council of Apprenticeship and Training to meet the current needs of the DOL, the apprenticeship workforce, and employers. It clarifies the duties of the Council, the membership of the Council, and term limits for council members.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 12, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 179

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENTRANCE PERMITS.

This Act requires the Department of Transportation to issue an entrance permit to a private or public utility upon presentation of a satisfactory entrance permit application where the private or public utility owns or has an easement for the entrance location.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 7, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CORP. | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 181

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CHILD-SERVING ENTITIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

This Act allows the State Bureau of Identification to release subsequent arrest notifications to the Department of Education for its employees and contractors. This Act also corrects existing typos in § 309 of Title 31 and makes clarifying changes to the processing of background checks when the Department of Education is the employer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |

## HB 182

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 13, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.

Sections 1 through 6 of this Act revise the State's existing child abuse laws as follows:

(1) Revises Child Abuse in the Third Degree by removing extraneous language and redesignating it as Child Abuse in the Fourth Degree.

(2) Revises Child Abuse in the Second Degree by redesignating it as Child Abuse in the Third Degree and making it a class D felony.

(3) Revises Child Abuse in the First Degree by removing extraneous language, adding a sentence enhancement for certain aggravating factors, and redesignating it as Child Abuse in the Second Degree.

(4) Creates a new crime of Child Abuse in the First Degree, a class A felony, when a person intentionally or recklessly causes serious physical injury to a child and that injury causes permanent disfigurement, permanent impairment of health, or permanent loss or impairment of a bodily organ.

(5) Creates a new crime of Child Torture, a class B felony.

(6) Creates a new crime of Continuous Child Abuse when a person intentionally or recklessly engages in 3 or more acts of child abuse or child torture over a period of time not less than 3 weeks in duration.

Sections 7 through 9 and 11 through 14 of this Act make conforming amendments to the Delaware Code based on the revisions made by Sections 1 through 6 of this Act.

Section 10 of this Act designates Child Abuse in the First Degree and Child Abuse in the Second Degree as violent felonies.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HB 183

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD.

This Act revises the existing crime of endangering the welfare of a child by providing or permitting a child to consume or inhale unprescribed controlled substances in the following ways:

1. Prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly making controlled substances or prescription drugs available to a child through exposure, consumption, or inhalation.
2. Creates new penalties for endangering the welfare of a child through exposure, consumption, or inhalation of drugs.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 28 of Article IV of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to expand the scope of an existing crime within the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas, Family Court, or Justice of the Peace Court.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jul 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 183

This Amendment clarifies that there is to be a connection between the child's exposure to, consumption of, or inhalation of a controlled substance that is not prescribed to the child by a physician or of a prescription drug that is not a controlled substance but for which a prescription is required and the child's death, serious physical injury, physical injury, or period of altered mental or physical state.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jul 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 184

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.

Delaware law expressly prohibits employment discrimination based upon surviving domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such discrimination includes: (1) failing or refusing to hire or discharging an employee because the individual was a victim of domestic violence, sexual offense, or stalking; or (2) failing or refusing to make reasonable accommodations to the limitations known to the employer and related to domestic violence, a sexual offense, or stalking. Current statute requires the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to provide verification to their employer. This bill provides employers with the option to require verification in order to receive accommodations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 184

This amendment clarifies that the employer has the option to request verification from the employee in order for the employee to receive accommodations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 185

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSURANCE AND ELIMINATION OF THE STATE SHARE WAITING PERIOD.

This legislation prioritizes recruitment and retention of State employees by removing the 3-month waiting period for the state to pay its share of premium or subscription charges for health care coverage under § 5202 of Title 29 for benefit eligible state employees hired on or after January 1, 2024 by revising the definition of a “regular office or employee.”

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 14, 2023 |

## HB 186

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDERS FOR ACTS COMMITTED WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN.

This Act makes changes to the requirements for placement on the sex offender registry of individuals who are adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses. First, it reduces the number of offenses for which placement on the sex offender registry is mandatory and the Family Court has no discretion to relieve a person adjudicated delinquent from the requirement or to reduce the tier assigned. Mandatory registration is still required for all degrees of rape (first through fourth) and conspiracy or attempt to commit any degree of rape. This Act will also allow an individual placed on the registry to petition the Family Court to be relieved from the registration or placed on a lower tier, either at the conclusion of any required treatment or after the passage of 2 years for most offenses, or after the passage of 5 years for those offenses that still require mandatory registration. The ability to petition for a registry review hearing after the mandated review period will apply to anyone placed on the registry because of a juvenile delinquency adjudication, regardless of the date of that adjudication.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 5, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 186

This amendment ensures that violations of 11 Del. C. § 776 and § 778 are offenses for which placement on the sex offender registry is mandatory.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 187

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT.

This Act expands the Video Lottery Intercept Program by requiring an operator of a video lottery facility to submit an individual's winnings from sports betting and table games to the Division of Child Support Services to satisfy delinquent child support obligations. The Video Lottery Intercept Program currently only collects video lottery winnings.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |

## HB 188

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION EQUITY OMBUDSPERSON PROGRAM AND THE EDUCATION EQUITY COUNCIL.

This Act codifies the Equity Ombudsman program, the purpose of which is to provide students and families encountering inequity in the school system with non-lawyer advocates to assist them. The Educational Equity Council, as a stakeholder council, provides oversight to the Equity Ombudsman program, to provide broad review, analysis and recommendations, for the improvement of student equity and outcomes in Delaware’s public education system.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW (DELAWARECAN) | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 3, 2023 |

## HB 189

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 AND TITLE 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

This Act makes clear that corporations and other artificial entities may not be given a vote in municipal elections. Section 1 of this Act prohibits a municipality from giving corporations and other artificial entities the right to vote within the municipality's charter. Section 2 amends the language that prohibits municipalities from amending charters that permit nonresident persons to vote to take away such rights under the provisions of Title 22, Chapter 8 applies only to the rights of nonresident natural persons, not to corporations or other artificial entities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Mar 21, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | William McCall | Apr 5, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 5, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Verity Watson | Apr 5, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Kim Willson | Apr 5, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 190

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS.

This bill updates the current law relating to the Spay Neuter Fund and the administration of that fund to make it easier to administer the fund and animal population control programs.

Changes have also been made to conform to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |

## HB 191

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LANDLORD TENANT CODE.

It is the policy of this State that meaningful sanctions be imposed upon those who allow dangerous conditions and defects to exist in leased premises and that an effective mechanism be established for repairing these conditions and halting their creation. This Act allows tenants to bring an action of rent escrow to pay rent into the court because of asserted defects or conditions. Alternatively, the tenant may refuse to pay rent and raise the existence of the asserted defects or conditions as an affirmative defense to an action for summary possession or an action for nonpayment of rent. This Act requires the tenant to give proper notice and allow the landlord the opportunity to effect repairs. This Act requires the court to make appropriate findings of fact and to make any order that justice of the case may require, which may include termination of the lease and return of the leased premises to the landlord, order that the action for rent escrow be dismissed, order that the amount of rent be reduced in amount determined by the court to be fair and equitable, or order the landlord to make the repairs or correct the conditions complained of by the tenant.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Jul 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jul 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jul 5, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 3, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 191

This amendment requires that a hearing on a tenant's complaint for an action to withhold rent payments in escrow be scheduled within 60 days. This amendment also changes the effective date to July 1, 2024. This amendment also requires the Justice of the Peace Court to provide a report of the number of cases and in what County such cases were filed to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than July 1, 2025.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Jul 2, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Jul 21, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 191

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LANDLORD TENANT CODE.

This substitute bill provides more clarity on the process by which a tenant may file an action in the Justice of the Peace Court to withhold rent payments in escrow. Specifically, the bill provides what the tenant must file in order to bring such action and how such actions proceed in court. This substitute bill also provides the remedy of termination of lease when the conditions of the rental unit threatens the life, health, or safety of the tenant or a member of the tenant's household. This substitute bill also clarifies the appeal process for actions to withhold rent payments in escrow. This substitute bill also provides a tenant the right to raise as an affirmative defense to an action for summary possession filed by the landlord that a condition exists that threatens the life, health, or safety of the tenant or a member of the tenant's household if the tenant satisfies specific requirements. If the Court determines that the tenant has satisfied those requirements, the Court may order that in lieu of summary possession, the tenant pay all base monthly rent owed to the landlord to an escrow account established by the Court. The Court may order the landlord to remedy the conditions alleged by a specific date. If both the landlord and tenant comply with the Court's order, the amount held in escrow will be paid to the landlord within 30 days, and no judgment for possession shall be entered. Finally, this substitute bill provides that the Act will take effect 180 days after its enactment into law in order to provide the Justice of the Peace Court sufficient time to enact rules to implement the Act.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Mar 12, 2024 |

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| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HS 1 for HB 191

This amendment clarifies the procedures for establishing rent escrow in the Justice of the Peace Court, including clarifying the remedies available to tenants when a threatening condition exists, clarifying what does and does not constitute a threatening condition, and recognizing that often a written lease is not available to tenants or may never have existed. It also creates a gradual implementation of the program with guidelines on how to prioritize elements of its implementation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |

## HB 192

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROFICIENCY ON STUDENT ASSESSMENTS.

This Act requires that the superintendent, school leader, or equivalent chief school officer who oversees a school or a charter school where students have single-digit proficiency in English language arts or mathematics, or both, collaborate with the Department of Education and school building-level administration to create a short-term plan to raise performance so that the school no longer has single-digit proficiency. This Act also requires the creation of a long-term plan for how to further improve student performance on State assessments and increase the school's overall student body achievement proficiency level.

This Act does not apply to a school with a plan for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) or targeted support and improvement (TSI) under 20 U.S.C. § 6311, a school participating in a locally established entity that requires the creation of a plan to improve school performance, or a school required to a create a plan to improve school performance under any other State or federal law.

Single-digit proficiency is based on the most recent State assessment data reported under § 124A of Title 14. Under this Act, a superintendent, school leader, or equivalent chief school officer must present the short-term plan and the long-term plan at a school board meeting for approval by the school board. Additionally, the superintendent, school leader, or equivalent chief school officer must provide annual updates, including any proposed changes to the plans as well as information about implementation of the plans. Any changes to the plans must be approved by the school board. The plans must be displayed on the school's website or webpage and the Department's website. The short-term plan and the long-term plan must be presented at a school board meeting and displayed on the school's website or webpage by May 1. The superintendent may stop providing updates about the plans once certain State assessment performance conditions are met. If a school subsequently ceases to meet performance conditions, then the plan must be revised to incorporate strategies to improve performance.

This Act also requires the Department to submit an annual report that contains information on schools with single-digit proficiency and schools with an overall student body achievement proficiency level of less than 20% but greater than single-digit proficiency in English language arts or mathematics, including data from prior years.

This Act is effective immediately and shall be implemented the first August 1 after enactment of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COGNIA | Donna Johnson Geist | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |

## SA 1 to HB 192

This Amendment clarifies that the intention of this Act is not to take the first step in the creation of a state-run school voucher program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HB 193

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTECTION IN YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITES.

In 2016, the General Assembly passed HB 404, the Concussion Protection in Youth Athletic Activities Act (CPYAAA). This Act clarifies the requirements of CPYAAA and enables the Division of Public Health, in consultation with the State Council for Persons with Disabilities, to promulgate regulations to broadly implement the Act. This Amendment adds the requirement for non-scholastic athletic activity organizations to develop policies and procedures for advising athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and guardians of the signs and symptoms of concussion and explaining the risk of continuing to practice or compete in athletic events or activities after sustaining a concussion, as well as providing information about returning to academic and athletic events or activities after sustaining a concussion.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 193

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 14 AND 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTECTION IN YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITES.

In 2016, the General Assembly passed HB 404, the Concussion Protection in Youth Athletic Activities Act (CPYAAA). This Act clarifies the requirements of CPYAAA and enables the Division of Public Health, in consultation with the State Council for Persons with Disabilities, to promulgate regulations to broadly implement the Act. This Amendment adds the requirement for non-scholastic athletic activity organizations to develop policies and procedures for advising athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and guardians of the signs and symptoms of concussion and explaining the risk of continuing to practice or compete in athletic events or activities after sustaining a concussion, as well as providing information about returning to academic and athletic events or activities after sustaining a concussion.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 194

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC CARRIERS.

This Act decreases the minimum amount of insurance to be required by taxicab drivers. SB 209, as amended, from the 151st General Assembly increased the required minimum insurance for all public carriers to $1,000,000 for death, bodily injury, and property damages and $1,000,000 for uninsured and underinsured insurance. This Act lowers the minimum amount of insurance required by taxicabs issued a medallion to $100,000 for death and bodily injury, $50,000 for property damages, and $300,000 for uninsured and underinsured insurance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | Jun 15, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 194

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC CARRIERS.

This Act decreases the minimum amount of insurance to be required by taxicab drivers. SB 209, as amended, from the 151st General Assembly increased the required minimum insurance for all public carriers to $1,000,000 for death, bodily injury, and property damages and $1,000,000 for uninsured and underinsured insurance. HB 194 lowers the minimum amount of insurance required by taxicabs issued a medallion to $100,000 for death and bodily injury, $50,000 for property damages, and $300,000 for uninsured and underinsured insurance.

House Substitute 1 for HB 194 clarifies that the lower minimum insurance requirements only apply to taxicab owners or businesses that operate no more than 2 registered vehicles. It also changes the minimum insurance required by small taxicab companies to the following:

1. Liability insurance: $250,000 for bodily injury per person, $500,000 for bodily injury per accident, and $100,000 for property damage;
2. Uninsured and underinsured insurance: $100,000 for bodily injury per person, $300,000 for bodily injury per accident, and $50,000 for property damage; and
3. Personal injury protection: $15,000 per person and $30,000 per incident.

This change is designed to address the dramatic decrease in taxis operating in Delaware, while requiring an appropriate level of liability coverage.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MODIVCARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MODIVCARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MODIVCARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |

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| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HB 195

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN PERTINENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act.

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |
| GIFT OF LIFE DONOR PROGRAM | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| KENT-SUSSEX INDUSTRIES, INC. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

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| ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE/TRINITY HEALTH | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HB 196

AN ACT MAKING A ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

This Act appropriates $194,560,278 to provide one-time funded projects through the Office of Management and Budget.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HB 197

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN GRANTS-IN-AID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Act provides supplementary appropriations to certain Grants-in-Aid recipients for Fiscal Year 2024.

Section 1 – Government Units and Senior Centers $ 29,361,705

Section 2 – One-Times and Community Agencies $ 31,912,877

Section 3 – Fire Companies and Public Service Ambulance Companies $ 10,109,451

Section 4 – Veterans Organizations $ 608,591

GRAND TOTAL $ 71,992,624

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

*Refer to CSV file for Budget DDS information.*

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| CHILDREN & FAMILIES FIRST | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |

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| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| GIFT OF LIFE DONOR PROGRAM | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| KENT-SUSSEX INDUSTRIES, INC. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| KIND TO KIDS FOUNDATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HB 199

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY NURSE STAFFING AGENCIES SERVING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This bill grants authority to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to adopt regulations related to the operation of temporary nurse staffing agencies that staff temporary nurses in long-term care facilities in the State and assigns oversight within DHSS to the Division of Health Care Quality. The bill requires temporary nurse staffing agencies to (1) register annually with the Division of Health Care Quality; (2) validate the qualifications of all provided nurses provided; (3) maintain records of all provided nurses' credentials, job requirements, and required immunizations; and (4) provide all such records upon request to DHSS and to the long-term care facility where the employee is placed. The bill also requires temporary nurse staffing agencies to report annually to DHSS regarding various factors, including its employee placements, costs charged to long-term care facilities, and wages paid to temporary nurses.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## HB 200

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

This Act establishes a mental health services unit for Delaware high schools. The unit is phased in over 3 years, beginning in FY2024, to arrive at a final ratio of 250 full-time equivalent students grades 9-12 for a full-time school counselor, school social worker, or licensed clinical social worker. Additionally, a unit ratio of 700 full time equivalent students for grades 9-12 for employment of a full-time school psychologist. This Act defines “mental health services” as prevention, response, and coordination services delivered to students in high schools. Mental Health disorders are the most common health problem for school aged youth. According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), one in five youth are affected by a mental health disorder. Additionally, 50% of lifetime mental illnesses begin by age 14. Untreated mental illness leads to negative outcomes including increased risk of dropout, homelessness, substance abuse, other chronic illnesses, incarceration, and possibly suicide. According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, ninety percent of people who have taken their own life have had an underlying mental health condition, and suicides are on the rise. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, suicides are now the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-14. Delaware schools need trained and experienced mental health professionals to provide prevention and support programs and services to students. This bill will lower ratios of students to counselors and increase access to mental health services for high school students. Districts and charters should prioritize the hiring of school counselors who provide mental health services over those who provide career counseling.

Conforming changes are also made to code sections dealing with mental health units for elementary and middle school students.

This Act also creates a reimbursement program to encourage current school employees to gain certifications or professional licensure in critical need mental health areas.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 2, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| INSEPARABLE ACTION INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 3, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 5, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2023 |

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| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 200

This Act provides clarification regarding services offered by school counselors and requires applicants for the mental health critical need reimbursement program to commit to working in Delaware schools for at least 3 years following receipt of license or certification.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 201

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN A SAFE SCHOOL AND RECREATION ZONE.

As of April 4, 2023, 74 people have been killed or injured by guns in schools this year in 13 separate school shootings. School shootings hit a record high in 2022 with 46 shootings, surpassing 2021's record of 42 shootings. In 2022, 43,450 children experienced a school shooting. The purpose of this bill is to enable a police officer to act immediately when the officer sees or suspects that a person possesses a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone.

This Act establishes the crime of Possession of a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone as a class E felony. This bill makes it a crime for a person to possess a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone except a police officer or a constable or active-duty member of the armed forces who are acting in an official capacity within for the Safe School and Recreation Zone. The bill also exempts holders of a valid license to carry concealed weapons but only if the firearm is in a vehicle. The possession of a firearm under this bill does not apply if (1) the person is on private property which is not part of school grounds; (2) the firearm is in a locked container or locked firearms rack that is on or in a motor vehicle; or (3) when engaged in lawful hunting, firearms instruction, or firearm-related sports on public lands not belonging to a school. This bill provides that in addition to other penalties, a student who possesses a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone, shall be expelled for a period of not less than 90 days, but the local school board or charter school board of directors may, on a case-by-case basis, modify the terms of the expulsion.

This Act repeals the crime of Possession of a Weapon in a Safe School and Recreation Zone, but provides a Savings Clause which enables a prosecution for such crime if the offense occurred before the repeal is enacted.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 8, 2023 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Jul 6, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 201

This amendment provides that probation and parole officers and certain employees of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families may carry a firearm within a Safe School and Recreation Zone while acting within their official capacity. This amendment also clarifies the definition of “Safe School and Recreation Zone”. Finally, this amendment provides that a student who possesses a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone shall be expelled for a period of not less than 180 days, but the local school board or charter school board of directors, may on a case-by-case basis, modify the terms of the explusion to less than 180 days.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |

## HA 3 to HB 201

This amendment provides that probation and parole officers and certain employees of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families may carry a firearm within a Safe School and Recreation Zone while acting within their official capacity. This amendment also clarifies the definition of “Safe School and Recreation Zone and firearm to include BB guns. Finally, this amendment provides that a student who possesses a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone shall be expelled for a period of not less than 180 days, but the local school board or charter school board of directors, may on a case-by-case basis, modify the terms of the expulsion to less than 180 days.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |

## SA 3 to HB 201

This Amendment revises § 1457 of Title 11 to create the offense of possession of a firearm in a Safe Recreation Zone.

This Amendment does not change the violation of possession of a firearm in a Safe School Zone as established under this Act.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 202

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AT A POLLING PLACE.

This Act limits those individuals who may possess a firearm at a polling place on an Election Day to the following: (1) law enforcement officers, (2) commissioned security guards acting in their official capacity, (3) constables acting in their official capacity, and (4) active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces and Delaware National Guard acting in their official capacity. This Act is applicable to any in-person election held under Title 15, any local school election held under Title 14, and any municipal election held in accordance with the municipality's charter, ordinance, or code, and includes locations designated for early voting. This Act also provides an exemption for individuals who reside or visit private property adjacent to a polling place, or who are traveling from private property to another

location.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Jul 6, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 202

This amendment clarifies that areas outside of the actual polling place, such as parking areas and adjoining structures, are excluded from the definition of polling place.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jun 13, 2023 |

## HB 203

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN DELAWARE ACT.

With 60% of U.S. households living paycheck to paycheck, 40% of Americans having less than $300 in savings, 33% of Americans having saved nothing for retirement, 95% of Americans having not saved enough for retirement, and 87% of American teens admitting not understanding their finances, financial literacy education in Delaware high schools is needed.

This Act, known as “The Equity and Inclusion in Financial Literacy for All High School Students in Delaware Act”, requires high schools to provide, at a minimum, a half credit course on financial literacy. And, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2025 through 2026 school year, successful completion of the course will be required to obtain a high school diploma. This Act requires the course include instruction which meets the financial literacy standards for high school students adopted by the Department of Education and on all of the following financial literacy topics:

(1) Introduction to behavioral economics, including understanding the impact of life experiences and biases on personal money management decisions and habits.

(2) Understanding the benefits of disciplined and regular savings to achieve financial goals and the power of compounding returns and interest.

(3) Introduction to the why and how of different types of risk assessment and investing strategies that lead to sustainable and long-term financial success and a self-sufficient retirement, including introduction and explanation of the Delaware Earns Program.

(4) Understanding personal budgeting.

(5) Understanding and managing credit and debt, including credit scores; types of credit to include credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, student loans, payday loans, and title loans; the benefits and methods of debt avoidance and repayment; and the rule of 72.

(6) Understanding financial institutions, including understanding banking services, brokerage services, account fees, and the difference between fiduciary and non-fiduciary advisors.

(7) Understanding personal and payroll-related taxes and the impact on disposable income.

(8) Understanding career options, including college vs. trade or technical school and entrepreneurship vs. employment.

(9) Comparing financial systems, including what works and what does not and why.

(10) Understanding philanthropy.

(11) Insurance options.

Section 3 of this Act requires the Department of Education to submit a report on the implementation of this Act to the Governor and General Assembly by May 1, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW (DELAWARECAN) | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Jul 5, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | William McCall | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Verity Watson | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Kim Willson | Jun 5, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jan 5, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 3, 2023 |
| VISA INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| VISA INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| VISA INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 203

This amendment makes technical corrections.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HS 1 for HB 203

This amendment clarifies that the financial literacy course credits are to be applied towards math, social studies, or career pathways credits required for graduation. Also, this course will begin for students entering grade 9 in the 2026-2027 school year and allows for a 1-semester waiver to delay implementation if granted by DOE.
Finally, DOE is to adopt and update regulations to implement the legislation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |

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| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HS 1 for HB 203

This amendment makes technical corrections and clarifies that the financial literacy course credits are to be applied towards math, social studies, or career pathways credits, but are not required for graduation. Also, this course will begin for students entering grade 9 in the 2026-2027 school year.
Additionally, a 1-semester waiver to delay implementation may be granted by the Department of Education.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Jun 14, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 203

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN DELAWARE ACT.

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This Act, which may be cited as “The Equity and Inclusion in Financial Literacy for All High School Students in Delaware Act”, requires high schools to provide, at a minimum, a half credit course on financial literacy. And, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2025 through 2026 school year, successful completion of the course will be required to obtain a high school diploma. This Act requires the course to include instruction which meets the financial literacy standards for high school students adopted by the Department of Education and on all of the following financial literacy topics:
(1) Introduction to behavioral economics, including enabling students to understand the impact of life experiences on personal money management decisions and habits.
(2) Enabling students to understand the benefits of disciplined and regular savings to achieve financial goals and the power of compounding returns and interest.
(3) Introduction to the why and how of different types of risk assessment and investing strategies that lead to sustainable and long-term financial success and a self-sufficient retirement, including introduction and explanation of the Delaware EARNS Program established under Chapter 38 of Title 19.
(4) Enabling students to understand personal budgeting.
(5) Enabling students to understand and manage credit and debt, including credit scores; types of credit to include credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, student loans, payday loans, and title loans; the benefits and methods of debt avoidance and repayment; and the rule of 72.
(6) Enabling students to understand financial institutions, including banking services, brokerage services, account fees, and the difference between fiduciary and non-fiduciary advisors.
(7) Enabling students to understand personal and payroll-related taxes and their impact on disposable income.
(8) Enabling students to understand career options, including college vs. trade or technical school and entrepreneurship vs. employment.
(9) Enabling students to understand philanthropy.
(10) Insurance options.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 10, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 10, 2024 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NGPF MISSION 2030 FUND | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| VISA INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| VISA INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| VISA INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |

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This bill grants authority to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to adopt regulations related to the operation of temporary staffing agencies that staff temporary nurses and other staff positions in long-term care facilities in the State and assigns oversight within DHSS to the Division of Health Care Quality. The bill requires temporary staffing agencies to (1) register annually with the Division of Health Care Quality; (2) validate the qualifications of all provided staff provided; (3) maintain records of all provided staff's credentials, job requirements, and required immunizations; and (4) provide all such records upon request to DHSS and to the long-term care facility where the employee is placed. The bill also requires temporary staffing agencies to report annually to DHSS regarding various factors, including its employee placements, costs charged to long-term care facilities, and wages paid to temporary staff.

This bill is intended to replace HB199.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN STAFFING ASSOCIATION | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 204

This amendment removes the requirement that staffing agency regulations establish maximum rates for temporary staffing agencies.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 204

This amendment removes two of the annual reporting requirements for temporary staffing agencies serving long-term care facilities.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HB 205

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS.

This Act makes a number of revisions to the Law-Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights in Title 11 of the Delaware Code. It adds part-time officers to the coverage of the chapter. It distinguishes between formal investigations and informal inquiries, but requires that even informal inquiries must comport with federal and State law, including NLRB v. J. Weingarten, Inc., 420 U.S. 251 (1975) and Garrity v. New Jersey, 385 U.S. 493 (1967).

This Act requires that a detailed narrative of an internal investigation must be prepared by an investigating agency and publicly posted in any case involving use of force that results in serious physical injury; the discharge of a firearm; a sustained finding of sexual assault; a sustained finding of dishonesty related to the reporting, investigation, or prosecution of a crime, or to the reporting, or investigation of, misconduct by another law-enforcement officer; or a sustained finding of domestic violence. Further, it requires that an investigation into officer misconduct must be completed, regardless of the employment status of the officer. I.e., even if an officer resigns or retires while an investigation is pending, the department must complete the investigation and report sustained findings of misconduct to the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission. The Act also allows a department to provide information to a complainant or victim of officer misconduct sufficient to reasonably address concerns regarding the investigation and its outcome.

Finally, the Act requires, upon request of a defense attorney in a criminal or delinquency case, and through the Department of Justice, all records relating to sustained findings of misconduct relating to perjury, intentional false statements or false reports, or destruction, falsification, or concealment of evidence by an officer who participated in the investigation or prosecution. It also provides that law-enforcement officer's must be required, upon hire, to sign an agreement allowing the hiring agency to provide copies of that officer's personnel file and disciplinary and investigative records with any other law-enforcement agency that makes an offer or conditional offer of hire to that officer in the future.

The CJC will aggregate and post all of the narratives required to be prepared under this chapter on its website, along with an annual report of the following: (1) The number of public complaints and internal complaints relating to police misconduct that the department received each year, broken down by subject matter of the complaint; (2) The number of formal investigations undertaken by the department each year, and the number of complaints resolved without a

formal investigation; (3) The number of formal investigations that resulted in a sustained finding of misconduct, an unsubstantiated finding, or any other disposition. Records relating to any incident for which a detailed narrative is required to be prepared and posted must be preserved for at least 25 years.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jul 5, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jun 7, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 3, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 205

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS.

This Act makes a number of revisions to the Law-Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights in Title 11 of the Delaware Code. It adds part-time officers to the coverage of the chapter. It distinguishes between formal investigations and informal inquiries, but requires that even informal inquiries must comport with federal and State law, including NLRB v. J. Weingarten, Inc., 420 U.S. 251 (1975) and Garrity v. New Jersey, 385 U.S. 493 (1967).

This Act requires that a detailed narrative of an internal investigation must be prepared by an investigating agency and publicly posted in any case involving use of force that results in serious physical injury; the discharge of a firearm; a sustained finding of sexual assault or sexual harassment; a sustained finding of dishonesty; or a sustained finding of domestic violence. Further, it requires that an investigation into officer misconduct must be completed, regardless of the employment status of the officer. I.e., even if an officer resigns or retires while an investigation is pending, the department must complete the investigation and report sustained findings of misconduct to the Council on Police Training. The Act also requires a department to provide information to a complainant or victim of officer misconduct sufficient to reasonably address concerns regarding the investigation and its outcome, including the investigative findings, conclusions, and any recommendations for further action.

Finally, the Act requires, upon request of a defendant in a criminal or delinquency case, and through the Department of Justice, all existing records relating to sustained findings of misconduct relating to perjury, intentional false statements or false reports, or destruction, falsification, or concealment of evidence by an officer who participated in the investigation or prosecution. It also provides that law-enforcement officers must be required, upon hire, to sign an agreement allowing the hiring agency to provide copies of that officer's personnel file and disciplinary and investigative records with any other law-enforcement agency that makes an offer or conditional offer of hire to that officer in the future.

The CJC will aggregate and post all of the narratives required to be prepared under this chapter on its website, along with an annual report of the following: (1) The number of public complaints and internal complaints relating to police misconduct that the department received each year, broken down by subject matter of the complaint; (2) The number of formal investigations undertaken by the department each year, and the number of complaints resolved without a formal investigation; (3) The number of formal investigations that resulted in a sustained finding of misconduct, an unsubstantiated finding, or any other disposition. Records relating to any incident for which a detailed narrative is required to be prepared and posted must be preserved for at least 25 years.

This Substitute differs from the original House Bill No. 205 as follows:

1. It adds sustained findings that a law-enforcement officer engaged in sexual harassment to the required public

disclosures.
2. It broadens the requirement for public disclosures relating to sustained findings of dishonesty.
3. It limits the requirement for public disclosures relating to the discharge of a firearm to those instances where the firearm is discharged at a person.
4. It clarifies that the required disclosures apply to chiefs of police and other high ranking officials.
5. It moves all of the disclosures into a single section (§ 9210).
6. It requires, instead of permitting, that the victim or complainant with respect to misconduct must be told of the conclusion of the inquiry.
7. It clarifies that the public detailed narratives required for certain incidents is a prospective requirement, while disclosures in a criminal or delinquency matter pertain to all relevant existing records.
8. It requires additional disclosures to the defendant of investigations into dishonesty-related misconduct that occurred in the course of the investigation of the pending matter; requires law-enforcement agencies to disclose to the Department of Justice such records; and provides if the investigation finds the allegation unsubstantiated it may not be used in any criminal or delinquency proceeding.
9. Reinforces the duty of the State to preserve and disclose records underlying misconduct dealt with in this chapter.
10. Reverts references to the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission to Council on Police Training.
11. Sets a timeline for the preparation and posting of required public disclosures.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jul 5, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC. | David Bever | Oct 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DC PRESS ASSOCIATION | Rebecca Snyder | Oct 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HB 206

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10, 11, 24, 29, AND 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION.

This Act revamps the Council on Police Training, by changing the name of the Council to the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (or POST) and amending its powers and duties to: (1) more accurately reflect the dual role of establishing training standards for Delaware police officers as well as overseeing allegations of police officer misconduct and conducting hearings for possible suspensions or de-certifications; (2) untethering the Council from the Delaware State Police by deleting the requirement that the Director of the Delaware State Police Academy is responsible for education and training in connection with the Council's duties and responsibilities; (3) removing the requirement that discipline proceedings be tied to whether the employing department takes action against the officer and increasing the instances when discipline can be issued; (4) advising the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission regarding statewide accreditation standards; (5) issuing guidelines for local police oversight commissions or boards. The Bill improves transparency by increasing required meetings from two to four per year, clarifying that decisions of disciplinary panels are public documents, requiring that departments form public accountability commissions with non-officer members, and requiring a public comment period and an official website with publication of pertinent records and documents of the POST. By amending the definition of "police officer," the bill also requires that officers employed only part-time are subject to the regulatory oversight of the POST. The Bill proposes that the Council's day-to-day functions be provided through professionals retained by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

Finally, the Bill makes minor technical and other non-substantive changes, including deleting outdated provisions of the Code. This includes striking the provision that required body-worn camera standards to be in place by 2022 – since those regulations are now in place – and instead requiring the POST to "periodically review and propose updates as needed to regulations and standards" for body-worn cameras in cooperation with other stakeholders.

Sections 2 through 16 make conforming changes to other parts of the Code that referenced the Council on Police Training.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 3, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 206

This amendment makes technical corrections and provides that no member of the Commission appointed by the Governor may be a current or former member of law-enforcement or affiliated with law-enforcement. It also adds a public member to the Commission, appointed by the Governor upon non-binding recommendations from the NAACP, Delaware Center for Justice, and any other interested non-profit organization that wishes to submit names.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC. | David Bever | Oct 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2023 |

## HA 3 to HB 206

This amendment makes technical corrections and provides that no member of the Commission appointed by the Governor, except for the chairperson, may be a current or former member of law-enforcement or affiliated with law-enforcement. It also requires that the public members appointed by the Governor be made based upon non-binding recommendations from the NAACP, Delaware Center for Justice, and any other interested non-profit organization that wishes to submit names.

This amendment is identical to House Amendment No. 2 except that it clarifies that the chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is required to have substantial experience in the field of law enforcement. This is the current requirement for the chairperson, but it was in tension with other amendment language.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HB 208

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL AGREEMENTS.

This Act prohibits motor vehicle lessors from including licensing, title, registration, and plate fees as a separately stated mandatory charge in a rental agreement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AVIS BUDGET GROUP | Lincoln Willis | Jun 23, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 22, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 22, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 22, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| TURO, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |

## HB 209

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RENTAL CAR COMPANIES AND PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING.

This Act prohibits rental companies, shared vehicle owners, and peer-to-peer car sharing programs from recovering damages and charging administrative fees relating to the loss of use of a rental vehicle or shared vehicle. This Act abrogates the common law of loss of use to the extent that it applies to shared vehicle owners, peer-to-peer car sharing programs, and rental car companies and supersedes any other statute to the extent of a conflict.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AVIS BUDGET GROUP | Lincoln Willis | Jun 23, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 22, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 22, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 22, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| TURO, INC. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |
| TURO, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 209

To avoid interfering with existing contracts, this amendment changes the effective date to be effective for contracts entered into, renewed, or extended on or after August 1 following its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |

## SA 2 to HB 209

This amendment allows rental companies, shared vehicle owners, and peer-to-peer car sharing programs to recover damages relating to the loss of use of a rental vehicle or shared vehicle. This amendment also allows a rental company to recover the damages from a negligent party.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |

## SA 3 to HB 209

This amendment changes the provisions of proposed § 4902B(a) of Title 6 of the Delaware Code to prohibit damages incurred by rental companies for the loss of use of a rental vehicle and related administrative fees from being recovered from any renter, authorized driver, or his or her insurer, but does not prohibit recovery of loss of use damages from negligent third parties.

This amendment also changes the provisions of proposed § 8614 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code to prohibit damages incurred by shared vehicle owners or peer-to-peer car sharing programs for the loss of use of a rental vehicle and related administrative fees from being recovered from any renter, authorized driver, or his or her insurer, but does prohibit recovery of loss of use damages from negligent third parties.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |

## HB 210

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

This bill provides that public sales of real estate may occur via an online auction process.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BID4ASSETS, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |

## HB 212

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

This Act prohibits manufactured home community owners from drastically increasing rent each year by prohibiting a community owner from increasing rent if the rent was increased by 5 percent or more the previous year or rental period. This Act does not prohibit a community owner from increasing rent to market rent in phases as called for in current law, even if doing so would otherwise violate the prohibition on increasing rent after a 5 percent or more increase. This Act clarifies that penalties of rent reduction and repayment of excess rent will be imposed for a community owner who increases rent in violation of any provision of Title 25, Chapter 70.

The Act also also requires community owners to annually provide certain information relating to the lot rental assistance program to DEMHRA as well as certify compliance with the program requirements, and allows DEMHRA to request further information about the program as needed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Jul 21, 2023 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 21, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2023 |

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| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 212

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

House Bill 212 prohibits manufactured home community owners from drastically increasing rent each year by prohibiting a community owner from increasing rent if the rent was increased by 5 percent or more the previous year or rental period. This Act does not prohibit a community owner from increasing rent to market rent in phases as called for in current law, even if doing so would otherwise violate the prohibition on increasing rent after a 5 percent or more increase. This Act clarifies that penalties of rent reduction and repayment of excess rent will be imposed for a community owner who increases rent in violation of any provision of Title 25, Chapter 70.

House Bill 212 requires community owners to annually provide certain information relating to the lot rental assistance program to DEMHRA as well as certify compliance with the program requirements, and allows DEMHRA to request further information about the program as needed.

House Bill 212 also requires community owners to provide specified contact information to DEMHRA within 60 days of taking ownership, possession, or control of a manufactured housing community.

This House Substitute No. 1 alters the prohibition from House Bill 212 on manufactured home community owners increasing rent if the rent was increased by 5 percent or more the previous year or rental period, instead permitting an increase capped at 3 percent. This Substitute also adds a requirement that landlords hold an annual meeting with homeowners in the month of August to provide the latter with information on available resources in coordination with the Office of the Manufactured Housing Ombudsman. This Substitute makes changes to the eligibility requirements for the lot rental assistance program. It clarifies that enrollment in the program is open during every month of a homeowner’s lease period. This Substitute requires that DEMHRA consult with interested community owners in developing a form to be used by community owners for the annual report of information relating to the lot rental assistance program. Finally, this Substitute closes a loophole in the existing law by imposing a rental increase limitation in circumstances where a homeowner qualified but was not provided with lot rental assistance during the immediately preceding rental period.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 25, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Jan 7, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 25, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Jerome Heisler, Jr. | Jul 1, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HS 2 for HB 212

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

House Substitute No. 2 to House Bill 212 prohibits manufactured home community owners from increasing rent if the rent was increased by 5 percent or more the previous year or rental period, instead permitting an increase capped at 3 percent. This Act does not prohibit a community owner from increasing rent to market rent in phases as called for in current law, even if doing so would otherwise violate the prohibition on increasing rent after a 5 percent or more increase. It also allows a greater increase where more than 50% of the homeowners use the property as a second residence. This Act clarifies that penalties of rent reduction and repayment of excess rent will be imposed for a community owner who increases rent in violation of any provision of Title 25, Chapter 70.

It also requires community owners to annually provide certain information relating to the lot rental assistance program to its homeowners and to certify to DEMHRA its compliance with the program requirements, and allows DEMHRA to request further information about the program as needed. It requires enrollment in the lot rental assistance program to remain open year-round.

It requires community owners to provide specified contact information to DEMHRA within 60 days of taking ownership, possession, or control of a manufactured housing community.

This House Substitute No. 2 requires the Manufactured House Ombudsperson Office to hold 2 meetings in each county per year where it offers information about lot rental assistance and other programs and services homeowners may be eligible for.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 2, 2023 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 2, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Jerome Heisler, Jr. | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 215

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Section 1 of this bill moves the date of primary elections for statewide office, county office, and municipal office to the fourth Tuesday in April, which is the date of the presidential primary (in presidential election years). The dates for submitting and withdrawing notification of candidacy have been adjusted accordingly. Section 2 of the bill changes the deadline for a minor political party selecting its candidate at the party's convention. Section 3 of the bill changes the deadline for filing certificates of nomination from September 1st to April 1st. Section 4 changes the "closed" period in which a voter is not allowed to change his or her political affiliation to match the 60-day limit in 15 Del. C. § 3189 for presidential primaries.

Section 5 provides that the Act is applicable to all primary elections after October 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |

## HB 216

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10, 13, 16 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF FAMILY COURT CUSTODY ORDERS.

This Act requires police officers to enter private property to enforce custody orders when a court order requires them to do so.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |

## HB 219

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND QUALIFIED INVESTMENT IN BUSINESS FACILITIES.

This Act expands eligibility for the investment and employment credit against corporation income tax available under 30 Del. C. § 2011 to the operators of climate-controlled fruit or vegetable growing facilities with at least 400,000 square feet of enclosed space. Eligibility for the expanded tax credit is conditioned on a qualified investment of at least $40 million.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |

## HB 220

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROTECTING DELAWARE’S NATURAL RESOURCES.

This is the first leg of an amendment to the Delaware Constitution to conserve, protect and maintain Delaware's natural resources, including its water, air, soil, flora, fauna, ecosystems and climate. This Amendment would create an inherent and inalienable right for all Delawareans to a clean and healthy environment. The Amendment would also declare the State, including all of its branches, agencies, and political subdivisions, as trustee of the State's natural resources. By enacting this amendment Delaware would join other States which have or are seeking similar provisions, in their respective Constitutions, creating the same inherent and inalienable rights for their citizens.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Oct 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jan 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Anissa Cartagena | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Anissa Cartagena | Oct 17, 2024 |
| NAMATI INC. | Deyla Curtis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Therese Etoka | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Kerri Harris | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Jay Monteverde | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NAMATI INC. | Rosie Stone | Jun 5, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 221

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

This Act amends the requirements necessary for a premises to sell alcoholic liquors for off-premise consumption by removing the requirements for the alcoholic liquor to be sold with a purchase of food that costs at least ten dollars, or to be in ice cream containing up to 10% alcohol by volume. This Act also removes the requirements that restaurants and brewery-pubs continue to sell full meals to patrons after 9 p.m.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |

## HB 222

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DELAWARE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSIONER.

This Act requires the Commissioner, after 25 complaints from residents who reside within one mile of a licensed establishment that sells alcohol regarding a violation of statutory or regulatory requirements, to direct an investigation to the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement for an independent investigation. If an investigation finds the complaint credible, and a hearing is necessary, the signatories of the petition will also be provided notice of the hearing and given an opportunity to appear and provide an impact statement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |

## HB 223

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSING PROFESSIONALS.

This Act amends the continuing education requirements for nursing professionals, mandating that all nursing professionals receive at least one hour of continuing education in each reporting period on the recognition of sexual or physical abuse, exploitation, or domestic violence of vulnerable populations, or on the reporting obligations under the rules and regulations of the Board of Nursing. The Act removes the requirement for nursing professionals who work in adult gerontology to complete continuing education on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 223

This Amendment provides an effective date of January 1, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 223

This amendment makes minor changes to the description of the new continuing education requirement and directs licensees to the Child Protection Accountability Commission as a resource for continuing education programming relating to child abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 226

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PURCHASE, SALE, AND DISPENSING OF ALCOHOL.

Currently, an application for a new license to purchase for resale of alcoholic liquor for transfer of an existing license, or for a substantive change to a license or licensed premise, shall be filed with the Commission. This Act amends the definition of "substantive change" to include live music with or without the use of PA systems; and to include external speakers for "piped-in" or pre-recorded music.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 227

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD POISONING PREVENTION.

This Act makes various amendments to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act to improve compliance with its testing and reporting requirements. First, this Act requires physicians to take a training program every 2 years relating to the provisions of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. Second, it requires the Division of Public Health to develop electronic forms to be used at a child’s 12 and 24 month well visit that record lead screening results and are shared with the Divison. Third, it clarifies that laboratories and health care professionals involved in blood lead level analysis must report results to the the Division of Public Health. Finally, it requires the Division of Public Health to share data with school nurses relating to whether an enrolled student has been screened for lead poisoning.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |

## HB 228

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE RATE FILINGS.

Section 1 of the bill amends Delaware's file-and-use statute for insurance rate filings to extend the timeline for filing and reviewing insurers' rate filing by (1) requiring rate filings to be filed at least 60 days in advance of the proposed effective date, and (2) authorizing the Commissioner to extend the timeframe to review the filing and postpone the effective date of the filing pending completion of the extended review. Section 2 of the bill sets forth the process for when the Commissioner proposes to deny a rate filing and requires that a filing may not become effective until a final order is issued. Section 2 of the bill also corrects technical errors in the current law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |

## HB 229

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REDDING CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

This Act removes the required window for submission of a final plan from the Redding Consortium to the State Board of Education and instead requires that the State Board act on any plan submitted by the Redding Consortium within 3 months. It also allows for the Redding Consortium to submit an interim plan prior to the completion of its full plan. Finally, it provides that the Consortium's final report may include recommendations for policies and practices for systematic reform to address the negative impacts of the Neighborhood Schools Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 230

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10, 13, 24, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE.

This Act updates House Bill 455 from the 151st General Assembly by providing the same legal protections afforded providers of contraceptive and abortion services to providers of gender-affirming health care.

In summary, this Act does the following:

(1) Clarifies that medical professionals who provide gender-affirming health care cannot be disciplined for such services even if such services are illegal or considered to be unprofessional conduct or the unauthorized practice of medicine in another state, so long as such services are lawful in this State;

(2) Prohibits health care providers from disclosing communications and records concerning gender-affirming health care without the patient's authorization, with some exceptions;

(3) Protects health care providers from out-of-state civil actions relating to gender-affirming health care treatment that is legal in Delaware, including the issuance of a summons or the enforcement of subpoenas relating to such cases;

(4) Creates a cause of action for recouperation of out-of-state judgments relating to gender-affirming services that are lawful in Delaware; and

(5) Prohibits insurance companies from taking any adverse action against health care professionals who provide gender-affirming health care services.

This Act further gives jurisdiction to the Family Courts to determine custody disputes when a child is in the State to receive gender-affirming health care, and the provision of gender-affirming health-care is at issue in the custody dispute. It also prohibits the state from enforcing an out-of-state court order that removes a child from a parent because the parent allows the child to receive gender-affirming health care

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 231

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BASIC SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

This Act provides clarity on the type of certification and the accepted certifying agencies for increases over the basic salary schedule.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 232

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LEWES.

This Act amends the Charter of the City of Lewes as follows. This Act modifies City contract requirements by 1) raising the aggregate contract value threshold for which competitive bidding shall not be required to $50,000 rather than the previous threshold of $25,000; 2) adding an exception to the competitive bidding requirement for certain existing contracts, which were previously competitively bid at the State or County level; and 3) adding an exception to the competitive bidding requirement for contracts made pursuant to a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement. This Act also modifies the City's power and authority to borrow money and issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness by 1) clarifying the City's authority to borrow money and issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness to provide funds for purchase real estate. This Act also modifies the assessment of taxes by 1) permitting the City to appoint a qualified firm to serve as the City Assessor or utilize County property assessments in lieu of appointing a City Assessor; and 2) modifies the appellate process for the assessment of taxes in certain situations. This Act also places a cap on the City's power to collect taxes for any and all municipal purposes upon certain real property at one half of one percent (0.5%) of the full assessed value of land and improvements within the City, or $5,000,000, whichever is greater, rather than the previous cap of $3,500,000. The Act also modifies the refund of taxes and penalties for delinquent taxes. This Act also modifies the notice requirements and procedures relating to the City's power to cause to be paved or

repaved the sidewalks of said city or any part or portion thereof, to cause to be repaired or re-laid existing curbs or gutters.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HB 233

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

This Act raises the minimum income to be subject to income tax from $2,000 to $2,500.

Also, the current 6 income tax brackets are collapsed into 3 brackets, each with a slightly reduced tax rate for most taxpayers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 234

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND EDUCATION EXPENSE FUND.

This Act amends the Senior Tax Credit to $1000 for Real Property valued less than $500,000, $500 for Real Property valued between $500,000 and $1,000,000. This Credit will not be extended to Real Property valued above $1,000,000.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 235

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

This bill changes the time a holder of a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption may sell alcohol from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HB 236

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMPLOYER ASSESSMENTS.

This Act will continue for calendar year 2024 the temporary relief provided in calendar year 2023 to employers who pay unemployment tax assessments. It will continue to reduce new employer tax rates, hold constant overall employer tax rates from last calendar year, and reduce the maximum earned rate. This Act will also continue the temporary simplification of the tax rate schedules that are used to calculate unemployment assessments paid by employers. The Governor's agreement to use federal pandemic funds to restore the pandemic-depleted Unemployment Trust Fund made the Unemployment Trust Fund sufficiently solvent and is allowing the Department to implement unemployment tax relief measures to Delaware employers for an additional one-year period for calendar year 2024. The Department estimates that these unemployment tax assessment changes will reduce the tax obligation of employers an estimated $50 million compared to the tax rates absent the temporary relief.

This Act also restructures the supplemental assessment that is currently collected from all employers, keeping it at the same rate of 0.2%, but depositing it in the Special Administration Fund instead of the UI Trust Fund. This Act expands the uses for the Special Administration Fund to include future technology needs of the Department and makes technical corrections to the administration provisions of the Special Administration Fund to align with current State Treasurer practices.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 240

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.

This Act requires that parents and other persons under investigation for child abuse and neglect be given written and oral notice of the allegations made against them; the right to consult counsel prior to speaking with a DSCYF investigator; the right to refuse entry to the DSCYF investigator; the right to withhold consent to medical examinations of the children except as provided in Title 16, Section 906(e)(3); the right to refuse to submit to a drug test; and the

right to consult legal counsel prior to signing a safety plan.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 20, 2023 |

## HB 241

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 25 AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOUSING AGREEMENT ADVISORS.

This Act makes clear that buyers and renters of residential real property have the right to be accompanied by advisors during all phases of the property transfer process, and requires sellers and landlords to provide written notice of this right to prospective buyers and tenants. This Act also provides for a civil penalty for landlords and their agents who fail to comply with this requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 241

This amendment clarifies that DSHA is not liable for supervising or reviewing housing agreement advisors and may not be held liable for the services provided by organizations it lists on its website that may provide housing agreement advisors, and that no cause of action may be held against DSHA for the services provided by housing agreement advisors.

This amendment clarifies that statements by a housing advisor are not inspections and are not required to be included in a seller’s disclosures. It also clarifies that for sales contracts, the written statement of the right to be accompanied by one or more housing advisors should be provided at the time of first appointment or viewing with the seller or seller’s agents.

Finally, the amendment clarifies that violation of the tenant advisor provisions of the landlord-tenant code will be deemed an unlawful practice under the consumer fraud provisions of the Delaware Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 242

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL VISITATION POLICY.

This act shall be known as "The No Patient Left Alone Act." It is intended to mitigate unintended negative impacts on patients and their families during a State of Emergency, pandemic, or infectious disease outbreak. This act would require hospitals to allow limited in-person visitation with patients, within designated parameters and limitations in the act.

Hospitals would be able to: restrict the number of visitors a patient could receive daily; require visitors to undergo and pass a specified health screening; and use personal protective equipment while visiting. Hospitals must make personal protective equipment required available for visitors for purchase. Entry could be denied to visitors not complying with the requirements, that failed their health screenings, or who were found to have a communicable disease.

Attending physicians would retain the authority to deny in-person visitation if they deemed their patients would be at risk for contracting an infectious disease or if they believed visitation posed a serious community health risk. Such determinations would be valid for up to seven days and subject to renewal.

Hospitals could deny visitation if a federal order, law, or regulation required it.

If a prospective hospital visitor were denied in-person visitation with a patient, the hospital would be required, to its best efforts, to develop alternate visitation protocols that would allow visitation to the greatest extent safely possible. This could include, but not be limited to, streaming audio and video.

Hospitals could not prohibit in-person visitation by a religious counselor to a seriously ill or dying patient, providing that the counselor complied with all visitation mandates established pursuant to this act. A visit by a religious counselor would not be counted against any daily visitation limit set by the hospital.

The Department of Health and Social Services would be responsible for overseeing the implementation, operation, and enforcement of this act.

Hospitals could be subject to fines for violating the terms of this act, providing the violations continue after the hospitals have been informed of the need to take corrective action.

This section does not create a civil cause of action against a hospital or physician.

This measure would become effective 180 days after its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 242

This Amendment provides that a hospital could not prohibit in-person visitation by a doula providing doula services with a pregnant or postpartum person.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |

# HS 1 for HB 242

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL VISITATION POLICY.

This legislation is an attempt to strike a balance between the need to protect hospital staff, hospital patients, and the public from harm during a State of Emergency, pandemic, or infectious disease outbreak with the expectation that patients should be able to receive support from their family and spiritual counselors during a time of personal crisis.

This act shall be known as "The No Patient Left Alone Act." Specifically, it migrates decision-making authority on visitation policies from elected and unelected state officials to the medical personnel operating Delaware's hospitals – the trained professionals best positioned to make these difficult decisions during an especially challenging time.

While it is the intention of this act to facilitate limited in-person patient visitation, its gives hospitals and designated medical professionals broad authority and discretion to safeguard the welfare of all involved parties. Hospitals would be able to: restrict the number of visitors patients could receive daily; require visitors to undergo and pass a specified health screening; and use personal protective equipment while visiting. Hospitals would be able to specify the required personal protective equipment, making it available for visitors to purchase on-site, subject to availability.

Entry could be denied to visitors that failed their health screenings; were found to have a communicable disease; were found to have been exposed to a communicable disease; or failed to sign a statement indicating that they understood the visitation policy, and held the hospital and its staff harmless for all assumed risk directly associated with the primary cause of the State of Emergency, pandemic, or infectious disease outbreak.

Attending physicians and other medical professionals designated in the bill would retain the authority to deny in-person visitation if they deemed their patients would be at risk for contracting an infectious disease or if they believed visitation posed a serious community health risk. Such determinations would be valid for up to seven days and subject to renewal.

Hospitals could deny visitation if a state agency regulation, federal order, federal law, or federal regulation required it.

If a prospective hospital visitor were denied in-person visitation with patients, the hospital would be required, to its best efforts, to develop alternate visitation protocols that would allow visitation to the greatest extent safely possible. This could include, but not be limited to, streaming audio and video.

Hospitals could not prohibit in-person visitation by a religious counselor to a seriously ill or dying patient, providing that the counselor complied with all visitation mandates established pursuant to this act. A visit by a religious counselor would not be counted against any daily visitation limit set by the hospital.

The Department of Health and Social Services would be responsible for overseeing the implementation, operation, and enforcement of this act. Hospitals could be subject to fines for violating the terms of this act, providing the violations continue after the hospitals have been informed of the need to take corrective action.

This measure would become effective 180 days after its enactment.

This substitute bill differs from the bill it replaces in the following ways:

• It eliminates the liability provisions previously contained on lines 56 through 62, and line 103, replacing it with a new liability section - 1014A (c)(3)(E) - that is more refined and requires a signed acknowledgment by the visitor of the risk they are assuming. This acknowledgement does not allow the hospital or personnel to be held harmless for intentional misconduct or gross negligence.

• It adds the terms “advanced practice clinician, or chief medical officer” to the sections previously on lines 63 through 67 dealing with the healthcare professionals authorized to restrict visitation for justifiable medical or public health reasons.

• Adds the term “state agency regulation” to the section previously on lines 48 through 50 that specify the reasons a hospital may be compelled to deny visitation.

• Rewrites the section previously on lines 41 through 47 to improve the clarity of the list of conditions under which a hospital can deny entry to, or remove a visitor from, the hospital's premises.

• Corrects language previously on lines 39 through 40 to reflect an earlier change to the bill that deals with the requirement for visitors to wear personal protective equipment, as stipulated by the hospital, when visiting a hospital patient.
• Adds a new section - 1014A (i) - stipulating that other than the potential restrictions stipulated in Subsection (c) and Subsection (e) a hospital may not prohibit in-person visitation by a doula providing doula services as defined in § 6536A of Title 11 with a pregnant or postpartum person.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 243

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16, 24, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

This Act expands the qualifications for the Director of the Division of Public health to include non-physician professionals. It also allows for the Director to appoint a physician or advanced practice registered nurse in certain instances where that level of medical expertise is required to fulfill duties assigned to the Director.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |

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| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |
| FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE NORTH AMERICA | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE NORTH AMERICA | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE NORTH AMERICA | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| GAINWELL HOLDING CORP. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HB 244

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

This Act directs unit funding for every public high school in the State to have a full-time athletic trainer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ASSOCIATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |

## HS 1 for HB 244

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

This Act directs phased in unit funding for every public high school in the state to have a full-time athletic trainer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ASSOCIATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |

## HB 245

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 20 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

The Constitution of the State of Delaware creates 3 branches of State Government, the Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary, each having certain delineated responsibilities or powers within a framework that limits and separates the powers of each branch from the other. The doctrine of separation of powers is a fundamental part of constitutional

government. The Justices of the Delaware Supreme Court have, in quoting William Blackstone, recognized that "whenever the [legislative and executive] powers are united together, there can be no public liberty". In re Request of Governor for Advisory Opinion, 722 A. 2d 307 (1998).

This Act's purpose is to require the legislative branch to reasonably restrict or confirm the executive branch in its exercise of emergency powers, thereby maintaining a balance or separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of state government.

This Act recognizes the statutory authority of the Governor to act in the event of an emergency or disaster. During protracted emergencies and disasters, particularly those lasting more than 180 days, good governance requires participation by the General Assembly in person or virtually to approve extensions of Emergency Orders. This approval requirement may be waived only when it is not possible for both houses of the General Assembly in person or virtually to convene a quorum. The Governor retains the authority to terminate Emergency Orders without approval when the emergency or disaster has passed. Any new non-weather related emergency order issued within 6 months of the termination of a prior order and based upon substantially similar reasons shall be invalid unless approved by the General Assembly. Additionally, any non-weather related emergency order that requires the closure of any business, industry, religious, or non-profit facility must specifically delineate which type of business or facilities are to be closed. The time limits proposed by this Act are similar to those limits applicable to emergency regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act, 29 Del. C. § 10119.

This Act shall become effective immediately upon the ending of the Governor's term of office next occurring after the enactment of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |

## HB 246

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING UNIFORM MINIMUM RIPARIAN BUFFER AREAS.

Currently each county has its own riparian buffer requirements. The intent of this Act is to make minimum riparian buffer areas uniform throughout the State in unincorporated areas and incorporated municipalities that do not hold a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System(“MS4”) permit. This Act creates a new Chapter 10A of Title 9 which sets forth the following minimum riparian buffer areas: (1) 300 feet to the streamline, as defined by the mean high water line, of any tidal water body, tidal steam or tidal marsh; (2) 300 feet to the shoreline, as defined by the mean highwater line, of any nontidal freshwater body, lake, pond, or blue-line stream; and (3) 50 feet to the shoreline or top of bank, as defined by a greater than 50% change in slope in a distance of less than 10 feet of any non-blueline stream, creek or drainage ditch. The Act sets forth permitted uses not subject to the minimum buffer requirements. The Act requires the 3 Counties to adopt substantive and technical rules and regulations to implement the minimum riparian buffer areas and establish rules for specified uses. The Act requires all 3 Counties, by June 30, 2024 to amend their land use laws by adopting the minimum riparian buffer areas and adopting rules and regulations. The Act permits the Planning and Land Use Departments, in conjunction with the County Planning Directors, to create a coordinated program that educates and trains the public about the requirements of this Act. This Act takes effect on June 30, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Oct 20, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jan 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 247

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

There were 139 traffic fatalities in Delaware in 2021, the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2006. Senate Concurrent Resolution 94 of the 151st Delaware General Assembly set a goal of no more than 100 traffic fatalities per year and tasked state agencies to meet that goal by 2025. Instead of moving towards meeting the General Assembly's goal, however, traffic fatalities increased to 165 in 2022, deepening the crisis on Delaware's roads. To reverse this situation, the "Everyone Gets Home Act" makes changes to the Delaware Code to sharpen the Department of Transportation's focus on the three most common types of fatal crashes: intersection (including driveway); roadway departure; and mid-block pedestrian.

This Act clarifies the Department's authority to designate controlled-access facilities as a safety countermeasure for both intersection and midblock pedestrian crashes and, when the facility designation has received the consent of county government, requires counties to use their own authority to assist the Department in consolidating vehicle entrances and exits to and from the facility. In addition, this Act authorizes the Department to designate roadways as low-speed streets and low-speed local roads in order to address fatal roadway departure crashes related to vehicle speed, and permits counties to request such designations to meet their own traffic safety goals. Finally, this Act expands the Department's discretion to deploy new traffic-control devices in order to reduce fatal crashes.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BIKE DELAWARE | James Wilson | Jun 29, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Mar 14, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Anna Quisel | Jan 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 22, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 247

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

There were 139 traffic fatalities in Delaware in 2021, the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2006. Senate Concurrent Resolution 94 of the 151st Delaware General Assembly set a goal of no more than 100 traffic fatalities per year and tasked state agencies to meet that goal by 2025. Instead of moving towards meeting the General Assembly's goal, however, traffic fatalities increased to 165 in 2022, deepening the crisis on Delaware's roads. To reverse this situation, the "Everyone Gets Home Act" makes changes to the Delaware Code to sharpen the Department of Transportation's focus on the three most common types of fatal crashes: intersection (including driveway); roadway departure; and mid-block pedestrian. This Act clarifies the Department's authority to designate controlled-access facilities as a safety countermeasure for both intersection and midblock pedestrian crashes and, when the facility designation has received the consent of county government, requires counties to use their own authority to assist the Department in consolidating vehicle entrances and exits to and from the facility. In addition, this Act authorizes the Department to designate roadways as low-speed streets and low-speed local roads in order to address fatal roadway departure crashes related to vehicle speed, and permits counties to request such designations to meet their own traffic safety goals. Finally, this Act expands the Department's discretion to deploy new traffic-control devices in order to reduce fatal crashes.

This Substitute Bill differs from HB 247 in that it does the following:

(1) Clarifies that designated low-speed local streets and roads must be designed and operated with a Safe System Approach, as adopted by the United States Department of Transportation.

(2) Includes "implementing corridor access management" as a safety countermeasure on designated low-speed local streets or roads.

(3) Requires the Department to receive approval from the local law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a road before the Department designates such road a low-speed local street or road pursuant to a county or municipal government request.

(4) Clarifies that the Department has discretion to adopt various standards for traffic-control devices or applications, even if they are different from uniform state standards, so long as they reduce fatal or serious injuries or are in accordance with a Safe System Approach.

(5) Authorizes the Department to acquire property rights along highways to consolidate commercial entrances or to create new commercial interconnections when the Department determines such consolidation or interconnection would likely improve safety.

(6) Removes Section 1 from the bill, which required counties to withhold permits for buildings abutting a controlled-access facility if necessary to obtain consent for vehicle access to and from adjacent properties.

(7) Removes language that defined "full" and "partial" controlled-access facilities, and removes these terms from the

rest of the bill.
(8) Removes Section 7 of the bill that authorized the Department to designate and establish partial or full controlled-access facilities in any unincorporated area where there is a high incidence of fatal crashes related to the presence of highway entrances or exits.
(9) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BIKE DELAWARE | James Wilson | Oct 2, 2024 |

## HB 248

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRE-PERMIT COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

This Act establishes a pre-permit community outreach process for any qualified project, as defined in DNREC Regulations, that wishes to apply for a permit within 3 months, in an underserved community. Underserved community is defined in (5) specified demographic areas as well as any community so identified in a mapping tool on DNREC's website. It is anticipated that DNREC will have an environmental justice area viewer, or similar tool, as a link on its website.

Under this Act the applicant must (1) identify a facility community liaison; (2) must schedule a community meeting in or within 3 miles of the boundaries of the underserved community;(3) must provide a written overview of information to be provided in the permit application, the operation the applicant seeks to have permitted, including any renewal, new or change to any amounts or contents of emissions, and the community liaison's contact information to all residences within the underserved community, (4) must publish the community meeting notice on-line and in at least 1 newspaper and, if available, 1 in the predominate non-English language if the underserved community is identified as limited English proficiency, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled community meeting. The community meeting must allow for interaction and questions and answers. The community meeting must be recorded or transcribed and made publicly available. Any written materials and oral and visual presentations must be accurate, free of technical language, and comprehensible to readers at a sixth-grade level.

The applicant must also provide an Underserved Community Outreach Report to DNREC as part of the permit application and review process by DNREC. The Report must include: (1) The community demographics that qualify it as an underserved community;(2) Community liaison's contact information; (3) Benefits of the qualified project to the community;(4) Proposed activities and their impact on air, water, soil, and health;(5)That releases of emissions over permit levels will be reported in accord with DNREC regulations; (6) Description of operations conditions or control measures that serve to reduce or mitigate pollution associated with the permit application; (7) Compliance history of facility over last 5 years and verification that any fines, penalties and remedial obligations have been fulfilled; and (8) all applicable state and federal permits held by the facility. All material provided by mail or at the community meeting and all notices must also be provided to DNREC.

If the Secretary of DNREC determines any false information was provided by the applicant, it will be considered a falsification of the permit application. All cost incurred in complying with these new pre-permit community outreach requirements are to be paid by the applicant.

This Act will be effective within 30 days of publication of notice by the Register of Regulations that DNREC has advised it that it has promulgated regulations to administer this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 6, 2023 |

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Robert Whetzel | May 13, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 12, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert Whetzel | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | Jun 29, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | Apr 19, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS' ASSN. | Michael O'Halloran | Jul 5, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS' ASSN. | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Apr 20, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 17, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 248

This Amendment does the following: (1) replaces Clean Air Act permit with Air Quality permit; (2) eliminates a page limit for the summary in the Community Outreach Plan; (3) requires the applicant to post answers to questions at the community meeting on its website; (4) requires the Underserved Community Outreach Report to also advise of any impact the project will have on subaqueous land; (5) requires both the Community Outreach Plan to be implemented and the Underserved Community Outreach Report to be completed before the applicant's permit application shall be considered complete; (6) replaces Environmental Justice Ombudsman with Environmental Justice Coordinator; (7) Increases the time for the Department to promulgate regulations from 6 months to 12 months and (8) sunsets the Stakeholder Committee once the final regulations are published by the Department.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CRODA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CRODA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| CRODA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 248

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRE-PERMIT COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

This House Substitute bill clarifies it is only for new or substantially modified permits and specifies it is only for the following permits: (1) Clean Air permit; (2) Coastal Zone Act permit; (3) Solid waste permit; (4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and (5) Hazardous waste permit. As in the original bill the applicant is still required to go through a community outreach process for any qualified project, defined as a project within an underserved community or within 3 miles of an underserved community that meets the definition of a “qualified project” under DNREC’s Regulations. Underserved community is defined as (1) A specified geographic area where the percentage at poverty level is greater than twice the State Average Median Household Income as determined by

the most recent United States Census or (2) Any specified community in the most current community mapping tool on the Department's website. It is anticipated that DNREC will have an environmental justice area viewer, or similar tool, as a link on its website.

However, under this House Substitute bill the applicant must submit, with their permit application, a Community Outreach Plan. At a minimum the Community Outreach Plan must: (1) identify a facility community liaison; (2) schedule a community meeting in or within 3 miles of the boundaries of the underserved community; (3) provide a written overview of information to be provided in the permit application; (4) publish the community meeting notice on-line and in at least 1 newspaper and, if available, 1 in the predominate non-English language if the underserved community is identified as limited English proficiency, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled community meeting. The community meeting must allow for interaction and questions and answers. The community meeting must be recorded or transcribed and made publicly available. Any written materials and oral and visual presentations must be accurate, free of technical language, and written in plain English consistent with federal guidelines.

The applicant must also provide an Underserved Community Outreach Report to DNREC as part of the permit application and review process by DNREC. The Report must include: (1) The community demographics that qualify it as an underserved community; (2) Community liaison's contact information; (3) Benefits of the qualified project to the community; (4) Proposed activities and their impact on air, water, soil, and health; (5)That releases of emissions over permit levels will be reported in accord with DNREC regulations; (6) Description of operations conditions or control measures that serve to reduce or mitigate pollution associated with the permit application; (7) Compliance history of facility over last 5 years and verification that any fines, penalties and remedial obligations have been fulfilled; and (8) all applicable state and federal permits held by the facility. All material provided by mail or at the community meeting and all notices must also be provided to DNREC. Trade secrets, as defined in Title 6 of the Delaware Code, do not have to be disclosed in any community outreach materials or presentations.

Under this House Substitute Bill DNREC must approve, reject, or require modifications to the Community Outreach Plan within 30 days of its submittal. If the proposed Community Outreach Plan complies with the requirements of this Act it must be approved by DNREC subject to any agreed modifications. Once approved by DNREC the applicant must complete the Community Outreach Plan within 3 months.

If the Secretary of DNREC determines any false information was provided by the applicant, it will be considered a falsification of the permit application. All cost incurred in complying with these new pre-permit community outreach requirements are to be paid by the applicant.

Under this House Substitute bill an applicant's permit shall not be considered complete until a DNREC approved Community Outreach Plan is completed.

This House Substitute bill not only requires the Department to promulgate regulations, within 6 months of enactment, but it adds they must be created in collaboration with a Stakeholder Committee made up of appointees of the Governor, the Secretary of the Department, the Chair of the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee and the Chair of the Senate Environment, Energy, and Transportation Committee.

This Act will be effective within 30 days of publication of notice by the Register of Regulations that DNREC has advised it that it has promulgated regulations to administer this Act.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 17, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Mallory Richardson | Jul 9, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 249

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

This Act updates certain statutory fees in Title 7 and establishes or updates certain permit and licensing fees. This Act also replaces and supersedes 1991 Del Laws. Ch. 86 (H.B. 360), An Act to Amend Titles 7 and 23 of the Delaware Code Relating to Permit Fees and Other Assessments Charged by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and to Authorize and Approve Various Permit Fees and Assessments.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 3, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| CRODA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert Whetzel | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| SOLVAY AMERICA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jan 23, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HB 250

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

This bill creates a special license plate for the University of Delaware Athletics Community and Campus Recreation to promote and support the University of Delaware Athletics Community and Campus Recreation’s mission to provide meaningful learning experiences through physical and mental exertion.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 250

This amendment makes a technical correction.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HB 252

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SALARY STEP FOR COMPLETION OF TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM.

Currently, teachers who complete a year-long teacher residency program in Delaware under §1281 of Title 14 do not receive credit for the year-long residency towards their starting salary when they begin employment as a fully licensed and certified teacher the following year. This Act requires that a Delaware licensed and certified teacher, who has completed the program, and met all other requirements, including committing to teaching in a qualifying Delaware school, shall be paid at salary step 2 for the year following completion of the program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jan 17, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 252

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXPERIENCE CREDITS.

This Substitute bill differs from House Bill No. 252 by placing the Delaware Institute of Higher Education year long teacher residency program under Section 1312 of Title 14 rather than Section 1305.This Substitute bill grants graduates of the Delaware Institute of Higher Education teacher-residency program 1 year of experience credit in addition to any other experience granted under Section 1312. The goal of this Act is to incentivize a new graduate who has completed the year long Delaware residency program to stay and teach in Delaware by elevating their starting pay grade level by giving them 1 year of experience credit.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 8, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 252

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SALARY STEP FOR COMPLETION OF TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM.

This Substitute bill differs from House Bill No. 252 by placing the Delaware Institute of Higher Education year-long teacher residency program under Section 1312 of Title 14 rather than Section 1305.This Substitute bill grants graduates of the Delaware Institute of Higher Education teacher-residency program 1 year of experience credit in addition to any other experience granted under Section 1312. The goal of this Act is to incentivize a new graduate who has completed the year-long Delaware residency program to stay and teach in Delaware by elevating their starting pay grade level by giving them 1 year of experience credit.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 15, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HB 253

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16, 18, 29, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MAMMOGRAMS.

This Act requires health insurance companies, including State employee/retiree health plans and Medicaid, to cover annual mammograms for the purpose of early detection for a woman 40 years of age or older, with or without referral from the woman's health care provider. It also prohibits mammography facilities from requiring that women, 40 years of age or older, provide the facility with the name of a healthcare provider in order to receive an annual screening mammogram.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 7, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 253

This amendment deletes a provision from HS 1 for HB 253 that prohibits any mammogram facility from refusing to provide a mammogram for self-referred patients. This amendment instead requires that facilities either provide a mammogram for self-referred patients or refer such patients to a hospital or outpatient facility with the resources to not only provide a mammogram, but also assist the patient with understanding the results and arranging appropriate follow-up care. This amendment makes no changes to the requirements for insurance companies to provide coverage for self-referred mammograms.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 253

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16, 18, 29, AND 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MAMMOGRAMS.

This Act is a substitute for House Bill 253. Like HB 253, it requires health insurance companies, including State employee/retiree health plans and Medicaid, to cover annual mammograms for the purpose of early detection for a woman 40 years of age or older, with or without referral from the woman's health care provider. It also prohibits mammography facilities from requiring that women, 40 years of age or older, provide the facility with the name of a healthcare provider in order to receive an annual screening mammogram.

This substitute differs from HB 253 by updating Title 18, Section 3552 of the Delaware for consistency with the rest of the bill. Specifically, it requires insurance carriers to provide coverage for annual mammograms for cancer screening beginning at age 40 rather than age 50 and prohibits carriers from requiring a referral for these annual mammograms.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jan 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Dec 15, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 255

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOILER SAFETY PROGRAM.

This Act makes several updates to the Boiler Safety Program. The Boiler Safety Program can issue certificates of compliance and the Secretary can grant variances. A 6th member is added to the Boiler Safety Council from associated labor unions. It adds an enforcement section for violators who fail to comply with Program requirements. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform with current drafting standards. Finally, the Act allows DNREC to establish fees for the Program that reasonably reflect the cost of the Program and defray its expenses. It therefore requires a 3/5 vote.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |

## HB 256

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS.

This act limits the repair waiver expenditure required by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to a uniform statewide amount of $450.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |

## HB 257

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EASING ACCESS TO ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

This Act directs the Insurance Commissioner, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Social Services, and Department of Finance to develop the Delaware Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program.

Under this program, individuals filing state tax forms or unemployment compensation applications will be able to check off on the form whether they have health insurance and whether they would like assistance in determining their eligibility (or their dependents) for any of the following: Medicaid, Delaware Healthy Children Program, or affordability assistance in an Affordable Care Act Exchange plan. The goal of the program is to maximize enrollment of eligible indidviduals in health care programs to improve access and reduce insurance costs for all residents of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 12, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 14, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jul 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jul 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jul 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## HB 258

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DOMESTIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Section 1 of this Act removes domestic service workers from the definition of “employee” in Chapter 9, Title 19 of the Delaware Code pertaining to minimum wage. A domestic service worker who otherwise qualifies as an employee is entitled to a minimum wage under this Act.

Section 2 of this Act creates Chapter 9A of Title 19 of the Delaware Code, provides definitions pertaining to domestic work employees, and specifies that such employees are entitled to overtime of at least one and a half times their regular pay for working time that exceeds 8 hours in one day or 40 hours in one week.

Section 3 removes individuals who are employed in domestic work to the exception contained in Chapter 23, Title 19 of the Delaware Code pertaining to workers’ compensation. A domestic service worker who otherwise qualifies as an employee rather than a contractor or other non-covered individual under Chapter 23, Title 19 of the Delaware Code is entitled to workers’ compensation coverage under this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 17, 2023 |

## HB 259

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL.

This Act facilitates the interstate and intrastate shipping and delivery of alcoholic liquors.

Section 2 of this Act does all of the following:
(1) Authorizes the direct shipping of wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider to consumers in this State if the alcoholic liquor is manufactured by a person licensed as a farm winery, microbrewery, or craft distillery in this State or by a person located in another state that would qualify as a farm winery, microbrewery, or craft distillery under the laws of this State.
(2) Requires the direct shipper to be licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner ("Commissioner").
(3) Establishes a yearly limit on the amount of wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider that may be shipped directly to a consumer for the consumer's personal use.
(4) Requires the licensed direct shipper to provide notice that an individual who is 21 years of age or older must receive the shipment.

Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act do all of the following:
(1) Authorizes a liquor store, farm winery, brewery-pub, microbrewery, craft distillery, and wine auction ("a seller") to sell alcoholic liquor for delivery by a delivery service.
(2) Authorizes the delivery of alcoholic liquor from a seller in this State to a consumer in this State by a delivery service.
(3) Requires a delivery service to be licensed by the Commissioner.
(4) Requires a delivery service's delivery drivers to meet certain requirements.
(5) Requires a delivery service to ensure that before transferring possession of a shipment of alcoholic liquor that the delivery service's delivery drivers verify the identity of the recipient of the shipment and that the recipient is at least 21 years of age.

Section 5 of this Act adopts the Uniform Alcohol Direct-Shipping Compliance Act, which was approved by the Uniform Law Commission. The Uniform Law Commission "provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law." The Uniform Alcohol Direct-Shipping Compliance Act ("the Uniform Act") enhances each state's capability to detect and stop unlawful direct to consumer shipments of alcoholic beverages to the state's residents. The Uniform Act incorporates the state's existing law as to the industry participants and types of alcoholic beverages for which direct to consumer shipping is allowed and does not create any new or additional authorization to ship alcoholic beverages directly to a consumer. The Uniform Act provides state regulators with new tools to distinguish between direct to consumer shipments that originate from shippers licensed under the state's existing law and direct to consumer shipments that do not, and aids state regulators in enforcing their existing laws governing direct to consumer shipments of any type of alcoholic beverage. The Uniform Act requires fulfillment providers, a person acting on behalf of a licensed direct shipper to ship wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider to a consumer and arranges for transport of the wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider by a carrier to the consumer, to be registered with the Commissioner and regulates fulfillment providers.

Section 6 of this Act does all of the following:
(1) Authorizes a carrier to transport wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider from a licensed direct shipper or a registered fulfillment provider to a resident of this State.
(2) Requires a carrier to be licensed by the Commissioner.
(3) Requires a carrier to ensure that before transferring possession of a shipment of wine, beer, spirits, mead, or cider that the individual delivering the shipment for the carrier has verified the identity of the recipient of the shipment and that the recipient is at least 21 years of age.

Sections 7 through 9 of this Act makes conforming amendments to Title 4 of the Delaware Code to permit the activities authorized by Sections 1 through 6 of this Act.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| WINE & SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF AMERICA | Colin Phillips | May 13, 2024 |

## HB 262

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DIRECT PURCHASING AND SHIPMENT OF WINE.

This Act permits wine producers holding a valid license within this State or another state to obtain a license and ship wine directly to Delaware consumers so long as it is done through a common carrier with a carrier permit. This Act requires that wine producers pay the taxes normally due for wines; limits the amount of wine that a direct shipper of wine can sell to a single household to 3 9-liter cases per year. This Act requires the signature of a person 21 years of age or older before delivery of the wine and to receive training regarding how to deliver wine responsibly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jul 17, 2023 |
| WINE & SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF AMERICA | Colin Phillips | May 13, 2024 |

## HB 263

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEAL DEBT RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

This Act prohibits local education agencies and charter schools from prohibiting a student from participating in a school sponsored extracurricular activity on the basis the student has an outstanding debt for unpaid school meals.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jan 17, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Dec 15, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HB 263

This Amendment to HB 263 adds graduation ceremonies to the list of extracurricular activities that may not be restricted due to a student's outstanding debt for school meals.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 264

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE.

This Act makes the crime of "patronizing a prostitute" a class E felony rather than a misdemeanor where the person from whom prostitution is sought is a minor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Dec 15, 2023 |

## HB 265

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY AND CIVIL PENALTY FOR PUBLISHING OR DISTRUBITON OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON THE INTERNET.

This act requires a commercial entity that knowingly or intentionally provides pornography and other materials defined as harmful to minors to verify the age of individuals accessing the material.

Civil liability and a civil penalty are imposed on commercial entities that fail to comply with verification requirements. Additionally, an internet provider or user of an interactive computer service on the internet is not subject to liability. This act is modeled after similar laws in Virginia, Utah, and Louisiana.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 28, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Sep 5, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Sep 5, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Sep 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Rhett Ruggerio | Sep 5, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Sep 5, 2023 |
| ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE ASSOCIATION | Kim Willson | Sep 5, 2023 |
| GOOGLE LLC AND AFFILIATES | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 25, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Sep 5, 2023 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Jan 15, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Apr 10, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 265

This amendment requires the plaintiff to prove the commercial entity that publishes or distributes material harmful to minors did so " knowingly and intentionally" instead of "knowingly or intentionally". This sets a higher burden of proof.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 265

This amendment strikes 2 words that are not necessary to define "material harmful to minors".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HB 265

This amendment defines the term "substantial portion" to be more than 33 1/3 of total material on a website that meets the definition of material harmful to minors. This is the same percentage and definition as used by the State of

Virginia.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 4 to HB 265

This amendment exempts libraries in the state that are subject to the Delaware Children's Internet Protection Act (Chapter 66C, Title 29) from liability under this act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 5 to HB 265

This amendment clarifies that an internet provider or user of an interactive computer service on the internet is not subject to liability under this act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 6 to HB 265

This amendment requires the plaintiff to prove the commercial entity that publishes or distributes material harmful to minors did so "knowingly and intentionally" instead of "knowingly or intentionally". This sets a higher burden of proof.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HA 7 to HB 265

This amendment clarifies that an interactive computer service, information service, or telecommunications service is not subject to liability under this act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HB 266

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE/FIREFIGHTER PENSION PLAN.

This Act adds wages earned as a result of required additional work hours to the definition of “compensation” for purposes of calculating pensions in the County and Municipal Police/Firefighter Pension Plan. Currently such mandatory ordered additional work earnings are not included in the pension calculation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Apr 10, 2024 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Jan 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Dec 15, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 267

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.

This Act prohibits the Family Court from imposing a sentence of incarceration or ordering the suspension of a person’s license for failure to pay court-ordered child support unless it finds that the failure to pay is wilful and not due to an inability of the person to pay the support.

This Act also makes technical corrections to correct a typographical error in existing code and to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 267

This Amendment clarifies language in HB 267 by specifying that before the Family Court can order that a child support obligor in arrears be committed to the Department of Correction, including but not limited to institutional confinement, the defendant must have had actual clear notice of the child support order, must have had the ability to pay, and must have wilfully failed to substantially comply with the obligation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |

## HB 268

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELL CHECKS.

House Bill No. 303, with House Amendment No. 2, from the 151st General Assembly created an annual behavioral health well check and required carriers to provide coverage for this service.

In order to ensure providers of behavioral health well checks are fairly compensated, HB 303 required carriers to reimburse through common procedural technology (CPT) codes at the same billing rate. The cited CPT codes (99381-99387, 99391-99397) are used for services akin to a typical annual well visit for a new or established patient. Billing for the annual behavioral health well check under these CPT codes may impact the accuracy of state claims data from the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

This Act amends Title 31 of the Delaware Code to allow DMMA to develop and implement new billing codes for a behavioral health well check. These developed codes must be comparable to the rates under the cited CPT codes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HB 269

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This is the first leg of a constitutional amendment creating a "Crossover Day" deadline for each House of the General Assembly to send legislation over to the other House. The annual budget appropriation act, grants-in-aid act, bond and capital improvements act, and resolutions are excluded from this deadline. Currently 26 states, including Maryland, have crossover day deadlines for passing legislation between their two legislative chambers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |

## HB 270

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AMMUNITION.

This Act creates a civil penalty for any sale or display of ammunition that allows the ammunition to be accessible to a purchaser or transferee without the assistance of the vendor or an employee of the vendor. Ammunition in an enclosed display case, behind a counter or other customer access preventing device is not considered accessible for purposes of this section. A violation of this section carries a penalty of $1,000 for a first offense, $5,000 for the second, and $10,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

This Act also requires that a deadly weapons dealer must include with their license application and renewal application a description of their theft and loss prevention policies and procedures as well as a report of all ammunition losses or theft within the prior year.
The Act specifies that shoplifting is a class G felony, regardless of the value of the shoplifted goods, where the item shoplifted is ammunition.
Finally, the Act increases the maximum monetary penalty to $1,000 for violation of the provisions requiring a license to sell deadly weapons, sale to those under 21 or intoxicated persons, failing to keep required records, or failing to comply with the requirements for background checks between unlicensed persons.
It takes effect 1 year after its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jan 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, INC. | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 4, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Jan 9, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 4, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |

## HB 271

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING GAME AND FISH.

Currently, section 712 of Title 7 of the Delaware Code prohibits the hunting of any game birds or game animals (except deer) on Sundays. This Bill eliminates the prohibition against hunting game birds on Sundays. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control still has authority to establish and regulate season dates, bag limits and enforcement for the hunting of game birds.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 271

This amendment specifies that the bill takes effect on July 1, 2024, or upon enactment, whichever is later.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## HB 272

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERANS' BENEFITS AND TRADE PRACTICES.

This act prohibits persons from receiving compensation for advising or assisting with veterans' benefits earned by serving our nation in the military.  This bill would not prohibit persons or business entities from receiving compensation for advice to Veterans that is unrelated to veteran claims or services available to veterans from the V.A. or its accredited agencies.  Investment, insurance, banking, and other advice or services not provided by the V.A. or its accredited agencies may be obtained by veterans and fees charged for such services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| VETERAN BENEFITS GUIDE C/O BHFS LLP | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| VETERAN'S GUARDIAN | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Jan 16, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 272

This amendment clarifies that a violation of this subchapter is an unlawful practice under this title and a violation of Subchapter II of Chapter 25 of this title.  This amendment was requested by the Department of Justice.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HS 1 for HB 272

This amendment to House Substitute 1 for House Bill 272 clarifies that the requirements of the Act apply to persons who are not accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

This amendment also changes the effective date to 18 months following enactment to allow time for nonaccredited persons who are currently providing veterans' services to seek and obtain accreditation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

This amendment makes clear that while this Act does not authorize individuals to engage in any practice in violation of federal law, non-accredited persons who advise or assist veterans in their claims are subject to civil penalties and other remedies in this State if they engage in the trade practices prohibited under this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 272

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERANS' BENEFITS AND TRADE PRACTICES.

This act regulates persons who receive compensation for advising or assisting with veterans' benefits earned by serving our nation in the military. This bill would not prohibit persons or business entities from receiving compensation for advice to Veterans that is unrelated to veteran claims or services available to veterans from the V.A. or its accredited agencies. Investment, insurance, banking, and other advice or services not provided by the V.A., or its accredited agencies may be obtained by veterans and fees charged for such services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| VETERAN BENEFITS GUIDE C/O BHFS LLP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 4, 2024 |

## HB 273

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR SPEECH THERAPY.

Parents are paying out of pocket for their children's speech therapy for diagnosed phonological disorder and receptive language disorder since these 2 diagnoses are not covered under individual and group health plans. This Act would require speech therapy for these 2 developmentally delayed speech diagnoses for a child from age 1 until the earlier of age 6 or when the child is enrolled in first grade.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Mar 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Jan 23, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 273

This Amendment adds expressive language disorder and mixed receptive-expressive language disorder to the 2 speech diagnoses in the original Act which individual and group health plans will be required to cover.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 273

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR SPEECH THERAPY.

This Substitute bill adds 5 additional speech-language diagnosis to the 2 diagnoses listed in H.B. 273 and references that all 7 speech-language diagnoses are classified in the International Classification of Diseases("ICD-10") for billing purposes. This Substitute bill also broadens the definition of "child" from 1 year to first grade to include all children from birth to age 18.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 273

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR SPEECH THERAPY.

This Substitute bill adds 5 additional speech-language diagnosis to the 2 diagnoses listed in H.B. 273 and references that all 7 speech-language diagnoses are classified in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) for billing purposes. This Substitute bill broadens the definition of “child” from 1 year to first grade to include all children from birth to age 18. This Substitute bill deletes the definition of carrier since the term is not referred to in these new sections and clarifies that Section 2 refers to group and blanket health insurance policies not individual health policies. This Substitute bill also clarifies that the Act applies to all health insurance contracts delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed after December 31, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| EASTER SEALS DELAWARE AND MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE | Verna Hensley | Apr 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 15, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 274

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18, TITLE 29, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ALLERGEN INTRODUCTION DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR INFANTS.

Early, sustained exposure to peanut and egg proteins in the infant diet significantly reduces the risk that an infant will develop a peanut or egg allergy, saving lives and future health care costs. Following multiple clinical studies, the current guidance of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology and the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, which is followed by pediatricians, recommends that by age 6 months, all infants should be introduced to both peanut and egg protein and that unless contraindicated, all infants should regularly consume peanut and well-cooked egg protein until they reach the age of 1 year, to reduce the risk of developing peanut or egg allergies.

This Act requires that all health insurance plans subject to requirements under Delaware law, including Medicaid, provide coverage, at no cost when prescribed to infants, of at least 1 early peanut allergen introduction dietary supplement and at least 1 early egg allergen introduction dietary supplement.

This Act applies to all policies, contracts, or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued after December 31, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Jun 5, 2024 |
| READY SET FOOD, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| READY SET FOOD, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HB 275

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, TITLE 11, TITLE 18, TITLE 19, AND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

This Act updates the definition of "sexual orientation" throughout the Delaware Code by adding asexuality and pansexuality. Asexuality refers to individuals with little to no sexual attraction to other individuals, although asexual individuals may desire emotionally intimate relationships with other individuals. Pansexuality refers to individuals who are attracted sexually or romantically, or both, to another individual regardless of that individual's sex or gender identity.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 276

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SAFE SCHOOL AND RECREATION ZONES.

This Act is a follow-up to House Bill No. 201, as amended by House Amendment No. 3 and Senate Amendment No. 3, which was passed in 2023. That bill originally repealed the offense of “Possession of a weapon in a Safe School and Recreation Zone,” which was not actually a separate crime but rather operated as an aggravator and sentence enhancement on certain underlying crimes, and replaced it with “Possession of a firearm in a Safe School and Recreation Zone” which is a separate and self-contained criminal offense. Subsequently Senate Amendment No. 3 was passed and attached to the bill. That amendment separated the “school zone” from the “recreation zone” offenses and was intended to reinstate the original sentence enhancement scheme for offenses in a “Safe Recreation Zone.” This Act reinstates references in the “Safe Recreation Zone” statute to weapons other than firearms and makes other minor technical corrections.

This Act also adds a qualified retired law-enforcement officer who is employed or contracted by a school or district to assist with security or investigations to the list of persons exempt from the prohibition on the knowing possession of a firearm in or on a Safe School Zone. It also clarifies that constables employed by a school or a school district and acting in an official capacity are exempt.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jan 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Jan 9, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 4, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Apr 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HB 277

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPEED EXHIBITIONS.

This Act designates the Court of Common Pleas as the court with original jurisdiction of offenses under section 4172 of Title 21.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |

## HB 278

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RAILROADS.

This Act requires that a train or light engine used to move freight by railroad have a crew of at least 2 individuals. Violation of this statute subjects the railroad to a $500 fine for a first offense, and a $1,000 fine for a second or subsequent offense within 3 years of the first offense.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 10, 2024 |
| NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 10, 2024 |
| NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 10, 2024 |

## HB 279

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.

This Act allows school employees up to 5 days of bereavement leave under the same circumstances as permitted for state employees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jan 17, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 9, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 279

This amendment makes a technical correction to a cross-reference.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |

## HB 280

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE.

This Act makes several changes to the civil asset forfeiture proceedings of this state.

It repeals the legal presumption that money, negotiable instruments or securities found in close proximity to controlled substances or records or with trace amounts of controlled substances are forfeitable. Such evidence is still admissible and may be considered by the Court in a forfeiture proceeding.

It puts the burden of proof on the State to prove all elements of a forfeiture case by a preponderance of the evidence. Under the existing statute, it is the burden of an innocent owner to prove that they did not have knowledge of or consent to the use of their property in an unlawful act.

It prohibits the forfeiture of currency less than $500.

It prohibits forfeiture unless a criminal charge is brought.

It requires the person holding seized property to be financially responsible for all fees associated therewith in the event the property is ordered by the Court to be returned.

It allows a claimant property owner who substantially prevails in a forfeiture proceeding to recover reasonable attorney’s fees and costs. The language in this section is modeled after a provision of the federal forfeiture statute, at 28 U.S.C. § 2465 that was put in place in 2000 as part of federal civil asset forfeiture reforms.

It aligns forfeiture provisions in Title 11 with the forfeiture provisions in Title 16.

It requires the Department of Justice to collect and annually report statistics regarding civil asset forfeiture.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | May 17, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 11, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## HB 281

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

This Act repeals the option of providing health care insurance to state pensioners under Medicare part C, known as a Medicare Advantage Plan.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act is known as "The Delaware Medicare Supplement Selection Act".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 281

This Amendment allows a plan under Medicare part C, a Medicare Advantage Plan, as an option for eligible pensioners who are first hired on or after January 1, 2025, if the plan is selected and adopted by the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) as a regulation under the Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, Sections 4 and 5 of this Amendment add, by reference, the procedural requirements added to § 9602(d) of Title 29 if House Bill No. 282 (152nd) is enacted.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 281

This Amendment allows a plan under Medicare part C, a Medicare Advantage Plan, as an option for eligible pensioners who retire on or after January 1, 2028.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HB 281

This Amendment allows a plan under Medicare part C, a Medicare Advantage Plan, as an option for eligible pensioners who are first hired on or after January 1, 2025, if the plan is initially selected and adopted by the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) as a regulation under the Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, Sections 4 and 5 of this Amendment add, by reference, the procedural requirements added to § 9602(d) of Title 29 if House Bill No. 282 (152nd) is enacted.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 281

This Amendment shifts the transparency and procedural protections that are in House Amendment No. 3 to this Act to those under House Bill No. 282 (152nd), which in tandem with Senate Amendment No. 1 to HB 282, ensure public comment is held before, not after, a vote by the State Employee Benefits Committee relating to the selection of a Medicare Advantage plan (plan), if offered to eligible pensioners who were first employed on or after January 1, 2025, rather than requiring that the plan be selected and adopted as a regulation under the Administrative Procedures Act. This Amendment also changes the term "hired" to "employed" to correspond with other sections in Chapter 52 of Title 29.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 282

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE.

This Act adds procedural requirements to meetings of the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC), revises the membership of the SEBC, and requires that the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources inform State employees and retired State employees (eligible pensioners) about changes in benefits coverages affecting eligible pensioners who are receiving or eligible to receive retirement benefits under the state employees' pension plan, including proposed changes.

This Act adds the following requirements to SEBC meetings:

1. If the SEBC or a subcommittee is holding a virtual meeting, the chair or vice-chair must attend at the anchor location.
2. The chair of a subcommittee must be a voting member of the SEBC.
3. The SEBC must approve a request for proposals to select a carrier or third-party administrator for the health care insurance plan for State employees or eligible pensioners during an open meeting and that the draft request for proposals must be included with the meeting notice and agenda.
4. Adds standard language for the SEBC regarding the conduct of open meetings by public bodies, including requirements for quorum and when a member designates another individual to attend a meeting.

This Act revises the membership of the SEBC by doing all of the following:

1. Removes the Delaware retiree appointed by the Governor and adds 2 members who are Delaware residents eligible to receive health care insurance under Chapter 52 of Title 29 under a pension or retirement plan. The President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint 1 of these members.
2. Makes the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources a non-voting member of the Committee.
3. Changes the leadership of the SEBC so that only the Director of the Office of Management and Budget serves as chair and the vice-chair is elected annually by the members of the Committee. The vice-chair must be a voting member of the Committee and may not be a cabinet secretary or hold a position of equivalent rank in the executive branch.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act is known as the “Delaware State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) Transparency and Accountability Act”.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 282

This Amendment does all of the following:

1. Restores the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources as a member of the State Employee Benefits Committee (Committee).
2. Makes the Controller General a non-voting member of the Committee and allows the Controller General to designate the Deputy Controller General to attend meetings of the Committee or a subcommittee.
3. Makes a technical correction to existing law to provide explicit authority for Committee members serving by virtue of position to select a designee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 282

This Amendment makes this Act effective on January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 283

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE.

This bill reorganizes provisions within the Insurance Code to centralize licensing and filing fees within one statutory provision (§ 701) and reconciles differences between the licensing and filing fees set forth in § 701 and within the specific licensing statutes. This bill also creates new licensing or registration fees for reciprocal insurers and certified reinsurers to align the costs of processing applications for these insurers with similarly-licensed or accredited insurers and reinsurers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 24, 2024 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |

## HB 284

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

This is a clean-up bill that moves certain workers' compensation-related provisions in Chapter 25 of Title 18 to Chapter 26 of Title 18, the latter of which shall exclusively govern workers' compensation filings. The bill also makes technical corrections to conform with the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 24, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |

## HB 285

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

This Act amends the Delaware Medical Marijuana Act by removing the requirement that a patient have a debilitating medical condition to qualify for a registry identification card, instead allowing health-care providers to make the determination of whether a patient has a diagnosed medical condition for which the patient would receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the use of medical marijuana. As a result, this Act removes the CBD-rich and compassionate use programs, which previously allowed for the use of marijuana for the treatment of conditions that otherwise did not qualify a patient for a registry identification card.

This Act allows patients aged 65 and older to self-certify their qualification for a registry identification card without a written certification from a health-care provider.

This Act authorizes the Department to issue registry identification cards with 1-, 2-, or 3-year expiration dates. It also requires the issuance of a registry identification card with an indefinite expiration date where the qualifying patient has a terminal illness.

This Act allows individuals with out-of-state registry identification cards or equivalent certifications who would qualify for a registry identification card in this State to use those cards or certifications for any purpose for which the person would be authorized to use a registry identification card issued under this chapter.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jan 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Apr 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT | Karen O'Keefe | Jan 4, 2024 |
| MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT | Bridget Spiddle | May 22, 2024 |
| METRC | Rhett Ruggerio | Dec 15, 2023 |
| METRC | Verity Watson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| METRC | Kim Willson | Dec 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Dec 15, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 286

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GENETICS BASED DISCRIMINATION.

This Act prohibits discrimination in life insurance based on genetic characteristics, genetic information, or the result of any genetic test that is not in a medical record as a basis for an individual's medical diagnosis or the basis of a medical diagnosis included in an individual's pertinent family history. In addition, this Act prohibits a person engaged in the business of life insurance from requesting, requiring, or purchasing information obtained from an entity providing direct-to-consumer genetic testing. This Act also makes corresponding corrections to § 2317 of Title 18 by revising the heading for clarity and the definition of "insurance" to conform with the terms and definitions used in Title 18.

This Act is known as "The Ericka Byler Act".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 17, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Vincent Ryan | Mar 13, 2024 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| COREBRIDGE FINANCIAL GROUP | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 24, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 286

This Amendment aligns the restrictions and exceptions in this Act so they apply to genetic information from direct-to-consumer genetic testing but not to genetic information that is in an individual's medical record or pertinent family history. This Amendment also revises the requirement for written informed consent for information from direct-to-consumer genetic testing so it applies to persons engaged in the business of life insurance so that the Department of Insurance can enforce this requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Vincent Ryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 286

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GENETICS BASED DISCRIMINATION.

Like House Bill No. 286, House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 286 prohibits discrimination in life insurance based on genetic characteristics, genetic information, or the result of any genetic test.

House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 286 differs from House Bill No. 286 as follows:

1. Provides a definition of “direct-to-consumer genetic testing”.
2. Allows the use of any genetic information that is in an individual's medical record or application for life insurance.
3. Allows a person engaged in the business of life insurance to request that an individual share genetic information from a direct-to-consumer genetic testing or to request that an individual provide written consent for entity to provide that information.
4. Allows an entity that provides direct-to-consumer genetic testing to share information with a person engaged in the business of life insurance but only with the written consent of the individual.
5. Clarifies that a person engaged in the business of life insurance may not do any of the following:
a. Require that an individual take a genetic test.
b. Require that an individual provide genetic information received from an entity providing direct-to-consumer genetic testing or provide written consent for the entity to provide that information.
c. Take into consideration the refusal by an individual to take a genetic test, provide genetic information received from direct-to-consumer genetic testing, or provide written consent to share information from direct-to-consumer genetic testing.

Like HB 286, HS 1 for HB 286 also does all of the following:
1. Makes corresponding corrections to § 2317 of Title 18 by revising the heading for clarity and the definition of "insurance" to conform with the terms and definitions used in Title 18.
2. Is known as "The Ericka Byler Act”.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Vincent Ryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Sarah Wootten | Aug 14, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 16, 2024 |
| LAIRD STABLER & ASSOC. LLC | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Apr 18, 2024 |

## HB 287

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RETIRED LAW-ENFORCEMENT CANINES.

This act requires that an owner be reimbursed up to $1,500 annually for veterinary care expenses paid by the owner for the care of a law-enforcement canine retired from a police department of a political subdivision of the State of Delaware.
The Department of Safety and Homeland Security is the implementing agency for this act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |

## HB 288

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 168 OF VOLUME 84 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF RESEARCH.

This Act changes the name of the Division of Research to the "Division of Legislative Services" (Division) to more fully reflect the tasks that the Division performs. In addition to legislative research, the Division's tasks include drafting bills, editing the Delaware Code, staffing task forces, printing bills and other materials for the General Assembly, providing constituent and legislator services through the Legislative Information Office, and publishing the Register of Regulations and Administrative Code.

This Act also gives the Director of the Division a consistent job title throughout the Code.

Section 28 and Section 43 of this Act change "Legislative Council" to the Division to conform the law to current practice.

For reports that must be submitted to the Division, this Act makes consistent that those reports must be submitted to the Librarian of the Division, in addition to the Director.

Section 62 delays the effect of this Act until November 6, 2024, to coincide with the start of the 153rd General Assembly.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |

## HB 290

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO THE STUDENT EXCELLENCE EQUALS DEGREE ACT.

This Act removes a barrier to higher education by allowing a student who has been convicted of a violent felony to qualify for or maintain eligibility for a SEED scholarship if other eligibility criteria are met.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |

## HB 291

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

This Act requires that a candidate’s political committee’s contribution and expense report, provided to the Department of Elections, include the primary employer and job title of each person contributing to the committee. This Act also requires the Department of Elections to provide a telephone number and online form for reporting alleged campaign financing violations. The informant must provide their name and contact information to the Department. The information provided to the Department is not to be considered a public record under FOIA. This Act also allows reporting parties who unintentionally receive a prohibited contribution or make a prohibited expenditure to return or reimburse the contribution or pay the contribution to the State Treasurer. This Act also eliminates the ability of anyone who makes or accepts a prohibited campaign contribution from donating the money to a designated Title 30 charitable organization. The Act requires anyone who knowingly accepts an unlawful campaign contribution to pay the money to the State Treasurer for deposit to the General Fund.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 292

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REVIEW OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

This Act requires the Department of Elections to review every political committee's contribution and expense report and to note the report, on the Department's website, as either "Submitted but Not Reviewed" or "Reviewed and Final". If the Department discovers any violations of this chapter, it must work with the candidate to rectify the violations. Once the violations are corrected and the candidate submits an amended report the report's status shall be updated on the Department's website and clearly marked as "Reviewed and Final". This Act will apply to all contribution and expense reports submitted after February 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 293

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Federal and Delaware law protect the right to vote and the rights of individuals with disabilities to have equal access to voting places and public facilities. Nonetheless, recent information suggests that a substantial number of polling places in Delaware are either inaccessible to persons with disabilities or lack accessible parking, infringing on the right of all eligible persons to vote in this State.

This Act requires that the Department of Elections ensure that polling places selected for elections are accessible to voters with disabilities and elderly voters. It allows exceptions for states of emergency as determined by the Election Commissioner, or for circumstances in which no accessible polling place in a particular polling area is available and the Election Commissioner ensures that those voters impacted are provided with an alternative accessible polling place or alternative means for casting a ballot upon advance request.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Mar 21, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Jul 1, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jul 2, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 293

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Federal and Delaware law protect the right to vote and the rights of individuals with disabilities to have equal access to voting places and public facilities. Nonetheless, recent information suggests that a substantial number of polling places in Delaware are either inaccessible to persons with disabilities or lack accessible parking, infringing on the right

of all eligible persons to vote in this State.

This substitute, like House Bill No. 293, requires that the Department of Elections ensure that polling places selected for elections are accessible to voters with disabilities and elderly voters. This substitute adds a provision that in addition to being accessible, the accessibility features are available to voters in any election. Like House Bill No. 293, this substitute allows certain exceptions for states of emergency, or for circumstances in which no accessible polling place in a particular polling area is available and the Election Commissioner ensures that those voters impacted are provided with an alternative accessible polling place or alternative means for casting a ballot upon advance request. This substitute limits the states of emergency that would allow an exception to natural disasters or other emergencies that render a polling place unsafe or unusable. This substitute also adds a provision allowing any person with information that the Department has not complied with this section to file an administrative complaint with the Department.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Jul 1, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jul 2, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |

## HB 294

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

This bill adds optometrists to those health care providers eligible for the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ACADEMY OF OPHTHALOMOGY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION | Joanne Finnigan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 26, 2024 |

## HB 295

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEALER PROCESSING FEES.

Currently Delaware has no cap on dealer processing fees which permits motor vehicle dealers to arbitrarily charge whatever amounts they wish leading to great discrepancy of these fees among dealers and a lack of protection for consumers. Currently Pennsylvania has a $449 statutory cap on dealer processing fees and Maryland has a $500 statutory cap. This Act defines “dealer processing fee”, sets a statutory cap of $475 on the dealer processing fee, and requires the dealer to disclose in the bill of sale, in 10-point type or larger, the amount of the fee and what is covered in the fee. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |

## HB 296

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGE.

This Act grants school districts and charter schools the ability to decide if they want to pay prevailing wage for school construction projects.

This Act is in response to rising school construction costs. Between Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 school districts and charter schools stated they experienced $260,163,873 in market pressure inflation and asked the State to support a share of that, specifically $175,331,704.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |

## HB 297

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF NEW ROADS AND STREETS FOR STATE MAINTENANCE.

Due to the rapidly increasing costs of materials and labor, combined with the frequency in which developers have gone out of business or otherwise been unable to complete work required within developments, this Act increases the funding required to be secured by a developer to ensure the developer fulfills the developer's obligations to construct and complete improvements within a subdivision.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 297

This Amendment does all of the following:

(1) Clarifies that the road or street is intended to be dedicated to this State for public use.

(2) Increases the bond, certified check, letter of credit, or other form of security acceptable to the Department that is required to be posted to 150% and limits that bond, certified check, letter of credit, or other form of security acceptable to the Department to the costs associated with applying top coat to a road or street.

(3) Requires the bond, certified check, letter of credit, or other form of security acceptable to the Department to be reassessed and reposted by the developer if top coat is not underway 7 years from the date the security is posted with the Department, and then requires the same reassessment and reposting every 5 years until the developer complies with the written agreement entered into under this Act.

(4) Requires the Department, on dedication of the right-of-way to the public use and satisfactory completion of the road or street construction, to release to the developer the bond, certified check, letter of credit, or other security acceptable to the Department posted by the developer under this Act.

(5) Makes a technical correction to line 25.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 298

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE VULNERABLE ADULT POPULATIONS COMMISSION.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("JLOSC") review of Adult Protective Services. This Act creates the Vulnerable Adult Populations Commission ("Commission"), whose purpose is to improve the response to and reduce the incidents of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation in this State. The Commission will be comprised of several members from key state agencies, legislators, and the private sector.

The Commission's duties include:

(1) Studying Delaware court services and procedures, law enforcement procedures and protocols, and criminal justice data collection and analysis, as they relate to vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(2) Effectuate coordination among Delaware agencies, departments, and courts to benefit victims of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(3) Promote effective prevention, intervention, and service provision based on research and data.

(4) Recommend standards to state agencies and departments regarding programs and services that serve

perpetrators or victims of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(5) Review and provide feedback on legislation relating to vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(6) Submit an annual, written report to the Governor, General Assembly, Delaware Supreme Court, and the Director and Librarian of the Division of Research.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 298

This Amendment removes language that limits the immunity against civil liability afforded to members of the Vulnerable Adult Populations Commission and any person who provides information, data, testimony, a report, or a record to the Commission.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## HB 299

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DELAWARE LIBRARIES.

This Act is the Delaware Libraries for All Act. It explicitly adds “public libraries” to the definition of “place of public accommodation” for purposes of Delaware’s Equal Accommodations Law. It also directs the Delaware Library Consortium to develop and adopt common policies concerning collection, development, and other topics in order to ensure equitable access and the right to read for all Delawareans.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |

## HB 300

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act requires that all assisted living facilities that are not subject to CMS regulations maintain accreditation from an independent accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health and Social Services, that assisted living facilities that provide dementia care services maintain a certification for the provision of dementia care services from an approved independent accrediting organization, and that all assisted living facilities must submit proof of accreditation and, if applicable, certification to the Department. This Act also authorizes DHSS to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these provisions, and it defines dementia care services and secured dementia care unit. Violations of this Act are subject to enforcement actions under Chapter 11 of Title 16 and are a basis for the nonrenewal of a facility’s license.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| STONINGTON GLOBAL | Wayne Smith | Apr 24, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 300

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act requires that all assisted living facilities that are not subject to CMS regulations maintain accreditation from an independent accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health and Social Services, that assisted living facilities that provide memory care services maintain a certification for the provision of memory care services from an approved independent accrediting organization, and that all assisted living facilities must submit proof of accreditation and, if applicable, certification to the Department. This Act also authorizes DHSS to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these provisions, and it defines memory care services and secured memory care unit. Violations of this Act are subject to enforcement actions under Chapter 11 of Title 16 and are a basis for the nonrenewal of a facility's license.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Substitute differs from the original HB300 in that the term "memory care" is used in place of "dementia care."

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 24, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 300

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Substitute Bill requires the Department of Health and Social Services to maintain a public registry of assisted living facilities that are accredited and/or certified to provide memory care services by an approved independent accrediting organization.

This Act also authorizes DHSS to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these provisions, and it defines memory care services and secured memory care unit. Violations of this Act are subject to enforcement actions under Chapter 11 of Title 16 and are a basis for the nonrenewal of a facility's license.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |

## HB 301

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11, ARTICLE I OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY.

This Act is the first leg of an amendment to the Delaware Constitution to prohibit the imposition of the death penalty. This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly when the General Assembly amends the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 302

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING.

This Act requires all group, blanket, and individual health insurance policies to cover prostate screening for men at high risk for prostate cancer who are over the age of 40. Men at high risk for prostate cancer means African American men or those with a family history of prostate cancer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Mar 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 302

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of death from cancer in men. It is estimated that about 1 in 41 men will die of prostate cancer. According to ZERO Prostate Cancer, Black men face

serious health care disparities regarding prostate cancer.  1 in 6 Black men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime compared to 1 in 8 men overall. Black men are also 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with, and 2.1 times more likely to die from, prostate cancer than white men.

HB 302 requires all group, blanket, and individual health insurance policies to cover prostate screening for men at risk of prostate cancer. This Substitute bill broadens the definition of “prostate screening” to include any medically necessary and clinically appropriate method for the detection and diagnosis of prostate cancer, including a digital rectal exam and prostate specific antigen test, and associated laboratory work. This Substitute bill also clarifies the ages at which prostate screenings must be covered, consistent with the American Cancer Society guidelines, as follows: (1) Age 50 for men at average risk of developing prostate cancer; (2) Age 45 for men at high risk of developing prostate cancer, including African American men and men who have a first degree relative diagnosed with prostate cancer; and (3) Age 40 for men at even higher risk for prostate cancer, including men who have more than one first degree relative diagnosed with prostate cancer.

This Substitute bill also extends the effective date to health insurance policies modified after December 31, 2025, and makes technical corrections.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK | Lance Kilpatrick | Sep 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |

## HB 303

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISABLED VETERANS' SCHOOL TAX CREDIT.

This Act modifies the eligibility standard from 100% disability to 80% disability or greater for veterans to qualify for the credit against taxation on qualified property and corrects a typographical error.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 305

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACTS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF THEIR AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2024.

This Act amends the Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act to (1) list the allocations of the School Construction Market Pressure Contingency Fund and clarify that funds cannot exceed the CN scope. Further, this Act amends Fiscal Year 2024 Bond and Capital Improvements Act to (2) revise language adjusting Federal Fund reporting dates to align with federal timelines; (3) ensure any alternative yard waste drop-off plan and relocation must provide the same level of service as the existing Polly Drummond Yard Waste site; (4) reallocate Resource, Conservation and Development funding for drainage improvement projects; (5) authorize the cancellation of any notes and forego all amounts owed under the loan agreement between the Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) and the Transportation Trust Fund; (6) authorize $400,000 of the Cover Crop Investment to be allocated to the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission for alternative projects; (7) authorize school districts to bond, if needed, the local match to market pressure and clarify that funds cannot exceed the scope of the Certificate of Necessity; (8) authorize

the Department of Transportation to use Community Transportation Funds for one-time reimbursements for various projects; (9) reallocate Community Reinvestment Funds to the MOT Senior Center; (10) authorize the Department of Health and Social Services to donate land to the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation; (11) authorize funds to be used for the Carvel State Office Building window replacement project; (12) authorize funding to be used for construction or renovation of the Cleveland White building; (13) donate, sell, or transfer all or part of the property known as “Elbert-Palmer School”; (14) authorize funds for the demolition of the former Elbert-Palmer School and related site work; (15) authorize Caesar Rodney School District’s Certificate of Necessity 2210B to be extended and will now expire on November 15, 2024; (16) authorize Municipal Infrastructure Funds for the Bowers Beach Boatlift to be used for Drainage Improvement; and (17) authorize the transfer of ownership of the state-owned dredge to Summit North Marina LLC.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 306

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR SCHOOL BUS STOP VIOLATIONS AS EVIDENCED BY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERAS.

This Act permits the Division of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle that is operated in violation of the law requiring stopping for school buses as evidenced by School Bus Safety Cameras.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 307

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

This Act provides a tuition waiver for victims of human trafficking who are enrolled in the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, or Delaware Technical Community College.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HB 308

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

This Act mandates that employees of institutions of higher education and students receive training in sexual assault prevention. Although the current law makes training available, it has not been required. This Act further changes the reporting period in which academic institutions must report information on campus sexual assaults from the calendar year to the academic year. Finally, this Act requires the DOJ to post the annual reports from the previous 5 years on its website and to include the aggregate data from the previous 5 years in each report so that data trends are easily identified.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 308

This Amendment changes the effective date of this Act to June 30, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HB 311

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A SAFE SCHOOL ZONE.

In many states acts of violence have been committed with the use of firearms on college and university campuses that have resulted in both injury and death to students and faculty. This Act adds post-secondary colleges and universities to the Safe School Zone criminal offense so that any person who knowingly possesses a firearm, as defined in Title

11, while in or on a college or university facility or campus may be charged with this additional offense. The same exceptions set forth in the statute will apply to a college or university.This Act also adds commissioned security guards to the categories of individuals who may possess a firearm while acting in their official capacity within a Safe School Zone. A person convicted under this section will be guilty of a Class E felony. This Act also makes a technical correction to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Mar 6, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 3, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Apr 2, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 27, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 311

This Amendment adds that the prohibition of possession of a firearm in a Safe School Zone does not apply to any individual who is in possession of a firearm in or upon any part of the buildings or grounds of a college or university if the individual has written authorization from the administration of the college or university, or a designated representative of the administration.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 27, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HB 311

This Amendment adds the definition of qualified law-enforcement officer to the Safe School Zone law and excludes qualified law-enforcement officers acting in their official capacity within a Safe School Zone from the statutory restriction. This Amendment also provides an exemption for a qualified retired law-enforcement officer in or upon the buildings or grounds of a college or university This Amendment also adds an effective date of January 1 following its enactment into law and makes a technical correction to the existing Delaware Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 311

This Senate Amendment contains the essential provisions of House Bill No. 311, as amended by House Amendments No. 1 and 2, but instead of adding criminal provisions relating to possession of a firearm at a college or university to the existing statute prohibiting firearms in a (elementary or secondary) Safe School Zone, it instead rewrites the bill to create a separate statute to address College and University Safe Zones. It retains an effective date of January 1, 2025.

The Senate Amendment then makes the following substantive changes: it excludes state and locally owned and maintained or operated streets and roads with public vehicular traffic, and their attendant pedestrian and bike paths that pass through or adjacent to the grounds of public or private colleges or universities from the statutory prohibition on firearms. It also lowers the penalty from a class F felony to a class A misdemeanor. It adds an explicit severability clause. Finally, it places jurisdiction over this crime in the Superior Court.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## HB 312

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

School board members are currently required to engage both in financial responsibility training and a training to understand educational and legal issues about due process and special education. This Act will require that a school board president inform each new member of the board of the training obligation. A school board president must also send a letter by January 15 of every year to any school board member who has not fulfilled the training obligation by January 1 following that member's election or appointment.

The Act also makes the special education due process training requirement explicit in the Code for members of a charter school board of directors as well as members of a traditional or vocational technical district school board. This training is already required for charter schools by regulation.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 313

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MAMMOGRAMS.

This Act ensures that all female inmates in DDOC custody, at level IV or V, receive annual or biennial screening mammograms as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| VITALCORE HEALTH SYSTEMS | William McCall | Mar 26, 2024 |
| VITALCORE HEALTH SYSTEMS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 26, 2024 |
| VITALCORE HEALTH SYSTEMS | Verity Watson | Mar 26, 2024 |
| VITALCORE HEALTH SYSTEMS | Kim Willson | Mar 26, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 314

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 21 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES.

This Act does all of the following: (1) Allows for all licensed practitioners that are treating a driver for a medical condition to report findings which allows for Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, or Physician to sign Division paperwork and mirrors verbiage found in Title 24; (2) Updates the name of Medical Council to Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline which ensures compliance with code in handling of individual cases; and (3) Changes the Secretary of Health and Social Services to Secretary of Transportation for determining the status of driver's license for individuals with a potential medical condition which allows for quicker response and ensures the confidentiality of a driver. Lastly it removes a section from the Medical Licensure Act consistent with the other provisions of the bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 19, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 11, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 11, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 11, 2024 |

## HB 315

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9, TITLE 14, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

This Act makes technical corrections to remove racist language and provisions from the Delaware Code. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and the current responsibilities of Delaware agencies.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |

## HB 316

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEEP FAKES IN ELECTIONS.

This Act creates a new elections crime: “use of deep fake technology to influence an election.” Under this statute it would be a crime to distribute within 90 days of an election a “deep fake” – that is an audio or visual depiction that has been manipulated or created with generative adversarial network techniques, with the intent of harming a party or candidate or otherwise deceiving voters. It is not a crime, nor is there a penalty, if the altered media contains a disclaimer stating “This audio/video/image has been altered or artificially generated.” There is also provision for civil injunctive relief for a candidate depicted in a deep fake. There are various exceptions to protect speech, expression, and media rights.

A violation of this statute is a class B misdemeanor unless the deepfake is intended to cause violence or bodily harm, in which case it is a class A misdemeanor, or if it is a repeat offense within 5 years, in which case it is a class E felony. Pursuant to § 5101 of Title 15, all offenses under this section are heard in Superior Court.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 24, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Christopher Carroll | Mar 12, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| GOOGLE LLC AND AFFILIATES | Sean Finnigan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Mar 12, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 316

This amendment adds an information service or telecommunications service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153, to the type of entity that is exempt from liability for content provided by another person.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HS 1 for HB 316

This amendment changes a repeat conviction under this statute from a class E felony to a class A misdemeanor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 316

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEEP FAKES IN ELECTIONS.

This Act creates a new elections crime: “use of deep fake technology to influence an election.” Under this statute it would be a crime to distribute within 90 days of an election a “deep fake” – that is an audio or visual depiction that has been manipulated or created with generative adversarial network techniques, with the intent of harming a party or candidate or otherwise deceiving voters. It is not a crime, nor is there a penalty, if the altered media contains a disclaimer stating “This audio/video/image has been altered or artificially generated.” There is also provision for civil injunctive relief for a candidate depicted in a deep fake. There are various exceptions to protect speech, expression, and media rights. A violation of this statute is a class B misdemeanor unless the deepfake is intended to cause violence or bodily harm, in which case it is a class A misdemeanor, or if it is a repeat offense within 5 years, in which case it is a class E felony. Pursuant to § 5101 of Title 15, all offenses under this section are heard in Superior Court.

This Substitute bill differs from original House Bill No. 316 in that it adds the caveat “if no visual disclosure is feasible” in relation to disclosures for audio-only media. It adds mobile applications, Internet websites, and streaming platforms to the exceptions under (d)(1) and (d)(2). It explicitly adds a carveout related to the liability shield of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. It states that the Act is not intended to restrict the ability of a person to detect, prevent, respond to, or protect against security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activities or any illegal activity, preserve the integrity or security of systems or investigate, report, or prosecute those responsible for any such action.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| MARYLAND DC DELAWARE BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HS 1 for HB 316

This Amendment does the following:

(1) Provides an exemption from criminal liability for media broadcasters that have received a representation that the content provided does not include a deceptive and fraudulent deep fake, that prohibit advertisers from including deceptive and fraudulent deep fakes in the content provided to the broadcasters, or that are required by federal law to air advertisements from legally qualified candidates.

(2) Sunsets this exemption from criminal liability 1 year after the Act’s enactment into law, unless extended by subsequent action of the General Assembly.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| HI-CONE USA C/O MS ASSOC. LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| MARYLAND DC DELAWARE BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 317

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SALE OF GIFT CARDS.

This bill creates a requirement for all sellers of third-party gift cards to display a notice of potential scams involving gift cards.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jul 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Mar 18, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 317

This amendment allows the distributor to chose whether to display the warning either at the point of sale or at the gift card display.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jul 9, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |

## HB 318

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 AND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS IN BANKRUPTCY AND DEBT PROCEEDINGS.

This Act increases the exemption in bankruptcy and other debt proceedings for a debtor’s personal residence from $125,000 to $200,000. The exemption has been limited to $125,000 since 2012 while home prices have increased dramatically in the intervening years. It also increases the exemption for tools of the trade and for a vehicle to $25,000 from $15,000.

This Act also exempts worker’s compensation awards under the laws of other states from attachment in bankruptcy or other proceedings in the same manner that a worker’s compensation award made under Delaware law is exempt.

The Act takes effect on January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 318

This amendment acknowledges and clarifies that permissible bankruptcy exemptions may be found in parts of the Code other than Chapter 49 of Title 10. It also clarifies that the expansion of worker's compensation exemptions in bankruptcy and debt proceedings applies to worker's compensation awards under U.S territories and possessions or the District of Columbia, as well as other states.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 319

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON NEPOTISM IN STATE EMPLOYMENT.

This Act requires the Department of Human Resources to develop an executive branch policy restricting nepotism in state employment and prohibiting supervision of a state employee by a relative. It further requires the legislative and judicial branches, as well as offices headed by other elected officials to develop and implement comparable policies.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |

## HB 320

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, § 1 OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING.

This is the first leg of a Constitutional Amendment to constitutionally authorize 10 days of early in-person voting in Delaware. Additionally, at least 21 in-person early voting places, with 1 being located in each State Senate District, are required. Further, this Constitutional Amendment requires all administrative or procedural laws, rules, policies, or regulations applicable to safeguarding the security of in-person voting that apply to the general election shall be applicable to in-person early voting days.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |

## HB 323

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

This Act expands the crime of "criminal mischief" to include damaging an authorized emergency vehicle, defining them as vehicles of a fire department, fire company, police vehicles, ambulances, as well as vehicles used by a fire chief, chief engineer, or fire police officer of any duly organized fire company in performance of their duties. This Act also makes it a class E felony when the person intentionally damages an authorized emergency vehicle.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 324

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 29 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

This Act makes several changes to the Code relating to the Department of Finance.

Section 1 removes a bond requirement for Division of Revenue officers, agents, or employees for faithful performance of their duties. Sections 2 and 3 enable the Department of Finance and the Division of Revenue to fully administer and enforce taxes where jurisdiction is assigned by the Delaware Code without reference to any specific Title. This avoids the need to revise applicable provisions of Title 30 (by enumerating each applicable title) when changes to the law make the Department responsible for the administration and enforcement of tax and tax-related laws established outside of Title 30. Section 4 provides the Division of Revenue the ability to collect the lodging tax imposed under § 8112 of Title 9 on behalf of a county in the State of Delaware and enter into an agreement with a county in the State of Delaware to coordinate the collection process. Sections 5 and 6 transfer and reorganize the personal income tax aspects of the Organ and Bone Marrow Transplantation Tax Credit statute to appear within the appropriate personal income tax subchapter in Chapter 11 of Title 30. Section 7 replaces the term “trailer park” with “recreational vehicle park” to clarify license procedures.

This Act makes technical changes to existing Code to conform with the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 325

A BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF ITS AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE; REPROGRAMMING CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE STATE; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2025 Bond and Capital Improvements Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

*Refer to CSV file for Budget DDS information.*

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHILDREN & FAMILIES FIRST | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE/TRINITY HEALTH | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 326

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATED TO THE DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION.

Non-profit hospitals are granted tax-exempt status under the premise that they serve a vital role in promoting the health and well-being of the communities they serve. Community benefit spending is a means by which hospitals fulfill this obligation. Such spending includes activities like providing uncompensated care, supporting medical research, offering health education and prevention programs, subsidizing community clinics, and addressing social determinants of health.

This Act requires Delaware’s non-profit hospitals to provide the state and public with an annual report outlining their community benefits spending, bringing Delaware in line with 31 other states, including all of Delaware’s neighboring states, that require reporting.

This Act defines “community benefits program,” outlines the minimum contents that must be included in a community benefits activity report, and requires that the report be made available to the public and be submitted by January 31 of each year to multiple state entities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 326

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATED TO THE DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION.

This is a substitute for House Bill No. 326.

Non-profit hospitals are granted tax-exempt status on the premise that they serve a vital role in promoting the health and well-being of the communities they serve. Community benefit spending is a means by which hospitals fulfill this obligation. Such spending includes activities like providing uncompensated care, supporting medical research, offering health education and prevention programs, subsidizing community clinics, and addressing social determinants of health.

Like House Bill No. 326, this substitute bill requires Delaware's non-profit hospitals to provide the state and public with an annual report outlining their community benefits spending, bringing Delaware in line with 31 other states, including all of Delaware's neighboring states, that require reporting.

Like House Bill No. 326, this substitute bill defines "community benefits program," outlines the minimum contents that must be included in a community benefits activity report, and requires that the report be made available to the public.

This substitute contains provisions allowing the report to be submitted electronically to State officials on an annual basis. It differs from the original bill in that the deadline for submitting the report is changed from January 31 of each year to 30 days after a hospital files a federal Form 990.

This substitute also contains technical changes to reference and accord with appropriate law and regulations, and broadens the list of information that must be included in the community benefits report.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## HB 327

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION.

The purpose of this Act is to protect victims of sexual assault, discrimination, or harassment from retaliatory lawsuits that arise when a victim of sexual assault discloses information regarding an act of sexual assault, discrimination, or harassment.

The first part of this Act protects assault victims from defamation lawsuits by:

1. Placing a higher burden of proof on the complainant, even if the complainant is a private figure; and
2. Entitling a prevailing defendant to attorneys' fees and costs, treble the amount of actual damages, and punitive damages.

The second part of this Act prohibits any provision in a settlement agreement that prevents the disclosure of information related to a claim of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 328

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 371, VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY.

Senate Bill No. 288 of the 151st General Assembly (Chapter 371 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware) created a pilot program whereby motorcyclists are permitted to use pulsating headlights as a way to alert other drivers of their presence, without allowing the use of flashing lights that would otherwise be used on emergency vehicles. SB 288 contained a sunset clause providing that the pilot program would expire on January 1, 2025, unless the General Assembly took action to extend or remove the sunset clause. This Act extends the sunset clause until June 30, 2030. The main reason for the extension is that many motorcycle owners have and are continuing to replace their lights with LED technology... up until 2024 the technology of a modulating device was not available for the LED lights only standard lighting had that option. To be able to better see if the pulsating lighting is effective the pilot program should be extended to adequately gauge what the new LED systems effectiveness is.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |

## HB 329

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON  APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

This Act addresses the growing concern over the safety of emergency responders. It increases the penalties for persons who violate this section, which requires drivers to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible or visual signals, or a police vehicle using an audible signal only. The fines are increased and after two penalties, a person who violates this section will be subject to a 90-day suspension of their driver’s license. This change in fines and loss of driving privileges increases the penalty to make this a serious offense. This Act also clarifies that a driver who is unable to safely yield the right of way must slow to at least 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.

There have been numerous accidents causing personal injury and even death by inattentive drivers. Hopefully, this will help improve awareness and safety and avoid putting our Police, Fire, Ambulance, Paramedics, Fire Police, DelDOT employees, tow truck operators , utility crews and the distressed citizen broken down on our highways in jeopardy.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 330

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE.

This Act increases the amount of the annual appropriation to prefund future State employee retiree health insurance as recommended by the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee of the State Employee Benefits Committee. Like other required contributions to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund (OPEB) Fund, this appropriation must be included in the review of and plan for proposed expenditures that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget submits to the Governor and in the Governor's Budget Appropriation Bill.

This Act also revises existing law to allow the current practice of making the annual payment to the OPEB Fund of 1% of the operating budget appropriations for the prior fiscal year in a Supplementary Appropriation Bill and makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 330

This Amendment delays implementation of this Act by 1 year.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |

## HB 331

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS.

This Act creates a scholarship for students who have completed a Delaware Teacher Academy and are enrolled in a Delaware Educator Preparation Program. This scholarship supplements the Educator Support Scholarship and is intended to fill a $2500 funding gap for aspiring educators who are in their first year at an Educator Preparation Program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 8, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 332

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER ACADEMIES.

This Act codifies the teacher academy pathways program that prepares students for careers in elementary and secondary education. Among other things, it requires the DOE to update and revise statewide standards and guidelines for teacher academies and provide technical assistance to local education agencies to meet those standards and guidelines. This Act further requires that teacher academies offer (1) value-added credits to students who have completed the credits required by the initial program of study; and (2) work-based immersion options. Finally, the DOE must publish an annual report summarizing each teacher academy program in the State, including

the number of participants in the program and the number of participants who successfully transition to a program or institute of higher learning in the field of education.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Mar 27, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 8, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## HB 333

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMISSION.

This Act creates the Delaware Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Commission. This Commission shall be tasked with making recommendations to the General Assembly and Department of Technology and Information on AI utilization and safety within the State of Delaware. The Commission shall additionally conduct an inventory of all Generative AI usage within Delaware's executive, legislative, and judicial agencies and identify high risk areas for the implementation of Generative AI. The Commission will terminate 10 years from enactment unless extended by the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| APPLE INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| APPLE INC. | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| APPLE INC. | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Christopher Carroll | Mar 7, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |
| GOOGLE LLC AND AFFILIATES | Sean Finnigan | Jan 18, 2024 |
| MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| RELX INC. | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Apr 20, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 29, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Mar 12, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 333

This Amendment adds 4 additional members to the Delaware AI Commission: (1) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services; (2) The Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security; (3) The State Election Commissioner; and (4) The Executive Director of GEAR. It also clarifies that members appointed to the commission from the private sector may be individuals that represent private sector entities with experience in developing or implementing AI.

Finally, this Amendment makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 334

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 4 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

This Act makes several technical and logistical corrections to the Delaware Marijuana Control Act.

Section 1 of this Act authorizes the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement to conduct administrative inspections of premises licensed under Title 4 for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of Title 4, the rules and regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner, or the rules and regulations of the Marijuana Commissioner.

Section 2 of this Act creates definitions for the terms “conditional license” and “flowering plants.”

Section 3 of this Act changes the permissible hours of operation of a marijuana facility from 9 a.m. through 1 a.m. to 9 a.m. through 10 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays.

Section 4 of this Act gives enforcement powers to the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement and permits administrative inspections of premises licensed under Chapter 13 of Title 4.

Section 5 of this Act removes the power of the Commissioner to create rules and regulations to gather consumer data to track compliance with possession limits.

Section 6 of this Act makes the following changes to the application selection process: (1) it removes the requirement that the process be varied to account for geographic distribution or population density; (2) it removes a requirement for an applicant to provide information as to the suitability of the proposed location for the facilities; (3) it removes the requirement for an attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization that the applicant has entered a labor peace agreement with the organization (this requirement is instead moved to the criteria for conditional licensure in Section 13 of this Act); (4) it moves the requirement for the creation of identification badges from marijuana establishments to the Commissioner and permits the Commissioner to require a fee for each badge; (5) requires that employees complete training approved by the Commissioner in recognizing valid identification cards; and (6) specifies that agents of a marijuana establishment are subject to all standards and requirements of regulations adopted by the Commissioner.

Section 7 of this Act removes a provision for retail store licenses that specifies that a properly registered compassion center that is issued a retail marijuana store license is considered a business registration separate and distinct from the compassion center registration. It also removes the ability for a licensee or employee of a retail marijuana store to detain and question an individual that the employee believes is under 21 years old and is believed to be exhibiting fraudulent identification to attempt to obtain retail marijuana or a retail marijuana product.

Section 8 of this Act corrects a typographical error and clarifies the definition of a cannabis plant grow canopy area.

Section 9 of this Act changes the criteria for social equity applicants to remove a Delaware residency requirement and

add that a marijuana-related conviction or adjudication of delinquency must have been under the laws of Delaware.
Section 10 adds a source of funding that the Commissioner is to investigate that may support social equity applicants.
Section 11 of this Act removes a prohibition on microbusiness applicants from possessing more than 1,000 marijuana plants each month and a Delaware residency requirement.
Section 12 of this Act repeals a provision allowing for the grant of a conditional license to microbusiness applicants, as in Section 13 of this Act, a new section 1345 of Title 4 authorizes the grant of conditional licenses to applicants who meet specified criteria for licensure.
Section 13 of this Act makes technical corrections to conform to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, prohibits the grant of multiple licenses of any type where the grant would result in the applicant or other person with a financial interest in the application owning more than one business entity of the license type, authorizes the Commissioner to grant a conditional license to any applicant, specifies criteria that must be met for the Commissioner to grant an active license, details requirements for background checks, and makes information received by the Commissioner during the application or background check process confidential and exempt from the Delaware Freedom of Information Act.
Section 14 of this Act limits the prohibition on the transfer of social equity licenses to people who would not meet the criteria for the issuance of a social equity license so that licensees may transfer such licenses after three years.
Section 15 of this Act adds support for social equity applicants with select business-related expenses to the list of areas for which funding from the Justice Reinvestment Fund is to be appropriated to administer grants, contracts, services, or initiatives.
Section 16 of this Act makes changes to Title 30 relating to taxes on retail marijuana establishments.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires passage by a 3/5 majority because it authorizes the Commissioner to charge a fee for identification badges.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Apr 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 334

This Amendment changes the qualifying residency requirement for a social equity applicant from an individual who has resided for at least 5 of the preceding 10 years in a disproportionately-impacted area to one who has so resided for 5 of the preceding 15 years.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 335

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SALARIES.

This Act requires that any general salary increase, salary supplement, or one-time adjustment payable to public school employees likewise be payable to charter school employees. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HB 336

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the “LLC Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the LLC Act:

Section 1 amends § 18-209 of the LLC Act to permit a certificate of merger or a certificate of ownership and merger to state any amendments to the certificate of formation of a surviving domestic limited liability company in a merger as are desired to be effected by the merger.

Section 2 amends § 18-215(d) of the LLC Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking termination of a protected series. Specifically, Section 2 amends § 18-215(d) to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 18-215(d)(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such termination of the protected series pursuant to the limited liability company agreement.

Section 3 amends § 18-218(f) of the LLC Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking dissolution of a registered series. Specifically, Section 3 amends § 18-218(f) to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 18-218(f)(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such dissolution of the registered series pursuant to the limited liability company agreement.

Section 4 amends § 18-221 of the LLC Act to permit a certificate of merger of registered series to state any amendments to the certificate of registered series of a surviving registered series in a merger as are desired to be effected by the merger.

Section 5 amends § 18-806 of the LLC Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking dissolution of a limited liability company. Specifically, Section 5 amends § 18-806 to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 18-806(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such dissolution of the limited liability company pursuant to the limited liability company agreement.

Section 6 provides that the amendments to the LLC Act take effect on August 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 337

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE REVISED UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the “LP Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the LP Act:

Section 1 amends § 17-204 of the LP Act. Because Section 2 contains amendments that permit a certificate of merger or a certificate of ownership and merger to amend the certificate of limited partnership of a surviving domestic limited partnership in a merger to reflect the admission of one or more new general partners of the surviving domestic limited partnership in connection with the merger, Section 1 amends § 17-204 of the LP Act to require each new general partner to sign the certificate of merger or certificate of ownership and merger. Further, because Section 5 contains amendments that permit a certificate of merger of registered series to amend the certificate of registered series of a surviving registered series in a merger to reflect the association of one or more new general partners with the surviving registered series in connection with the merger, Section 1 amends § 17-204 of the LP Act to require each new general partner to sign the certificate of merger of registered series.

Section 2 amends § 17-211 of the LP Act to permit a certificate of merger or a certificate of ownership and merger to state any amendments to the certificate of limited partnership of a surviving domestic limited partnership in a merger (and in the case of a surviving domestic limited partnership that is a limited liability limited partnership, to the statement of qualification of such surviving domestic limited partnership filed under § 15-1001 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act) as are desired to be effected by the merger.

Section 3 amends § 17-218(d) of the LP Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking termination of a protected series. Specifically, Section 3 amends § 17-218(d) to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 17-218(d)(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such termination of the protected series pursuant to the partnership agreement.

Section 4 amends § 17-221(f) of the LP Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking dissolution of a registered series. Specifically, Section 4 amends § 17-221(f) to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 17-221(f)(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such dissolution of the registered series pursuant to the partnership agreement.

Section 5 amends § 17-224 of the LP Act to permit a certificate of merger of registered series to state any amendments to the certificate of registered series of a surviving registered series in a merger as are desired to be effected by the merger.

Section 6 amends § 17-806 of the LP Act to confirm and clarify certain of the mechanisms for revoking dissolution of a limited partnership. Specifically, Section 6 amends § 17-806 to confirm and clarify that the references to “other persons” in § 17-806(1) and (2) are references to other persons whose approval is required for such dissolution of the limited partnership pursuant to the partnership agreement.

Section 7 provides that the amendments to the LP Act take effect on August 1, 2024.

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 338

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION, REGULATION, OPERATION, AND DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC STATUTORY TRUSTS.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Statutory Trust Act (“the Statutory Trust Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of proposed amendments to the Statutory Trust Act:

Section 1 amends § 3801(e) of the Statutory Trust Act to confirm that any series of a statutory trust is bound by the governing instrument of such statutory trust regardless of whether the series executed the governing instrument. This amendment is not intended to imply that other references to “statutory trust” in the Statutory Trust Act do not include series thereof to the extent required by the context.

Section 2 amends § 3806(b)(9) of the Statutory Trust Act to confirm that the governing instrument of a statutory trust may be amended as permitted by § 3825(f).

Section 3 amends § 3806(l) of the Statutory Trust Act to conform the reference to the Investment Company Act of 1940 in this section to other references to the Investment Company Act of 1940 in the Statutory Trust Act.
Section 4 adds a new § 3806(p) to the Statutory Trust Act to confirm that the trustees of a statutory trust may authorize the beneficial owners to direct the voting of securities held by the statutory trust. Many registered investment companies have implemented, or are considering implementing, forms of pass-through voting.
Section 5 amends § 3811(c) of the Statutory Trust Act to conform the language to the analogous provision in the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.
Section 6 amends § 3815(b)(4) of the Statutory Trust Act to change a reference from “person” to “entity”.
Section 7 amends § 3815(f) of the Statutory Trust Act to confirm that an amendment to a governing instrument or the adoption of a new governing instrument effected pursuant to § 3815(f) of the Statutory Trust Act may be effected only with respect to the governing instrument of the surviving or resulting statutory trust and not with respect to the governing instrument of a constituent statutory trust that is not the surviving or resulting statutory trust.
Section 8 amends § 3820(g) of the Statutory Trust Act to provide that the approval of a conversion to a statutory trust, and the approval of the governing instrument of the statutory trust, are required to occur prior to the time a certificate of conversion to statutory trust becomes effective rather than prior to filing of the certificate of conversion to a statutory trust.
Section 9 amends § 3822(g) of the Statutory Trust Act to provide that the approval of a domestication as a statutory trust, and the approval of the governing instrument of the statutory trust, are required to occur prior to the time a certificate of statutory trust domestication becomes effective rather than prior to filing of the certificate of statutory trust domestication.
Sections 10, 11, and 12 amend §§ 3827, 3828, and 3829 of the Statutory Trust Act to clarify that §§ 3827, 3828, and 3829 apply to all of Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code rather than to only Subchapter I of Chapter 38.
Section 13 provides that the amendments to the Statutory Trust Act take effect on August 1, 2024.

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 339

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act (the “GP Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the GP Act:
Section 1 amends § 15-902 of the GP Act to permit a certificate of merger or a certificate of ownership and merger to state any amendments to the statement of partnership existence of a surviving domestic partnership in a merger (and in the case of a surviving domestic partnership that is a limited liability partnership, to the statement of qualification of such surviving domestic partnership) as are desired to be effected by the merger. This section also amends § 15-902 of the GP Act to require a domestic partnership that is causing a merger under § 15-902(m) of the GP Act to file a statement of partnership existence (if it has not already filed a statement of partnership existence).
Section 2 provides that the amendments to the GP Act take effect on August 1, 2024.
This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 340

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS.

This Act authorizes the creation of Family Justice Centers within Delaware to provide victims of crime with a single source to obtain resources and support services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HB 341

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION TO AN ENTITY EMPLOYING A MEMBER OF THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE OR JOINT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

This Act prohibits the following:

(1) An appropriation for a grant-in-aid to a nongovernmental entity that employs a member of the Joint Finance Committee, as the Joint Finance Committee is charged with preparing the annual grants-in-aid act.

(2) An appropriation for funding under the annual capital improvement act to a nongovernmental entity that employs a member of the Joint Committee on Capital Improvement, as the Joint Committee on Capital Improvement is charged with preparing the annual capital improvement act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |

## HB 342

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY FIREARMS DO-NOT-SELL REGISTRY ACT.

This Act creates a Voluntary Firearms Do-Not-Sell Registry in which an applicant may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a firearm. An individual on the Registry may request removal from the Registry no sooner than 30 days after the individual is entered on the registry. Once an individual requests removal from the Registry, the individual must be removed from the Registry no sooner than 30 days after the removal request. An individual who transfers a firearm to a person in violation of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class G felony for a subsequent offense. An individual who makes a false statement or representation regarding their identity when requesting inclusion or removal from the Registry shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Apr 23, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 19, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 27, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 342

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY FIREARMS DO-NOT-SELL REGISTRY ACT.

This Act creates a Voluntary Firearms Do-Not-Sell Registry in which an applicant may voluntarily enroll for the purpose of being prohibited from obtaining a firearm. An individual on the Registry may request removal from the Registry no sooner than 30 days after the individual is entered on the registry. Once an individual requests removal from the Registry, the individual must be removed from the Registry no sooner than 30 days after the removal request. A person who transfers a firearm to an individual in violation of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class G felony for a subsequent offense. An individual who makes a false statement or representation regarding their identity when requesting inclusion or removal from the Registry shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 342 differs from House Bill No. 342 as follows:

(1) Defines the terms “firearm” and “transfer” to increase clarity and ensure consistency with other parts of the Code;

(2) Clarifies that unlicensed persons are also prohibited from selling a firearm to an individual enrolled on the Registry;

(3) Requires a licensed dealer to facilitate the Registry check on behalf of the unlicensed seller in the same way it completes a background check on behalf of the unlicensed seller under § 904A of Title 24;

(4) Clarifies that a person, rather than an individual, may be liable for selling a firearm to an individual enrolled on the Registry;

(5) Clarifies that a person must knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to an individual on the Registry to be in violation of this Act; and

(6) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 343

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DECREASING THE STATE'S REALTY TRANSFER TAX RATE OF TAXATION.

This Act reduces the State's rate of realty transfer tax by .25% per year for 4 years, for residential property conveyances having a property value less than $500,000, and for commercial property convenances having a property value less than $1,000,000, starting January 1, 2025. After January 1, 2028, the State's realty transfer tax rate will be the same rate as it was prior to August 1, 2017 for these conveyances.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 13, 2024 |

## HB 344

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

This bill seeks to correct a current bias in Delaware's election law impacting the outcome of countless races throughout the state.

Numerous academic analyses have concluded that there is a considerable benefit to a candidate's name appearing first on the ballot.

In one noteworthy legal proceeding on ballot position bias, the California Supreme Court held that "a significant advantage accrues to a candidate by virtue of a top ballot position." The High Court further concluded that without incumbents running, approximately 5% of a candidate's vote share could be attributed to their position on the ballot. California took action in 1975 to eliminate this flaw by randomizing the listing of candidates on its ballots. The Golden State uses a system where a randomized drawing of letters of the alphabet is conducted, with the resulting order of letters constituting a "randomized alphabet" that is used for determining the order of candidates' names on the ballot. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 15 states have enacted reforms to deal with ballot position bias.

Delaware law currently mandates that one political party always appear in the first column on the machine ballots or on the first line of absentee ballots. This bill proposes eradicating ballot position inequity by adopting a randomized system modeled after the one successfully employed in California for nearly five decades.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |

## HB 345

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES.

This Act requires Medicaid coverage for additional postpartum visits with a doula upon recommendation of a licensed practitioner or clinician.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Mara Gorman | Jun 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 346

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE.

This Act updates House Bill 455 from the 151st General Assembly by providing the same legal protections afforded providers of contraceptive and abortion services to providers of gender-affirming health care.

In summary, this Act does the following:

(1) Clarifies that medical professionals who provide gender-affirming health care cannot be disciplined for such services even if such services are illegal or considered to be unprofessional conduct or the unauthorized practice of medicine in another state, so long as such services are lawful in this State;

(2) Prohibits health care providers from disclosing communications and records concerning gender-affirming health care without the patient's authorization in any civil action or proceeding, with some exceptions;

(3) Protects health care providers from out-of-state civil actions relating to gender-affirming health care treatment that is legal in Delaware, including the issuance of a summons or the enforcement of subpoenas relating to such cases;

(4) Creates a cause of action for recouperation of out-of-state judgments relating to gender-affirming services that are lawful in Delaware; and

(5) Prohibits insurance companies from taking any adverse action against health care professionals who provide gender-affirming health care services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Mar 27, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Apr 7, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Mara Gorman | Apr 2, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | April Thomas-Jones | Apr 9, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 348

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF LIFEGUARDS AT CERTAIN POOLS.

This Act removes the requirement for a lifeguard at a pool exclusively serving a residential or apartment community not accessible to the general public. Under existing law, a lifeguard is not required at a hotel, motel, or campground. A lifeguard is not required in a family community when the pool is or will ultimately be owned by residents. Requiring a

lifeguard at a pool that is not accessible to the public increases the cost for private communities which must be passed on to tenants in the form of higher rent. This legislation aligns the statutory and regulatory requirements so that the lifeguard requirement in a rental community is the same as for a single family residential community, hotel, motel, and campground.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 15, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 15, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 15, 2024 |
| THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Mar 18, 2024 |

## HB 350

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL COSTS.

This Act creates the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, which will be responsible for review and approval of annual hospital budgets beginning with budgets for calendar year 2026. Hospital budgets established under this process are required to adhere as closely to the spending benchmark as is reasonable given the hospital's financial position and associated economic factors, promote efficient and economic operations of the hospital, and maintain the hospital's ability to meet its financial obligations.

As a temporary measure until the Board begins operations, hospitals are required to charge no more than 250% of Medicare costs to any payer for hospital services in calendar year 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 14, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 14, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 14, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | Thomas Brackin | Apr 2, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Sean Finnigan | Apr 11, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 25, 2024 |
| PAM SQUARED AT DOVER, LLC | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Mar 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HS 2 for HB 350

This amendment changes the Delaware Healthcare Association member to a non-voting member of the Board and adds 1 additional member appointed by the Governor. It also makes some technical clarifications to the budget submission and review process.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | May 3, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 350

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL COSTS.

This Act creates the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, which will be responsible for review and approval of annual hospital budgets beginning with budgets for calendar year 2026. Hospital budgets established under this process are required to adhere as closely to the spending benchmark as is reasonable given the hospital's financial position and associated economic factors, promote efficient and economic operations of the hospital, and maintain the hospital's ability to meet its financial obligations.

As a temporary measure until the Board begins operations, hospitals are required to charge no more than 250% of Medicare costs to any payer for hospital services in calendar year 2025.

This Substitute Bill differs from the original House Bill No. 350 as follows:

It provides additional detail regarding the operation of the Board, budget modifications, and provides an appeal right to the Superior Court.

It changes the application of the definition of hospital to exclude psychiatric facilities.

Because hospitals may have different fiscal years, the deadline for the Board to issue a final decision on a budget is changed to 90 days before the start of a hospital's fiscal year rather than a fixed date.

The confidentiality provisions for hospital records have been updated.

Technical corrections have been made.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Mar 27, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Jeffrey Taschner | Apr 2, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Sean Finnigan | Apr 11, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |

## HS 2 for HB 350

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL COSTS.

This Act creates the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, which will be responsible for an annual review of hospital budgets and related financial information. The Board will have 7 members: 6 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and the Executive Director of the Delaware Healthcare Association. This Act creates a requirement that hospitals submit yearly budgets, audited financial statements, and related financial information to the Board for review.

Where a hospital fails to meet the state's budget benchmark for increases in hospital costs it is required to engage with the Board on a performance improvement plan. If the Board and the hospital cannot agree on an improvement plan or where the hospital fails to successfully implement a performance plan, the Board may require the hospital to have its future budget approved by the Board. The submission of hospital budget and financial information will begin in 2025 for calendar year 2026. In reviewing performance improvement plans or proposed budgets, the Board will consider adherence as closely to the spending benchmark as is reasonable given the hospital's financial position and associated economic factors, the promotion of efficient and economic operations of the hospital, and maintenance of the hospital's ability to meet its financial obligations and provide quality health care.

As a temporary measure until the Board begins operations, hospitals are required to charge no more than 250% of Medicare costs to any payer for hospital services in calendar year 2025.

This Substitute Bill incorporates all of the following changes which were incorporated into House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 350:

It provides additional detail regarding the operation of the Board, budget modifications, and provides an appeal right to the Superior Court.

It changes the application of the definition of hospital to exclude psychiatric facilities.

Because hospitals may have different fiscal years, the deadline for the Board to issue a final decision on a budget is changed to 90 days before the start of a hospital's fiscal year rather than a fixed date.

The confidentiality provisions for hospital records have been updated.

Technical corrections have been made.

In addition, House Substitute No. 2 contains the following changes:

It adds a performance improvement plan process as an interim step prior to requiring a hospital to submit a proposed budget for approval or modification by the Board. With this change, the Board will only accept and review budget information in its first year of operation in 2025. In 2026, it may direct hospitals to submit a performance improvement plan.

It exempts hospitals that are exclusively rehabilitative hospitals.

It changes the composition of the Board as set forth above.

It exempts hospitals who derive 45% or more of their revenue or whose patient population has 5% or less Medicare patients from the 2025 reference pricing provision.

It extends the interim reference pricing period to include 2026 and prohibits balance billing in reference pricing period.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HS 2 for HB 350

This Senate Amendment amends House Substitute No. 2 for House Bill No. 350, as amended by House Amendment No. 1, as follows:

• Replaces the temporary reference pricing provision with a cost growth containment measure already in use for some health care services.

• Specifies that there must be at least 1 member of the Board from each county.

• Provides clarification regarding submissions of hospital financial information.

• Requires the Board to promulgate regulations clarifying the process and factors to be considered for performance improvement plans.

• Adds clarifying provisions regarding the manner and timing of public hearings for each hospital to present its budget, and performance improvement plan where applicable.

• Removes the penalty provision for hospitals who fail to adhere to a budget that was approved or modified by the Board.

• Requires that the Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC) Health Care Spending Benchmark Subcommittee, which sets the spending benchmark, consider revisions to its methodology and make a report recommending any changes to DEFAC by December 31, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | May 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 351

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY BY PRIVATE TOW COMPANIES.

This Act creates a new chapter in Title 21 pertaining to the towing of vehicles without the consent of the owner or operator. It makes violations of the chapter an unlawful practice enforceable by the Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of Justice. The Act creates the following requirements for the towing and storage of vehicles without the consent of the owner or operator:

Photographic evidence must be taken to document the unauthorized parking of a vehicle before it can be towed.

Tow companies and storage facilities must publicly display their rates.

Towing and storage rates must be reasonable, with reasonableness calculated in relation to the fees imposed by the companies for consensual towing and storage or based on average rates in the county.

A maximum total towing and storage rate of $500 is imposed.

Tow companies must decouple or drop vehicles that have not been removed from parking areas if the owner returns before removal. The drop fee may not be more than 50% of the tow fee.

Storage facilities must be open or accessible to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week, and tow companies must make reasonable accommodations to redeem vehicles after-hours.
Individuals must be allowed to retrieve at no cost personal belongings from vehicles held in storage.
Tow companies and storage facilities must accept credit cards.
Where a tow is completed in violation of the chapter, the owner or operator is entitled to both reimbursement of the tow and storage fees as well as damages incurred to retrieve an illegally towed vehicle.
Tow companies are liable for property damage sustained due to a non-consensual tow or storage.
Tow companies may not patrol for illegally parked cars.
Tow companies may not pay or give other benefits to obtain information about cars parked without authorization.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Mar 25, 2024 |
| ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHILA & AFFILIATES | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 14, 2024 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Apr 9, 2024 |

## HB 352

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.

This Act gives county code enforcement constables the authority to tow abandoned vehicles on private property.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 352

This amendment adds municipal police to Section 4402(a) of Title 21 thereby granting them concurrent authority to enforce Sections 4402(d) and (e) related to abandoned vehicles. This amendment also adds county code enforcement constables and municipal police officers to Section 4402(d) related to the authority to ascertain the ownership of abandoned vehicles, and authorizes counties and municipalities to provide required notices to owners of abandoned vehicles.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 353

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEEP FAKES.

This Act provides civil and criminal remedies for the wrongful disclosure of deep fakes that depict individuals in the nude or engaging in sexual conduct. It provides the same remedies as those available under: (1) the Delaware Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act, Chapter 78 of Title 10; and (2) a Violation of Privacy offense under §1335 of Title 11. It further provides that when an adult creates a visual depiction of a minor that is nude or engaging in sexual conduct, the adult would be subject to a felony prosecution, rather than a misdemeanor prosecution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Apr 8, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 25, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HB 354

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENROLLMENT PRIORITY OF MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS.

This Act gives the dependent children of active military members, full-time Delaware National Guard members, and active duty members of a reserve component of the US military priority in choice and charter enrollment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Apr 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| EXCELINED IN ACTION | Ashley Mullins | Jul 9, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 28, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 354

This amendment changes the public school priority requirement so that it is permissive and prescriptive, mirroring the charter school requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HB 355

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

This Act provides legal protections for financial institutions and other entities that provide financial or accounting services to cannabis-related businesses that are licensed or registered under Delaware law. Specifically, it clarifies

that banks, credit unions, armored car services, and providers of accounting services are not subject to prosecution under Delaware law merely by providing lawful services to licensed businesses engaged in the production, distribution and sale of cannabis in Delaware. This Act aims to facilitate the operation of cannabis-related businesses by helping to ensure that such businesses have access to necessary financial and accounting services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Apr 23, 2024 |

## HB 357

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, TITLE 10, TITLE 11, AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WEAPONS.

This Act is the product of the work of the Firearms Definition Task Force ("Task Force"), which was created by this General Assembly under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102.

The Task Force found that while a more limited definition of "firearm" that is consistent with the common understanding of the term is required, a more nuanced approach than that taken in House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 224 is also required. As a result, this Act does the following:

(1) Adopts the definition of "firearm" proposed by House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 224.

(2) Creates a definition for a new term, "projectile weapon", defined as those weapons previously included in the definition of a firearm, but which are not within the common understanding of a firearm.

(3) Makes clear that a "projectile weapon" is a deadly weapon.

(4) Amends the Criminal Code, criminal procedure provisions of Title 11, the Beau Biden Gun Violence Prevention Act (§ 1448C of Title 11 of the Delaware Code), the protection from abuse proceedings law (§§ 1041 through 1048 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code), the sexual violence protective order law (Chapter 72 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code), the lethal violence protective order law (Chapter 77 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code), and other provisions in Title 6, Title 10, and Title 24 of the Delaware Code to appropriately distinguish between when a law is intended to just apply to a firearm or to a firearm and a projectile weapon.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Apr 23, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 19, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 16, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |

## HB 359

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

This Act expands the protections offered to consumers under the Delaware Personal Data Privacy Act by applying the Delaware Personal Data Privacy Act to the State government.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 28, 2024 |

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 28, 2024 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 28, 2024 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Verity Watson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| UNITE USA INC., DBA UNITE US | Kim Willson | Mar 28, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 359

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

This Act is a substitute for House Bill No. 359. This Act, like House Bill No. 359, changes the applicability of the Delaware Personal Data Privacy Act. This Act differs from House Bill No. 359 because instead of applying all of the provisions of the Delaware Personal Data Privacy Act to the State government, this Act limits the application to the State government only for purposes of a consumer enforcing a right under § 12D-104(a)(6) of Title 6 of the Delaware Code to opt out of the processing of the consumer's personal data for the purpose of targeted advertising, the sale of personal data, and profiling in furtherance of solely automated decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 360

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS.

This Substitute for House Bill No. 360 removes 1 floating holiday and adds 1 legal holiday that will rotate on a 3-year basis between Diwali, Eid ul-Fitr, and Yom Kippur, so that only one of those holidays will be a legal State holiday in any given year. The Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HB 361

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS.

This Act requires a public school to provide a breakfast meal and a lunch meal free of charge to a student who is eligible for a reduced-price meal.

This Act requires the Department of Education to reimburse public schools for the free meals required by this Act by

paying the difference between the cost of the free meal provided to a student and the reduced-price meal.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 2, 2024 |

## HB 362

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES.

In 2023, the General Assembly passed House Bill 80, which required the coverage of doula services under the State's Medicaid plan beginning in 2024. This Act would require similar coverage under private health insurance plans.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |

## HB 363

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RIGHTS OF TENANT EMPLOYEES.

This Act requires a landlord who provides a dwelling place to a person as part of their employment compensation to provide them with a disclosure form advising them of the conditions and requirements for occupancy and vacancy of the premises once they are no longer employed for the landlord. The disclosure must inform the tenant employee that the landlord must offer the tenant, within 5 business days of termination by the employer, the opportunity to enter into a written rental agreement, if no rental agreement is in effect already. No offer for a rental agreement is necessary if the tenant employee is terminated for cause. The landlord may condition the rental agreement on the person financially qualifying as a tenant and meeting the landlord's income, credit, or other financial requirements for renting the unit. This Act also lengthens the time period the landlord must wait before bringing a summary possession action against a formerly employed tenant from 15 days to 30 days unless the termination is for cause.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |

## HB 364

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CANCER COVERAGE.

This Act requires that individual, blanket, and group health insurance carriers cover drug treatment for the associated conditions of metastatic cancer in the same way treatment for metastatic cancer is covered. Specifically, it requires insurance companies to cover any FDA approved drug prescribed to treat the side effects of metastatic cancer treatment and prohibits insurance companies from mandating that patients first fail to respond to a different drug or prove a history of failure of such drug. Technical changes are also made to comply with the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 15, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Jun 5, 2024 |
| SUSAN G. KOMEN | Rebekah Glick | Jul 10, 2024 |

## HB 365

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE LOTTERY.

This Act is enabling legislation that establishes the framework and requirements for a competitive mobile sports wagering market in Delaware under the authority of the Lottery Director. Sports wagering is now legal in 38 states, and 29 states have legalized mobile sports wagering using computers or other Internet-connected devices, including the neighboring states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Pursuant to this Act, the Lottery Director is authorized and directed to commence the Internet sports lottery by administering a solicitation and request for applications process to license qualified operators that have entered into a market access agreement with one of Delaware’s existing video lottery agents. Each video lottery agent is authorized to partner with a maximum of two prospective Internet sports lottery operators, and certain minimum requirements for applicants are established in the legislation as part of the criteria the Lottery Director will develop to evaluate proposals from applicants. The Lottery Director may disqualify applicants that fail to provide required information. Further, the Director is not required to license applicants that are deemed not to be qualified.

Licensed Internet sports lottery operators are required to pay a $500,000 fee for an initial 5-year license to offer Internet sports lottery games in Delaware, and operators must return proceeds from their operations at a rate of 18% of the operator’s monthly adjusted gross sports lottery receipts. Licensed operators will also contribute 1.5% of their monthly adjusted gross sports lottery receipts to purses for allocation under the direction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission or the Delaware Harness Racing Commission, as applicable. Licensed Internet

sports lottery operators must also contribute additional purses to cover any deficit in the event total purse revenues in any fiscal year from all sports lottery and Internet sports lottery operations are less than the total purses paid in the last 12 months prior to the start of the Internet sports lottery.

Licensing fees collected from operators are allocated to the General Fund. Proceeds returned to the State by Internet sports lottery are allocated first to the Lottery Office's costs and administrative expenses. Thereafter, $400,000 or 3.5% of the proceeds returned to the State, whichever is greater, is allocated to DSAMH for programs for the treatment, education, and assistance of compulsive gamblers and problem gambling. The balance of the proceeds remaining are allocated to the State Lottery Fund for the benefit of the State.

The Act provides the Lottery Director with authority to regulate and provide for the security and effective administration of the Internet sports lottery. Minimum duties of licensed Internet sport lottery operators are established in the Act, including, among other requirements: (i) employing a monitoring system to identify betting irregularities; (ii) reporting suspicious activity to the Director; (iii) maintaining sufficient cash balances and daily records of receipts; and (iv) keeping current in all payments and obligations to the Director. Violations are subject to enforcement under existing statutory provisions.

The Act directs the Lottery Director to implement the Internet sports lottery as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 150 days after enactment. The Lottery Director is authorized to issue conditional or probationary licenses during initial implementation of the Internet sports lottery and may issue emergency regulations to the extent necessary to implement the Act. Final regulations for the Internet sports lottery are to be promulgated within 1 year after enactment. Finally, Section 8 of the Act provides that the Act's provisions do not apply to any vendor awarded a contract by the Lottery Office to provide an online casino and sports gaming platform for Delaware's three licensed video lottery agents pursuant to that certain Request for Proposal issued by the Lottery Office on January 12, 2023, entitled "Internet Wagering System and Services Solution [FIN23001-IWSSS]" or any renewal or successor contract thereto.

This Act expands the definition of "Sports lottery" to include amateur and electronic sporting events.

This Act requires a 3/5 vote because it creates a fee.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CAESARS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STANDARDBRED OWNERS ASSN., INC. | Quinn Johnson | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DRAFTKINGS INC. | Matt Scalf | Jun 5, 2024 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Rebecca Batson Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Adam Marchuk | Jul 18, 2024 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Thomas McGonigle | Apr 17, 2024 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Mary McLaughlin | Apr 17, 2024 |
| RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE DE, LLC | Paul Wierbicki | Apr 19, 2024 |
| SCIENTIFIC GAMES LLC | Douglas Gramiak | Apr 17, 2024 |

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| SPORTS BETTING ALLIANCE | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |

## HB 367

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROVIDER ADVISORY BOARD AND THE EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE.

This Act sunsets the Provider Advisory Board (“Board”) and is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("JLOSC") review of the Board. The Board was created in 2011 at JLOSC's recommendation when it reviewed the Office of Child Care Licensing ("OCCL"). The original purpose of the Board was to advise the OCCL regarding the adoption, promulgation, and amendment of rules and regulations required to carry out the Delaware Child Care Act, focusing on early care and education, family child care homes, and school age centers. In 2019, the Board's purpose was expanded to encourage OCCL to communicate with providers and encourage OCCL to enforce the Delaware Child Care Act in a manner that recognizes that most child care providers are private businesses that need stable and reasonable regulations.

In 2020, both the Board and the OCCL were moved from the Department of Service for Children, Youth and their Families to the Department of Education. The move has increased the frequency of communication between licensed child care providers and agency units, including the Office of Early Learning and the Delaware Early Childhood Council. JLOSC sponsored Senate Bill No. 135 of the 152nd General Assembly, which added the Board's duties to those of the Delaware Early Childhood Council. Before and since SB 135 was enacted, the OCCL has adopted, promulgated, or amended regulations in the absence of the Board's advice. The OCCL is meeting the needs the Board was intended to address, without the Board's assistance.

For these reasons, JLOSC concluded that the Board is not fulfilling its statutory duties or meeting a state need, and that the Board should be sunsetted. This Act therefore sunsets the Provider Advisory Board.

Because the Extended Learning Opportunities Subcommittee included a member from the Board, this Act also replaces that member with a licensed provider that serves children not yet kindergarten age. Otherwise, sunsetting the Board would have the unintended consequence of making the subcommittee a member short. Separate legislation fulfills JLOSC's recommendation that a third center-based early care and education provider be added to the Delaware Early Childhood Council.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## HB 368

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("JLOSC") review of the Provider Advisory Board ("Board"). Based on its findings, JLOSC recommended sunsetting the Board, which is addressed in separate legislation. This Act fulfills JLOSC's related recommendation, to add a third center-based early care and education provider to the Delaware Early Childhood Council ("DECC").

In 2023, JLOSC sponsored Senate Bill No. 135 of the 152nd General Assembly, which consolidated the functions of Board into the functions of DECC. The Board's review was held over to 2024, when JLOSC evaluated the implementation of SB 135. JLOSC concluded that consolidating the Board's duties into DECC was successful. JLOSC also concluded that, given the findings of its 2023 review of the Board and evaluation of the Board's activities since the enactment of SB 135, the Board is not meeting a state need. JLOSC therefore recommended sunsetting the

Board and adding a third center-based early care and education provider to DECC. This Act fulfills the addition to DECC.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## HB 369

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS.

This Act amends Chapter 28 of Title 24 of the Delaware Code to define "successor professional engineer" as a professional engineer who assumes responsible charge of a project, or component of a project, and uses or relies upon the work of the professional engineer who was previously in responsible charge and sealed pertinent documents. The new Section 2832 delineates the acceptable parameters for a successor professional engineer's use or reliance upon work performed by the previous professional engineer in responsible charge. These revisions will both inform licensees of the permissible use of another professional engineer's work and ensure that the recipient of services can identify the responsible professional engineer. The Council for the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers solicited feedback from and held committee meetings with various stakeholders who contributed to drafting of this Act. The Council approved this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## HB 370

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BUYER PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT.

This Act requires the seller of an interest in residential real property to provide the following to a buyer of the property before closing on the sale of the property:

(1) For residential real property that is supplied with potable water by a private well located on the property, a report on the results of testing of the water supplied by the private well that is conducted within 3 months of the signing of a form documenting compliance with the water testing requirements of this Act.

(2) For residential real property that is supplied with potable water from a public water system, the results of testing of the water supplied by the public water system performed by the public water supplier that is conducted within 1 year of the signing of a form documenting compliance with the water testing requirements of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## HB 372

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES ACT.

This Act amends the Delaware Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Communities Act by defining the term “day” to mean a calendar day excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and State legal holidays.This Act eliminates anyone with implied permission under definition of “guest” or “visitor”. The Act expands the definition of “tree” to include root system, limbs, trunk and stem.This Act clarifies that a landlord is responsible for maintenance and repairs of all utilities and services up to the home distribution point. This Act requires the landlord to maintain and regrade, in addition to lots, bulkheads, streets and grounds. This Act also requires the landlord to include in rental agreements that for all areas designated by local, state, or federal regulations as wetlands, flood plains, tidal areas and water discharge areas the landlord will coordinate with the appropriate authorities to prevent any lot flooding and keep the tenant advised on, at least an annual basis, of any flood prevention or drainage projects.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Apr 24, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HS 1 for HB 372

This Amendment clarifies the definition of "day" when the period of time prescribed or allowed is more than 12 days. This Amendment also clarifies that the landlord is responsible for maintenance of utilities and services provided by the landlord up to the physical connection to the home.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 372

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES ACT.

This Substitute bill clarifies that the definition of “day” does not include Saturday, Sunday, any federal holiday, or any State legal holiday when the specified number of days is 12 or less. When the specified number of days is more than 12 days, “day” means a calendar day. If the first or last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, federal holiday, or State holiday under § 501 of Title 1, the date shall be extended to the next business day.

This Substitute bill also clarifies that the definition of “guest” or “visitor” does not include a business invitee.

This Substitute bill also removes the additional wetland provision in H.B. 372 and restores the original language in this section of the title.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |

## HB 374

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FERTILITY TREATMENT.

This Act updates House Bill 455 from the 151st General Assembly by providing the same legal protections afforded providers of contraceptive and abortion services to providers of fertility treatment. In summary, this Act does the following:

(1) Clarifies that medical professionals who provide fertility treatment care cannot be disciplined for such services even if such services are illegal or considered to be unprofessional conduct or the unauthorized practice of medicine in another state, so long as such services are lawful in this State;

(2) Prohibits health care providers from disclosing communications and records concerning fertility treatment without the patient's authorization in any civil action or proceeding, with some exceptions;

(3) Protects health care providers from out-of-state civil actions relating to fertility treatment that is legal in Delaware, including the issuance of a summons or the enforcement of subpoenas relating to such cases;

(4) Creates a cause of action for recouperation of out-of-state judgments relating to fertility treatment that is lawful in Delaware; and

(5) Prohibits insurance companies from taking any adverse action against health care professionals who provide fertility treatment and services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 8, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Ceil Tilney | Jun 9, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Mara Gorman | Jun 13, 2024 |

## HB 375

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PAYMENT OF PREMIUM OR SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES BY ELIGIBLE PENSIONERS.

This Act implements a recommendation from the December 31, 2023, Report of the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee. Under this Act, the amount of the premium for a health-care insurance plan that this State will pay on behalf of eligible pensioners who were first employed as a regular officer or employee on or after January 1, 2025, and who are not subject to mandatory retirement, is changed as follows:

1. For eligible pensioners employed by the State for at least 15 years but less than 20 years at the time of retirement, 50% of the of the premium.

2. For eligible pensioners employed by the State for at least 20 years but less than 25 years at the time of retirement, 75% of the of the premium.

3. For eligible pensioners employed by the State for 25 or more years at the time of retirement, 100% of the of the premium.

All other revisions to current law under this Act are technical changes to improve clarity and conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual. These technical changes include the addition of new defined terms and the reorganization of existing law.

In § 5201 of Title 29, this Act makes the following technical changes:
1. Revises the definitions of “eligible pensioner”, “plan”, and “regular officer or employee” to remove inconsistent language and align with each other and current law.
2. To avoid repeating phrases in § 5202 of Title 29, clarifies that only for purposes of the amount of the premium paid by the State for health-care insurance plans, the term “eligible pensioner” includes the eligible pensioner’s eligible spouse and dependents and defines the following terms:
• “First employed” means the date when the eligible pensioner began work as a regular officer or employee.
• “Mandatory retirement” means mandatory retirement for members of the State Police under § 8361 of Title 11.
• “Maximum state share" means the amount of the premium that the State pays for a plan before the proration ratio is applied.
• “Premium” means the total premium or subscription charge for a health-care insurance plan provided under Chapter 52 of Title 29.

In § 5202 of Title 29, this Act makes technical changes to clarify current law regarding the amount of the premium for a health-care insurance plan that this State will pay on behalf of a regular officer or employee or an eligible pensioner by doing the following:
1. Creates the following terms:
• “Proration ratio”, which means the percentage applied to the maximum state share. For eligible pensioners, the “proration ratio” is based on when the eligible pensioner was first employed and the number of years the eligible pensioner had been employed as a regular officer or employee at the time of retirement.
• “Prorated state share”, which means the dollar amount that the State pays for a plan on behalf of a regular officer or employee or an eligible pensioner. The “prorated state share” is the product of multiplying the proration ratio with the maximum state share.
2. Revises subsection (a) to use the new terms defined under this Act.
3. Transfers the current provisions in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) that provide the maximum state share for eligible pensioners to subsection (a), so they are with the maximum state share for regular officers and employees.
4. Revises subsection (b) so that the proration ratio and how it is used to determine the prorated state share is explained in paragraph (b)(1) and the proration ratios are provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3).
• Paragraph (b)(2) lists all groups for whom the proration ratio is 100% because there are no deductions to the maximum state share.
• Paragraph (b)(3) provides the proration ratios for eligible pensioners based on the date the eligible pensioner was first employed and years of employment as a regular officer or employee. These ratios clarify that for eligible pensioners who worked for less than the minimum number of years for the 50% proration ratio, the State does not pay anything towards the maximum state share.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HB 376

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

This Act implements a recommendation from the December 31, 2023, Report of the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee. Under this Act, the state group health insurance program must include a pensioner coordination of benefits policy for eligible pensioners who were first employed by the State on or after January 1, 2015, and are eligible for health care coverage through their employer that is not through a plan under Chapter 52 of Title 29. The new pensioner coordination of benefits policy begins July 1, 2027, and must be comparable to the exiting coordination of benefits policy for the spouse of a state group health insurance program participant who is eligible for health care coverage through the spouse's own employer. This Act also codifies the existing spousal coordination of benefits policies for the state group health insurance program.

The existing spousal coordination of benefits policies and the pensioner coordination of benefits policy created under this Act apply to all participants in the state group health insurance program, which includes regular officers or employees, eligible pensioners, and individuals eligible under § 5208 and § 5209 of Title 29.

In addition, this Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HB 377

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

This Act implements a recommendation from the December 31, 2023, Report of the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee (RHBAS). Under this Act, the State must continue to offer eligible pensioners first employed by the State as a regular officer or employee (first employed) before January 1, 2025, a plan that is comparable to the current Special Medicfill Medicare Supplement plan. However, for eligible pensioners first employed on or after January 1, 2025, the State may offer different Medicare supplement plans that are not high deductible plans.

This Act differs from the RHBAS recommendation because it does not limit the plan for eligible pensioners first employed on or after January 1, 2025, to plans that are comparable to the current Medicare supplement Plan G and Plan L. This difference is because under this Act, the State will not be able to offer a different Medicare supplement plan to any eligible pensioners until January 1, 2040, and details about the Medicare supplement plans that will be available at that time is unknown.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and to align with related legislation.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION | William Oberle | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HB 379

AN ACT AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE PAYMENTS.

This Bill would reinstate language formerly in the Delaware Code which would permit insurance agents to issue checks to policyholders in time sensitive situations without having to qualify as claims adjusters. This practice would be subject to regulation by the Department of Insurance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Apr 23, 2024 |

## HB 380

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL PROCEDURES TO RELINQUISH FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION.

This Act makes technical changes for clarity by adding a definition of “mental condition” to the Code section that deals with relinquishment of firearms for persons who may be a danger to self or others (also known as a “red flag” law). It also extends the time periods for the Department of Justice to petition for a permanent order from 30 days to 60 days and allows the Superior Court to grant an extension of time to file for an additional 30 days. Under the existing law, the Superior Court may only grant a 15-day extension. The time within which a hearing is required to be held is extended from 15 days after the DOJ’s filing of a petition to 30 days. An ex parte emergency order issued by the JP Court will continue in effect during these time periods.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 24, 2024 |
| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Apr 23, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Apr 21, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 16, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 27, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |

## HB 381

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT CODE.

This Act requires the Delaware Real Estate Commission to create a comprehensive, statewide rights & responsibilities guide (“guide”) for landlords and tenants. This guide will reference responsibilities that a tenant or landlord must follow, including federal, state, county, and municipal requirements. This guide is to be created with input from other housing-related organizations, as needed. The Commission may amend the guide, including to update it and to add

additional information that is relevant to landlords and tenants.

This Act also requires a landlord or real estate service provider to provide the guide to prospective tenants entering into a landlord-tenant relationship governed under Part III of Title 25. The guide must also be provided at the time a rental agreement is renewed if the renewal is for a term of 1 or more years. The guide may be provided in electronic or paper format.

The guide is deemed a statutorily required form under 24 Del. C. § 2912. Real estate service providers may be subject to discipline for misrepresenting the availability or content of the required form. Additionally, failure to provide the guide when required is deemed an unlawful practice under § 2513 of Title 6 and a violation of Subchapter II of Chapter 25 of Title 6.
This Act is effective upon enactment into law and, except for the penalty provisions, is to be implemented the earlier of the following:
(1) One year from the date of the Act's enactment.
(2) Notice by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation published in the Register of Regulations that the guide this Act creates has been published by the Delaware Real Estate Commission.

Penalty provisions are to be implemented 180 days after the remainder of the Act is implemented.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |

## HB 382

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VISION SCREENING.

This Act requires that public school students receive a vision screening, including a test for color blindness, in kindergarten. Students must also receive vision screenings at appropriate intervals in grades 1 through 12, to be determined by the DOE.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ACADEMY OF OPHTHALOMOGY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION | Dennis Greenhouse | Apr 25, 2024 |

## HB 383

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST 340B DRUGS AND COVERED ENTITIES BY MANUFACTURERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS.

Section 1 of this Act prohibits discrimination against 340B drug distribution by manufacturers, repackagers, third-party logistics providers, and wholesalers. Violations are deemed an unlawful practice enforceable by the Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has authority to promulgate regulations under this section. The Board of Pharmacy may take disciplinary action against licensees based on the outcome of investigations or proceedings brought by the Department of Justice.
Section 2 of this Act prohibits discrimination by pharmacy benefits managers against 340B covered entities. Violations

are deemed unfair practices in the insurance business. Contracts purporting to include provisions in violation of this Act are deemed void and unenforceable.

Section 3 of this Act contains severability language in the event that any provision or the application of the Act to a person or circumstance is deemed to be invalid.

Section 4 of this Act contains non-preemption language to ensure that the Act can be read and interpreted to not conflict with other State or federal law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS LP | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 29, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | May 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 3, 2024 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| HEALTHCARE DISTRIBUTION ALLIANCE | Kelly Memphis | May 10, 2024 |
| INCYTE CORP. | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| LILLY USA, LLC | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | May 10, 2024 |
| PHARMACEUTICAL CARE MANAGEMENT ASSOC. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH & MANUFACTURERS ASSN. | Lincoln Willis | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 2 to HS 1 for HB 383

This Amendment to House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill 383 removes wholesale distributors from the requirements and prohibitions against 340B drug discrimination. The Board of Pharmacy may still conduct investigations of a wholesale distributor that may possess evidence concerning a complaint filed with the Board concerning a violation of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Jul 8, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Jun 15, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 383

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18 AND 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST 340B DRUGS AND COVERED ENTITIES BY MANUFACTURERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS.

This substitute for House Bill 383 does the following:

Like House Bill 383, Section 1 of this Act prohibits discrimination against 340B drug distribution by manufacturers, third-party logistics providers, and wholesale distributors. Violations are deemed an unlawful practice enforceable by the Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has authority to promulgate

regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. This Section differs from House Bill 383 by removing repackagers from the list of entities prohibited from engaging in 340B drug discrimination, authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations and take disciplinary action against both licensees and holders of permits issued by the Board, and requiring covered entities, manufacturers, third-party-logistics providers, and wholesale distributors to publish annual reports on their websites and provide copies of the reports to the Board of Pharmacy, Speaker of the House, Senate President Pro Tempore, Office of the Governor, and members of the House and Senate Health Committees and Joint Finance Committee.

Section 2 of this Act prohibits discrimination by pharmacy benefits managers against 340B covered entities. Violations are deemed unfair practices in the insurance business. Contracts purporting to include provisions in violation of this Act are deemed void and unenforceable. This Section differs from House Bill 383 by making technical changes to correct internal references and changing references to “health carriers” to reference “purchasers” instead.

Section 3 of this Act contains severability language in the event that any provision or the application of the Act to a person or circumstance is deemed to be invalid.

Section 4 of this Act contains non-preemption language to ensure that the Act can be read and interpreted to not conflict with other State or federal law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 29, 2024 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 29, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC | Tamera Brown Alvarado | Jul 17, 2024 |
| MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Jun 15, 2024 |
| SANOFI US | George Coutros | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HS 1 for HB 383

This Amendment removes Section 1 of this Act, which would prohibit discrimination against 340B drug distribution by manufacturers, third-party logistics providers, and wholesale distributors.

This Amendment also does all the following:

1. Clarifies that an entity's contracted pharmacy is included in the protections under § 3374A of Title 18.
2. Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Jul 15, 2024 |

## HB 384

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NEWARK CITY CHARTER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWARK TO LEVY A TAX ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK.

This Act amends the Newark Charter by authorizing the City of Newark to levy and collect a per student, per semester tax on Colleges and Universities that host in person classes which are located within the boundaries of the City of Newark. This tax applies to all colleges and universities including any organizations that are considered subdivisions of the State of Delaware or are otherwise tax exempt, including but not limited to the University of Delaware. It also limits the available payment methods to restrict the use of credit cards for the payment of the aforementioned tax.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | May 10, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |

## HB 386

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MASSAGE AND BODYWORK.

Section 1 of this Act revises the definition of “massage establishment” by repealing the exemption for all business establishments licensed under other chapters of Title 24. This exemption allows a massage practitioner to work in a licensed cosmetology shop that does not hold a massage establishment license. In that situation, the cosmetology shop can have an identified professional-in-charge responsible for the operation of the cosmetology shop and its employees, but that individual is not responsible for the massage practitioners. This means that the professional-in-charge responsible for the cosmetology shop cannot be held responsible for the wrongful actions of a massage practitioner, which adversely impacts the disciplinary process. With this exemption repealed, a cosmetology shop offering massage services is required to have both a massage establishment license and a licensed massage practitioner as the professional-in-charge responsible for the actions of all massage practitioners providing services on the premises.

Section 2 of this Act increases the minimum hours of education required for licensed massage therapists for students who begin their massage therapy education on or after July 1, 2024, from 500 hours to 625 hours and makes corresponding revisions to the required curriculum hours for each subject. This increase in hours is required by changes in the federal Department of Education regulations for student eligibility for Title IV financial aid, including the elimination of the “150% rule”. Instead, school hours must match the curriculum hours required for licensure by the state. However, programs that require less than 600 hours are not eligible for Title IV financial aid. This change is consistent with the recommendation of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards that 625 curriculum hours are appropriate to adequately train massage therapists to practice safely and competently.

Section 1 of this Act takes effect upon enactment, but Section 2 of this Act takes effect on or before July 1, 2024, to align with the effective date of the federal Department of Education regulations.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 387

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN THE STATE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM.

This Act is the result of a successful pilot project involving disadvantaged business enterprises in State contracts. In 2023, Section 189 of Senate Bill No. 35, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 2, authorized the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to engage in a pilot program to include Community Workforce Agreements as part of large public works projects using businesses that met the definition of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). If an agency elects to award based on best value, this Act requires projects, valued in excess of $30,000,000, to be scored using DBE usage of at least 10% but no more than 30%. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 387

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN THE STATE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM.

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## HB 388

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT.

This Act updates the Clean Indoor Air Act to include the burning of marijuana or the use of marijuana in an electronic smoking device as a prohibited activity in all the same locations where smoking a tobacco product or using an electronic smoking device is prohibited.

Further, the Act updates and clarifies some of the definitions used in this chapter. Several of the defined terms are no longer used in the substantive portions of the chapter because they pertained to exceptions to the Clean Indoor Air Act that were legislatively removed. This bill also makes technical changes to conform to the requirements of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Finally, the exception on smoking prohibitions for vapor establishments is repealed. The exception for tobacco businesses was removed from the Clean Indoor Air Act in 2002, and this repeal will treat the businesses more alike. In addition, the definition of vapor establishment had proved difficult for agencies to understand and implement properly. This Act is effective January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 389

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 28 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARITABLE GAMING.

This Act provides for an annual raffle license that will allow for the holding of up to 20 raffle events a year. If such license is obtained, the organization must provide notice to the Board at least 7 days prior to any raffle event but does not have to include details of the prizes or values in the notice. A report must still be filed after the raffle that lists prizes and values. The Act also changes the number of days in which a report must be filed from 30 to 90 if an organization has an annual raffle license.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |

## HB 391

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10, TITLE 11, AND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN FEES.

Delaware relies on fees imposed as surcharges by the criminal legal system to generate revenue for government services. These criminal fees can be an unstable revenue generator, especially when there are recessions, pandemics, or other major economic events. This Act repeals three fees that currently fund videophone systems used by state and local agencies, personnel, equipment, and training expenses related to judicial branch security, and victim notification initiatives. The elimination of these fees was recommended by the Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group created by House Bill 244, as amended by House Amendment No 2, of the 151st General Assembly, in its December 7, 2023 report. The Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group also recommended replacement of lost revenue for affected agencies as needed with General Funds. In repealing these fees, the General Assembly intends to eliminate any outstanding balances owed on these fees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 14, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jun 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## HB 392

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DAIRY OPERATION RISK MANAGEMENT COVERAGE.

The United States Department of Agriculture runs a voluntary program that provides risk management coverage to dairy producers that pays out based on the difference between the national price of milk and the average cost of feed. This Act enables the Delaware Department of Agriculture, subject to the availability of funding, to reimburse eligible dairy operators in the state for the cost of the premium to enroll in the USDA program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |

## HB 393

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("JLOSC") review of Adult Protective Services ("APS"). JLOSC approved recommendations to modify several areas of the APS statute, Chapter 39 of Title 31. Based on the recommendations, this Act does all of the following:

- Establishes timelines for when the Department of Health and Social Services ("Department") must begin an investigation after receiving a report concerning an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult who is impaired or incapacitated.

- Establishes the Department's responsibility to conduct ongoing training programs for relevant staff.

- Removes the Adult Protective Services Advisory Council from section 3903, Title 31. This council is absorbed into the existing Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, through separate legislation.

- Modifies the reporting requirement of § 3910(a), Title 31, to specifically establish that health-care professionals have a duty to file a report with the Department when the professional has reasonable cause to believe that an adult who is impaired or incapacitated is in need of protective services; clarifies that privilege does not relieve an individual from the duty to report.

- Removes language in § 3904(d)(1) regarding a fee schedule and income criteria process that the Department has not used and does not plan to institute.

- Makes many technical changes to modernize and conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 394

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH PLANNING AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("JLOSC") review of the Delaware Health Resources Board, which this Act renames the Delaware Health Resources Advisory Board ("Advisory Board"). Based on the research, review, and discussion of both the JLOSC and a task force created to assist the JLOSC's research, JLOSC approved recommendations to change the Advisory Board into an advisory council and move the Advisory Board's decision-making authority to the Delaware Health Care Commission's executive director. In addition to those approved recommendations, this Act also implements JLOSC's approval to amend the Advisory Board's statute in the following ways:

- Renames the certificate of public review process to the nationally-recognized name of "certificate of need."

- Clarifies procedures and review considerations, including removing the Health Resources Management Plan ("Plan") and codifying relevant sections of the Plan. The Plan will be replaced by a statewide health-care facility utilization study, be conducted on a biennial basis, and include utilization information to process certificate of review applications.

- Adjusting for inflation, updates the monetary threshold that triggers the requirement for a certificate of need application. The monetary threshold has not been updated since 2007.

- Removes references to the Bureau of Health Planning and Resources Management, because staff support was transferred in 2012 to the Delaware Health Care Commission and DHSS, Office of the Secretary.

This Act takes effect 6 months after the date of enactment. This Act does not apply to applications that are submitted before the enactment date of this Act.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HB 395

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL COSTS.

This Act replaces a temporary hospital cost containment provision from the implementing legislation for the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board that was based on Medicare reference pricing with a provision that limits growth based on a formula already in use for some health care services.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 9, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 8, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 8, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Sean Finnigan | May 9, 2024 |

## HB 397

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OWNERSHIP OF ABANDONED LAND ENCUMBERED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS.

The purpose of this Act is to reduce the cost to the State in addressing ownership of land encumbered by public right-of-way permanent easements when the land has been abandoned by a prior owner and a current owner cannot be located. This Act will allow the Department, in the name of the State, to obtain fee simple ownership of land encumbered by right-of-ways, previously conveyed to the Department by permanent easement, when such right-of-ways are part of a current Department project. This Act requires the Department to promulgate regulations to establish the procedures for establishing that the land has been abandoned and for recording its fee simple ownership of the land.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |

## HB 400

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

This Act moves the date of primary elections for statewide office, county office, and municipal office to the fourth Tuesday in April, which is the date of the presidential primary (in presidential election years). The dates for submitting and withdrawing notification of candidacy have been adjusted accordingly, as have the dates for notice of filing fees and background checks. Section 4 changes the "closed" period in which a voter is not allowed to change his or her political affiliation to match the 60-day limit in 15 Del. C. § 3189 for presidential primaries. This Act is applicable to all primary elections after December 31, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 401

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD SCREENING OR TEST RESULTS.

This Act amends Section 2603 of Title 16 to require the Division of Public Health to provide the results of lead screenings or tests to school nurses and require contracts or computer upgrades to include lead results.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 28, 2024 |

## SA 1 to HB 401

This amendment requires that the Division of Public Health send the results of lead poisoning screenings to the State's health information exchange, Delaware Health Information Network, for inclusion in the community health record.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## HB 402

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY BUILDING CODES.

This Act requires new schools and state buildings over 50,000 square feet to meet certain requirements to ensure that the building's roof is able to support solar energy infrastructure.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## HB 403

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ASSESSMENT FUNCTIONS IN ALL COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

This Act transfers the sections pertaining to assessment functions and the New Castle County Board of Assessment Review from the subchapter governing the functions of the Department of Land Use to the subchapter governing the functions of the Department of Administration and updates reference to the Department of Land Use to the Office of Finance in Chapter 83 of Title 9. It changes the New Castle County Board of Assessment Review from 8 members appointed by New Castle County Council and 1 member appointed by the County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council, to 8 regular members and 3 alternate members appointed by New Castle County Council and 1 regular member appointed by the County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council.

It changes the Sussex County Board of Assessment Review from 5 members to 5 regular members and 3 alternate members. It permits Sussex County Council to provide for the term, residency requirement, compensation, and procedure for filling vacancies. It authorizes the appointment of a representative called a "referee" or a panel of 3 members of the Board to hear assessment appeals. It increases the time period in which the appeal process may take place from one month to three months.

In all counties, it removes the requirement that a board of assessment or Department or Office of Finance to show the names of the owners, last owners, or reputed owners, the value of the property, and the amount of each owner's assessment in their written assessments.

In all counties, it clarifies that all property subject to assessment shall be assessed at its fair market value as of the date of the most recent reassessment base year in the county in which the property is located.

It removes the requirement in Sussex County that the written assessment must state whether unimproved land is timberland, swamp, or marsh, and the number of acres.

It provides the Board of Assessment Review for New Castle County the ability to determine the schedule and manner of hearings necessary to handle its higher volume of appeals in a timely manner and increases the time for the Board to provide appealing parties notice of the hearing from 5 to 10 days. Further, it changes the date that the Board of Assessment for Sussex County or its representatives must hear appeals and make additions, alterations, or

corrections to assessments from February 15 through March 1 to March 1 through May 31 of each year or until all appeals have been heard and acted upon during a year of reassessment.
It removes the requirement that the Board or representatives must sit in their offices during each secular day to hear such appeals.
It provides that duplicate assessments may be in the form of a widely accepted electronic file format.
It clarifies that when a board of assessment, Department or Office of Finance makes a supplemental assessment that does not alter, amend, or make a new one, it is treated like a general or annual assessment and the notice provisions required of an altered, amended, or new assessment do not apply.
In all counties, it provides that any notices required to be given under Title 9, Chapter 83 may be sent by e-mail when the property owner has provided an electronic mail address for notice purposes.
In all counties, it provides that each board of assessment or Department or Office of Finance shall publish notices of the place, and the website if made available electronically, where the annual and supplemental assessment roll may be inspected together with a notice of the time and place of the sittings to hear appeals. It changes the publication requirements for such notices in the case of Kent and Sussex Counties to one time in at least 2 newspapers and in the case of New Castle County to the newspaper with the highest general circulation.
It clarifies the method for determining taxation value, frequency of assessments, and assessment rate for mobile homes by providing that Ad Valorem assessments for mobile homes shall be developed in the same manner as real property and be predicated on their market value and taxed at the same rate as real property throughout the county and school district in which the mobile home is located and in the name of the owner. In instances where the land is leased, the land upon which the mobile home is located shall be separately assessed and shall not include the value of the mobile home located thereon. It removes the provision that mobile homes be subject to a tax based on their value as rated in a nationally recognized appraisal guide and that a recognized guide be used to determine the assessed value on mobile homes. It removes the provision that for model homes not appearing in a guide, the board of assessors must contact a reputable mobile home dealer to determine value.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## HA 3 to HB 403

This amendment changes the date that The Board of Assessment Review for Kent County or its representatives must hear appeals and make additions, alterations, or corrections to assessments from April 1 through April 15 to March 1 through May 31 of each year or until all appeals have been heard and acted upon during a year of reassessment.
It changes the time period for issuing appeal decisions from 5 days to 30 days. It provides for 20 days instead of 15 days for a Department or Office of Finance to provide a certified record to the Superior Court if a decision is appealed.

It provides that Ad Valorem assessments for mobile homes shall be developed in the same manner as real property and be predicated on their market value, taxed at the same rate as real property throughout the county and school district in which the mobile home is located and in the name of the owner.
This amendment also corrects a typographical error in the original bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
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## HB 404

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LYME DISEASE.

To address the significant spread and impact of Lyme Disease in Delaware, this bill creates a Lyme Disease intervention fund. The fund shall be overseen by the Department of Agriculture and shall have the goal of reducing the prevalence of Lyme disease and potential for contracting Lyme disease on State owned lands. The Department shall investigate the best ways to do that, focusing on ones that are the most effective, environmentally sensitive, and innovative. The Department of Agriculture will coordinate its efforts in the administration of the fund with the Division of Public Health and the Department of Natural Resources. The Joint Finance Committee shall determine the yearly amount of the fund.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| U.S. BIOLOGIC | Rebecca Byrd | May 20, 2024 |
| U.S. BIOLOGIC | Robert L. Byrd | May 20, 2024 |
| U.S. BIOLOGIC | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 20, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 404

This Amendment expands the goals of the Lyme disease intervention fund established in House Bill No. 404 to include reducing the prevalence of other tick-borne illnesses and the animals known to carry other tick-borne illnesses.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## HB 405

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE JUVENILE OFFENDER CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM.

This Act removes the requirement that a juvenile can only be referred to the the Juvenile Offender Civil Citation Program a second or subsequent time if the juvenile's prior referral was for a different offense than the second referral, allowing a juvenile to be referred for the same offense if the juvenile is otherwise qualified.

This Act also makes technical changes to comply with the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HB 406

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

This bill grants the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement the ability to enter into offers in compromise with importers to resolve alleged violations of Title 4 and Office of the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner Rules. Currently, the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and eleven states plus the District of Columbia utilize offers in compromise.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## HB 407

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LICENSED TRANSPORTERS.

This Act establishes an application process, policies, procedures, operational instructions, and requirements for licensed transporters to obtain and use transporter license plates when transporting vehicles.

This Act requires a greater-than-majority vote for passage because Article VIII, § 11 of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of 3/5 of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly when a new tax or license fee is imposed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## HB 408

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MARIJUANA CONVERSION LICENSES.

This Act creates a temporary conversion license for existing medical marijuana compassion centers to operate for recreational marijuana purposes, and sets forth requirements to obtain a conversion license and to operate under such a license. This Act also specifies that conversion licenses may not be issued after November 1, 2024 and expire after 48 months, at which time the license may be renewed as an open license.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |
| COLUMBIA CARE, LLC | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Adam Windett | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT | Karen O'Keefe | May 22, 2024 |
| MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT | Bridget Spiddle | May 22, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 408

This Amendment to House Bill No. 408 makes the following changes to the provisions contained in House Bill No. 408:

(1) It increases the fee for cultivation conversion licenses from $100,000 to $200,000.

(2) It removes a 5% discount for up-front payment of the conversion license fee.

(3) It changes the conversion license expiration period from 48 months to 24 months.

(4) It requires applicants seeking a conversion license to operate a retail facility to provide an attestation that they will serve medical cardholders in accordance with the Medical Marijuana Act.

(5) It provides additional criteria that conversion licensees must meet to operate a retail facility, which include continuing to operate the facility as a medical dispensing location, prioritizing the distribution of marijuana products to qualifying patients, maintaining or increasing the diversity of medical marijuana products available, providing product and pricing information to the Commissioner within 7 days of increasing the maximum price for any marijuana or marijuana product or a new product is being offered, and abide by an agreement to continue medical marijuana operations and to maintain an adequate and diverse supply as well as justifiable pricing with respect to medical marijuana and medical marijuana products.

(6) It requires conversion licensees with cultivation or manufacturing conversion licenses to provide monthly wholesale pricing information to the Commissioner.

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| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jul 18, 2024 |

## HB 409

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNIQUE VEHICLES.

This Act defines a Unique vehicle as one not manufactured to meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) in effect for the model year in which it was manufactured or which does not meet the requirements of the Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) emissions inspection program. It identifies the requirements for those vehicles to be titled, registered, and branded for operation within this State.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |

## HB 412

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PRIVACY.

Like Chapter 19 of Title 10, covering judicial officers, and a similar provision pending for correctional officers, this Act allows law enforcement officers to submit a written request that their personal information not be publicly released. The written request may be submitted directly by a law enforcement officer to a person or government agency or the law enforcement agency employing the officer may submit a written request on behalf of the officer.

This Act also directs the law enforcement agency employing covered law enforcement officers to develop a policy and procedure for law enforcement officers to apply for the employer to submit a written request on behalf of the law enforcement officer. The employer would also be required to enroll a law enforcement officer who opts into the employer’s process to enroll the law enforcement officer in the services for an online privacy vendor.

This Act applies to law enforcement officers who serve on or after its enactment date and takes effect 180 days after

its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 413

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO POLICE OFFICER ARREST POWERS.

This Act provides enhanced statewide jurisdiction for police officers, including county and municipal police officers. Specifically, this Act does the following:

(1) Enables a police officer to make arrests for certain serious offenses committed in the officer's presence when the officer is off-duty, if the officer is operating a police vehicle equipped with emergency lights and a siren.

(2) Adds 3 additional traffic violations to the list of traffic violations for which a law enforcement officer may arrest for statewide when the traffic violations are committed in the officer's presence, reckless driving, aggressive driving, and overtaking and passing a stopped school bus.

(3) Requires a police officer acting outside of the officer’s jurisdiction to take reasonable measures to notify the primary jurisdictional police agency as soon as practicable of the location of the crime and, if involving a stop for 1 of the 4 permitted motor vehicle offenses, the registration number, description, and number of occupants of the vehicle.

(4) Enables an off-duty police officer to make an arrest at any location in the State of an individual for any offense committed within the jurisdiction of the officer’s employing agency and for whose arrest a warrant has been issued.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 415

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

This Act ensures that all individuals, regardless of housing status, have equal opportunity to live in decent, safe, sanitary, and healthful accommodations and enjoy equality of opportunities. To that end, this Act sets forth the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness, many of which are existing constitutional rights, and creates a process by which the State Human and Civil Rights Commission and the Division of Human and Civil Rights may accept and investigate complaints of discriminatory treatment, attempt conciliation, and refer enforcement actions to law enforcement Internal Affairs if necessary. These entities already exist and administer Delaware’s Fair Housing and Equal Accommodations laws. This act is intended to prohibit discrimination on the sole basis that one is experiencing homelessness.  It does not give preferential treatment to those experiencing homelessness, but merely prohibits discriminatory treatment.

The complaint process requires that conciliation is attempted before a public hearing is held, as set forth in lines 151-160 and 167-169.

This Act is a successor to House Bill No. 55, and differs from that bill in the following ways:

1) The new Chapter it creates is entitled “Anti-Discrimination Provisions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness” instead of “Bill of Rights for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.”

2) Defines the term reasonable search.

3) Expands the definition of “individuals experiencing homelessness” to include those who may be staying with different friends or family without a permanent home.

4) Eliminates a reference to voting rights, since such rights are addressed elsewhere in the Code.

5) Clarifies that the right to seek or maintain housing does not preclude or limit a municipality’s enforcement of its housing, building, and sanitation laws.

6) Changes the right to occupy a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle, provided that the vehicle is legally parked "on public property" to "in a public parking lot."

7) Confirms that the right to be free from discrimination by landlords on the basis of experiencing homelessness does not preclude a landlord’s consideration of any other factor that is permissible under State or federal law.

8) Removes the provision that the Commission and the Division may consult with state, county, and municipal officials, and other interested parties, to learn the extent, if any, to which discriminatory acts exist in the State, county, or municipality, and whether and how state, county, or municipal enforcement programs might be utilized to combat the discrimination.

9) Mandates reporting on the Division's educational activities.

10) Provides that upon preliminary confirmation that the party alleged to have engaged in a discriminatory act is a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency, the Division shall refer the matter to the applicable Internal Affairs department (instead of the Department of Justice) for further appropriate investigation and resolution.

11) Provides that the Commission shall issue an annual report identifying organizations who has committed three or more substantiated violations of § 4504A of this title in a 12 month period.

12) Clarifies that judicial review is done in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

13) Provides respondents with a cause of action for damages, including attorneys’ fees, costs, and punitive damages, against a complainant who abuses the process set forth in the act.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 416

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.

This Act raises the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of a low-speed vehicle from less than 2,500 pounds to 3,000 pounds or less.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |

## HB 417

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CIVIL CLAIMS BASED ON SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR.

Survivors of child sexual abuse that occurred in this State who have been barred from filing suit against their abusers by virtue of the expiration of the former civil statute of limitations, shall be permitted to file those claims in the Superior Court of this State at any time. This is intended to apply retroactively.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 421

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PAID TIME OFF FOR EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.

This bill amends section 1318 of Title 14 to provide an education employee paid time off to recover from injury incurred in the performance of duty.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |

## HB 422

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS IN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES.

This Act defines certain facilities which will require an applicant seeking a permit for a new facility, or expansion of an existing facility, or renewal of an existing permit, located in an overburdened community, as defined in the Act, to provide an environmental justice impact report. Facility includes the following commercial, municipal, or industrial businesses located in, or within, a ½ mile radius of an overburdened community: (1) manufacturers of animal food, meat, seafood, tobacco, manufactured homes, chemicals, cement, asphalt, ready-mix concrete, primary metal, nonmetallic mineral products, ammunition or transport equipment; (2) manufacturers of fossil or bio-based fuels, distillates, chemicals and pharmaceuticals; or industrial scale storage of such materials; (3) pulp, paper, paperboard and sawmills; (4) commercial rail, port or water freight docks; (5) landfills, transfer stations, resource recovery, scrap metal or recycle centers or compost operators; (6) warehouses, and distribution, trucking and logistic centers larger than 75,000 square feet; (7) industrial or municipal sewage treatment centers, animal waste management or processing operations and sludge processors; (8) large, concentrated animal feeding operations, as defined by the size threshold in the federal Clean Water Act, regardless of their discharge status; (9) energy generators, as defined in §1001 of Title 26; (10) medical waste incinerators (with the exception of those attendant to a hospital or university intended to process self-generated medical waste); and (11) commercial, municipal, or industrial projects or installations that are not listed in (1) through (10) that are similar in scale, and that currently contribute or upon permit approval would contribute to the cumulative pollution in an overburdened community, which are identified by the

Department in conjunction with the Environmental Justice Board.

For all permit applications, the environmental justice impact report would be required at least 60 days before a required community information session and public hearing.

Under the Act an “overburdened community” is defined as any geographic locations that potentially experience harms and risks a determined by the Environmental Justice Board or any census tract, as delineated in the most recent U.S. Census, in which one or more of the following is greater than .75 standard percentage of the State average for any of the following: (1) 35% of the residents are below 185% of federal poverty level. (2) At least 25% or more identify as minority or member of a state or federally recognized tribal community or immigrant. (3) 25% or more have limited English proficiency as defined by U.S. Census Bureau.

The Department would be required to create and post on its website a list of “overburdened communities” and update the list every 2 years.

The Act establishes the Environmental Justice Board to review and make recommendations on the environmental justice impact reports, conduct community information sessions and public hearings, and other measures to help the Department fulfill the purpose of this chapter.

The community information session and public hearing on the permit would be required to provide an opportunity for meaningful public participation by the overburdened community.

Following the public hearing the Secretary would be required to consider the recommendation of the Environmental Justice Board and the testimony presented at the public hearing and an analysis of the environmental justice impact report. The Secretary could impose conditions to the permit that may be necessary to reduce the adverse impact to the public health or to the environment in the overburdened community.

The Secretary would have the authority to deny a permit application in an overburdened community upon a finding that the cumulative impact imposed by the new or expanded facility would constitute an unreasonable risk to the health of the residents of the overburdened community or to the environment in that community.

The Act requires the Department to establish rules and regulations to implement the Act, in consultation with the Environmental Justice Board, within 6 months after its enactment.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Robert Whetzel | May 16, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert Whetzel | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | May 21, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| RECYCLED MATERIALS ASSOCIATION (REMA) | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RECYCLED MATERIALS ASSOCIATION (REMA) | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 9, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## HB 425

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 4 AND 16 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

This Act moves the Office of Medical Marijuana, which is currently under the Department of Health and Social Services to the Office of the Marijuana Commissioner within the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Under this Act, the Marijuana Commissioner, rather than DHSS, will be responsible for administering the Delaware Medical Marijuana Act, which includes the following tasks: (1) Registration and certification of safety compliance facilities and compassion centers; (2) Issuance of registry identification cards; (3) Registration of qualifying patients and designated caregivers; and (4) Updating rules and regulations under the Delaware Medical Marijuana Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## HB 426

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES.

This Act ensures that pregnant women in DOC custody, at Level IV or V, are able to meet with a doula or midwife to create a birth plan surrounding the birth of their child. Among other things, the birth plan must include a statement identifying a preferred childcare provider and whether the new mother wishes to express breast milk for the child. This

Act further requires that the DOC publish an annual report regarding the use of doula and midwifery services within the DOC. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## HB 427

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

This Act protects consumers by regulating home improvement contracts. Among other things, this Act provides the buyer with a right to cancel home improvement contracts within 3 days (5 days for those over the age of 62 or with a disability); limits contract deposits and material deposits; and time periods in which construction must begin. It also prohibits confessions of judgments and hasty debt transfers. Where the court finds a party to a home improvement contract wilfully violates a provision of this new subchapter, the court must award to the prevailing party costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

This Act also creates a requirement that individuals convicted of 2 or more offenses of home improvement fraud after January 1, 2025, must be subject to debarment. This debarment will preclude these individuals from operating a business which engages in home improvement services or from employing other individuals to engage in home improvement services. Debarred individuals may work for a company which engages in home improvement themselves, so long as they are not in control of the company in question. This bill also enhances penalties for home improvement fraud for those with prior convictions for home improvement fraud; creates a new Class D felony for debarred individuals who operate companies or employ other individuals which engage in home improvement; and creates enhanced penalties for individuals who engage in home improvement services while operating companies which are not registered with the Delaware Department of Labor's Contractor Registry.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 427

This amendment eliminates sentencing enhancements that the Act would otherwise have added for those convicted of home improvement fraud who are found not to have complied with the home improvement protections set forth in Chapter 36 of Title 6.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## HS 1 for HB 427

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This Act also creates a requirement that individuals convicted of 2 or more offenses of home improvement fraud after January 1, 2025, must be subject to debarment. This debarment will preclude these individuals from operating a business which engages in home improvement services or from employing other individuals to engage in home improvement services. Debarred individuals may work for a company which engages in home improvement themselves, so long as they are not in control of the company in question. This bill also enhances penalties for home improvement fraud for those with prior convictions for home improvement fraud; and creates enhanced penalties for individuals who engage in home improvement services while operating companies which are not registered with the Delaware Department of Labor's Contractor Registry.

This Substitute differs from the original House Bill No. 427 in that it eliminates original lines 156-181 which contained sentencing enhancements that the Act would otherwise have added for those convicted of home improvement fraud who are found not to have complied with the home improvement protections set forth in Chapter 36 of Title 19. It changes the definition of "debarment" in original line 113 and "qualifying conviction" in original lines 131-133 to provide greater clarity. It changes the enhanced penalties for violations of home improvement fraud from those set forth in original lines 137-143.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 428

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE PROCUREMENT.

This Act corrects, clarifies, and amends Title 29, Chapter 69 which articulates state procurement guidelines and procedures. The changes to the chapter realign some responsibilities from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to the Director of the Section of Government Support Services (Section) within the Office of Management and Budget. Additional chapter amendments include the addition of processes to Subchapter VI, Professional Services, and authorizes the Section to lead some mandatory use Professional Services contracting efforts. The Professional Services changes made are similar to the processes and procedures as identified in other subchapters of Chapter 69. The changes will not impact the vendor community.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Jun 12, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 429

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, § 6 OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO LIMITING THE ANNUAL GROWTH OF EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE OPERATING BUDGET.

This legislation, the State Spending Accountability Amendment, is the first leg of a constitutional amendment that would reform the state budgeting process.

This amendment would continue the Budget Stabilization Fund, established in 2018 under Executive Order 21, issued by Governor John Carney. It also seeks to continue the state Benchmark Index and state Benchmark Appropriation, established by the same executive order, which will expire at the end of the Carney administration in January 2025.

This amendment would further hold the General Assembly accountable for responsibly managing state spending growth by instituting new protocols. It would create the 8-member Budget Accountability Review Commission (BARC) and establish a set of procedures to ensure the state operating budget complied with the state Benchmark Index and state Benchmark Appropriation. These benchmarks could be exceeded when extraordinary circumstances presented themselves.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## HB 431

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE USE AND REGULATION OF LIVE BAIT IN TIDAL AND NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE.

A major environmental concern is the spread of pathogens and invasive species across water bodies. The use of live bait in both non-tidal and tidal waters can inadvertently result in the transfer of invasive species and pathogens to new waters. Freshwater ecosystems are particularly susceptible to invasive species spreading disease and destroying Delaware’s native species and freshwater habitats.

This Act requires the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, through regulations, to determine which species of live bait may be harvested, imported, transported, sold, or used, in the tidal and non-tidal waters of the State. This Act requires the Department to post all such promulgated regulations on the Department’s website. This Act also permits the Department, by regulation, to prohibit or restrict the importation or sale of live bait species from other states or countries.

This Act is to be implemented the earlier of 6 months after enactment or notice by the Secretary of the Department to the Register of Regulations that final regulations have been adopted.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UPSTREAM POLICIES, INC. | Victoria DeRooy | Jun 11, 2024 |
| UPSTREAM POLICIES, INC. | Amanda Hansen | Jun 11, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 432

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.

This Act updates provisions of the code covering the Delaware Institute of Medical Education Research (DIMER), which creates partnerships with out-of-state medical schools as an alternative to creating a state sponsored medical school. Specifically, this Act does the following:

(1) Updates the name of the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University to “Sidney Kimmel Medical

College of Thomas Jefferson University";
(2) Adds the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine as a DIMER medical school;
(3) Alters and updates the composition of the DIMER Board and provides that all members will be appointed by the Governor;
(4) Clarifies that a vacant Board position is not counted for quorum purposes;
(5) Requires the Board Chair to be elected from the members of the Board, rather than appointed by the Chair of the Delaware Health Care Commission;
(6) Requires the Board to select candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair from a nominating committee determined by the Board; and
(7) Provides that the Board Chair and Vice Chair shall serve no more than 3 consecutive terms.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 432

This Amendment adds a representative of Federally Qualified Health Centers, who is a resident of Sussex County, as a board member of DIMER.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HB 433

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

This Act revises the experience rating methodology for assigning unemployment assessment rates to employers under the Unemployment Insurance Code in Delaware, replacing the current benefit wage ratio methodology with the benefit ratio methodology used by 19 other states. The new methodology is meant to be more responsive to changes in the economy over time, to better sustain the solvency of the Unemployment Trust Fund, and to be easier to administer. The unemployment assessment rate for an employer under this new methodology would be calculated by combining a benefit ratio assessment, an employer size add-on, and an employer industry add-on. The supplemental tax for operations and technology costs that is already included in the Unemployment Code would continue to be added to each employer's overall assessment rate. This bill also reduces new employer unemployment assessment

rates and phases in a permanent taxable wage base over three years- $12,500 for calendar year 2025, $14,500 for calendar year 2026, and $16,500 for calendar year 2027 and thereafter. The new methodology would be in effect beginning calendar year 2027. Until the effective date of that new tax rate structure, this Act would also provide temporary relief to employers who pay unemployment tax assessments in calendar year 2025 and 2026 by reducing new employer tax rates, simplifying tax rate schedules, reducing or holding constant overall employer tax rates, and reducing the maximum earned rate.

This Act also makes technical corrections to existing Code to conform to the Legislative Drafting Manual and reinserts a historical provision that applied only to 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## HB 434

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC HEARINGS.

This bill requires DNREC to be transparent and citizen friendly in how it conducts public hearings by returning to the pre-COVID in-person public hearing process. The bill requires DNREC to hold public hearings having a physical location allowing the public to attend and testify in person. These hearings may allow virtual participation in addition to in-person participation.

All public hearings must be noticed for at least 2 hours of testimony and in no event shall testimony be limited to less than 1 minute per person.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 435

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INCOME TAXES.

This bill creates a new chapter in Title 30 and establishes the STEM Talent Advancement and Retention Program (“STAR Program”) and the STEM Talent Advancement and Retention Fund (“STAR Fund”). The purpose of this STAR Program is to incentivize and attract individuals graduating with an associate, bachelor’s, graduate, or post-graduate degree in STEM to stay and work in Delaware.

An applicant must be employed with a Delaware-based employer defined as (1) having its principal place of business in Delaware; or (2) at least 51% of its employees working at a Delaware based location; or (3) registered to conduct business in Delaware and reported Delaware tax liability in the previous year.

Successful applicants will receive tax credits for education loan expenses up to a maximum of $1,000 for an associate degree, $4,000 for a bachelor's degree, and $6,000 for a graduate or post-graduate degree for up to 4 consecutive years. The award may not exceed the education loan expense incurred by the applicant.

The Department of Finance shall administer the program in conjunction with the Delaware Center for Life Science Education and Training ("Center"). The Department will form a Fund Committee of 5-8 individuals that must include the Executive Director of the Center, or their designee, and individuals with knowledge and expertise in STEM employment in Delaware.

The fund shall be funded on an annual basis by the General Assembly in a minimum amount of $100,000. The Department may also seek federal funds, grants, or private contributions to fund the STAR Fund. The Department may not commit to awards that exceed the amount contained in the Fund.

This Act is effective 10 days following the date of publication in the Register of Regulations that funds have been appropriated to implement the provisions of this Act and Notice by the Controller General is published with the Register of Regulations. This Act is to be implemented the earlier of the following: (1) 6 months after the Act's effective date; or (2) Notice by the Secretary of Education in the Register of Regulations that final regulations have been promulgated.

This Act expires 5 years after its effective date unless otherwise provided by a subsequent Act of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## HB 436

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE/FIREFIGHTER PENSION PLAN.

This Act allows participation in the county and municipal police/firefighter pension plan by persons who are employed full time as either a paid firefighter or a paid emergency medical technician or both.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HB 438

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 13 AND 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

This Act makes changes to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program. It removes the employer as the party responsible for making eligibility determinations and claims decisions and instead reallocates this responsibility to the Department of Labor and gives the Department authority to enter into contracts with other entities to review and adjudicate claims for benefits.

This Act makes other changes throughout Chapter 37 of Title 19 concerning eligibility criteria and requirements for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program. It clarifies that schools are not exempt from being considered employers; clarifies that family leave benefits are not payable for time taken after the death of an individual for whom an employee is on approved family leave; removes the ability of employers with fewer than 25 employees to elect to provide

reduced parental leave; removes a provision that results in the aggregation and potential capping of benefits for employees who work multiple jobs with the potential for employees to pay more in contributions and receive less in benefits than they would otherwise be due; requires the Department to set contribution rates, statewide average weekly wages, and maximum benefits; removes a provision authorizing employers to require that payment be made concurrently or otherwise coordinated with payment made or leave allowed under the terms of disability or family care leave under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy; removes a provision allowing employers to require employees to use accrued paid time off before accessing family and medical leave benefits and count that accrued paid time off toward the total length of leave allowed under Chapter 37 of Title 19; authorizes an employee an option to use a private review process of a private plan's denial of benefits prior to appealing to the Department; clarifies that denials of claims are subject to the appeal provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act; and clarifies that employers who violate the requirements of Chapter 37 of Title 19 are subject to a penalty only where the violation is due to wilful misconduct or gross negligence. This Act makes changes to ensure that child support obligations are fulfilled and benefit checks account appropriately for child support deductions and to allow the Department to make garnishments to enforce judgments obtained under this chapter.
This Act also updates relevant sections of Title 13 to allow for child support deductions of PFMLA benefits as appropriate.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS | Vincent Ryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE CO (AFLAC) | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 438

This Amendment to House Bill 438 removes language contained in House Bill 438 stating that schools are not exempt from being considered employers for purposes of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## HB 439

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOUSING STATUS DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING AND PROPERTY.

Delaware law prohibits discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics in housing and property transactions. This Act would add "housing status" as a protected characteristic.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Sep 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jul 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| THE BUCCINI/POLLIN GROUP, INC. | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Shyanne Miller | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HB 440

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOUSING STATUS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Delaware law prohibits discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics in employment and professional activities. This Act would add "housing status" as a protected characteristic.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Sep 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Shyanne Miller | Jul 3, 2024 |

## HB 441

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18, TITLE 24, TITLE 29, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND NEUROMUSCULAR MASSAGE THERAPY.

This Act encourages patients to choose physical therapy, occupational therapy, and neuromuscular massage therapy as a safe alternative to opioid use for managing acute and chronic pain by doing the following:

1. Eliminating cost-sharing for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and neuromuscular massage therapy services.
2. Expanding the prohibition on annual or lifetime numerical limits on physical therapy, occupational therapy, and neuromuscular massage therapy services to the treatment of any chronic or acute musculoskeletal pain or post-surgical therapy.

This Act applies to individual health insurance policies under Chapter 33 of Title 18, group and blanket health insurance policies under Chapter 35 of Title 18, the State employee health plan under Chapter 52 of Title 29, and Medicaid under Chapter 5 of Title 31.

This Act applies to all policies, contracts, or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued after December 31, 2025.

This Act expires December 31, 2030.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY | William McCall | Jun 10, 2024 |
| ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 9, 2024 |
| ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY | Verity Watson | Jun 9, 2024 |
| ATHLETICO PHYSICAL THERAPY | Kim Willson | Jun 9, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 9, 2024 |

## HB 442

AN ACT CREATING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION TASK FORCE.

This Act creates the Affordable Housing Production Task Force (“Task Force”). The purpose and mission of the Task Force is to investigate and make findings and rcommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on how the State and local governments can increase the production of affordable rental units and homes in Delaware.

The Task Force shall consist of 20 members some appointed by the Governor, some appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, some appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and some will serve as a member by virtue of their official position. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force will be (1) the member of the Delaware Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, (2) the member of the Delaware House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and (3) the Director of the Delaware State Housing Authority.

The Task Force must create, at a minimum, the following Sub-Committees: (1) Regulating and Permitting, (2) Finance and Development, (3) Construction, (4) Manufactured Housing, (5) Community Focus Groups. The Chairs of the Sub-Committees must be members of the Task Force but the members of the Sub-Committees do not have to be on the Task Force. A Sub-Committee may have a maximum of 9 members.

This Act establishes the duties and responsibilities of the Co-Chairs of the Task Force and the requirements that will govern the administration of the Task Force.

The first meeting of the Task Force must be held no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

The Task Force must provide its Final Report by March 1, 2025.
This Task Force will expire on the date it submits its Final Report unless its existence is continued by a subsequent act of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jul 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 443

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LOW BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS.

This Act requires the Delaware State Housing Authority to establish and administer Low Barrier Navigation Centers (LBNCs). LBNCs are non-congregate, interim housing facilities designed to rapidly transition individuals or families into permanent housing.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |
| THE SPRINGBOARD COLLABORATIVE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 19, 2024 |

## HB 445

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REVERSE KEYWORD SEARCHES AND COURT ORDERS.

Reverse keyword court orders enable the government to obtain technology search data without identifying any specific person as to which there is probable cause to believe they have committed or will imminently commit a crime. The profusion of electronic devices and apps in recent years has allowed recordation of numerous details of citizen's everyday lives, that the government should not be permitted to collect and review at will. Such general searches allow the government to sweep in personal information about hundreds or thousands of people who are not suspected of having committed any crime. These searches are an invasion of privacy, have a potentially chilling effect on civil liberties, and sidestep requirements for individualized suspicion that are otherwise required for a lawful search. This Act would prohibit law enforcement and courts from requesting, issuing, or enforcing reverse-keyword court orders and reverse keyword requests. It also creates a private right of action for an individual whose personal information was obtained in violation of this Act and requires the suppression of evidence derived from an unlawful or reverse-keyword search.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (NATIONAL) | Chad Marlow | May 23, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |

## HA 1 to HB 445

This amendment contains replacement language for HB 445 that eliminates the private right of action for monetary damages and replaces it with other methods of enforcement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HB 446

AN ACT TO AMEND T ITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITED PURPOSE OF CONSUMER REPORTS.

This bill prevents a consumer reporting agency from furnishing a consumer report if the report is being obtained due to an inquiry regarding a residential mortgage loan.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jul 9, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |

## HB 447

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL TITLE TRANSPARENCY AND ADVERTISMENT.

This Act creates Chapter 62 of Title 24 to regulate health-care advertisements, defined as any communication or statement that is directly controlled or administered by a health-care professional or a health-care professional’s office personnel. It requires the following

1) Doctorally prepared health-care practitioners using the designation "Doctor" or "Dr." in connection with that person's name or calls themself "Doctor" must specify the educational degree and type of license or other permissible title authorized by that person's professional practice act or regulation.

2) Any health-care practitioner licensed under the professional boards defined in this chapter must wear an identification name tag during all patient encounters which must include the practitioner's name and the type of license or other permissible title authorized by that person's professional practice act or regulation. There are certain

exceptions to this requirement:

(1) The health-care practitioner is working in a nonpatient care setting and does not have any direct patient care interaction.

(2) The wearing of identification would jeopardize the health-care practitioner's safety.

(3) The health-care practitioner is in a setting in which the license type and names of all health-care practitioners working in that setting are displayed.

(4) The office is an office of a solo health-care practitioner, or of a single type of health-care practitioner.

The Boards defined in this chapter are the following:

Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board of Podiatry
Board of Chiropractic
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
Board of Nursing
Board of Occupational Therapy
Board of Optometry
Board of Pharmacy
Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Board of Dietetics/Nutritionists
Board of Social Work Examiners
Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

3) An advertisement for health-care services which names any health-care practitioner must identify the type of license held pursuant to the requirements of this statute or other permissible title. Further, the advertisement may not contain deceptive or misleading information.

4) Provides that a health-care practitioner who violates this chapter is deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct, which may be grounds for disciplinary action under the licensure provisions governing the respective health-care practitioner; however, The Division of Professional Regulation will only accept or assign a complaint number or investigate a complaint filed by a patient or agent of the patient as designated in a power of attorney or advance health-care directive.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSN. OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION | Joanne Finnigan | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 17, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 17, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 17, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

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| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |

## HB 450

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A RENTAL UNIT REGISTRY.

This Act creates a rental housing registry for the State of Delaware that is searchable by the public. In addition to basic information about the rental unit, the landlord must provide the results of any lead-based paint inspection or risk assessment of a unit constructed before January 1, 1978.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HB 451

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

This Act adds 911 dispatchers as “covered persons” for purposes of line of duty death benefits.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HB 452

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT.

This Act requires that all rental units constructed before January 1, 1978, are certified as lead free or lead safe by a specific deadline. Lead inspectors must be approved by the State to conduct inspections and if necessary, lead abatement and remediation. A certificate exemption may be issued for no more than 6 months. If the rental unit is uninhabitable, the landlord must provide alternative housing while the unit undergoes lead abatement or remediation. Recertification for lead safe units must occur prior to commencement of any rental agreement more than 4 years after the date the unit was last certified. Units must be recertified as lead free or lead safe if a lead-based paint hazard is discovered in the rental unit or if individuals residing in the unit develop elevated lead blood levels. Beginning July 1, 2026, every rental until constructed prior to January 1, 1978, shall include a disclosure as to whether the rental unit has been certified as lead safe or lead free.

To help eligible landlords obtain lead certification or remediate their units, this Act creates a Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Grant and Loan Program. Preference for grants shall be given to families with young children, pregnant individuals, or tenants regularly visited by children under 6 years old. This Act also establishes a Lead-Based Paint Remediation Certification Committee to study the available workforce and available public funding to support the inspection and remediation efforts required by this Act along with the feasibility of meeting deadlines established under this Act.

This Act also does the following:

(1) Prohibits landlords from discriminating against individuals because they make a complaint or assist in an investigation or proceeding relating to a lead-based paint hazard in a rental unit or premises.
(2) Prohibits landlords from discriminating against individuals residing in a unit who have elevated blood lead levels or children or pregnant individuals who may be affected by lead-based paint hazards.
(3) Requires landlords to show proof that their unit is certified as lead free or lead safe in accordance with this Act prior to filing a complaint for possession with JP Court.
(4) Requires that contractors performing lead-based paint abatement or remediation under the Delaware State Lead-Based Paint Program provide for the safety of workers performing lead-based paint remediation work, including free blood testing for workers at least every 3 months.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |

## HB 453

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BUILDING AND PLUMBING.

This Act protects Delaware's fresh water supply while also reducing costs for small businesses and single-family residential homeowners by eliminating the requirements for installation and yearly inspections of backflow preventors on low-hazard water users. However, an otherwise low hazard property that has fire sprinkler systems, in-ground lawn sprinklers, swimming pools, hot tubs, or similar systems connected to its fresh water supply will be required to install a backflow preventor.

Under § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution, this Act requires a two-thirds majority vote because it constitutes an implicit charter change, as the ordinances it seeks to override derive their authority from municipal charters.

This Act also makes a technical correction on line 16. The word "shall" is changed to "must" to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 455

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RENT INCREASES IN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL AGREEMENTS AND RENTAL UNIT DATA COLLECTION.

This Act creates a 10-year program to address the lack of affordable housing in Delaware by establishing statewide limitations on the amount that rent can be increased as follows:
1. When a rental agreement is renewed, the rent increase may not exceed 5% of the previous rent unless the 36-month average annual increase of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is greater than 5%. If the 36-month CPI-U is greater than 5%, the rent may be increased by no more than 7% of the previous rent.

2. For a new rental agreement, the amount rent can be increased from the previous rent is as follows:
• If the amount of the previous rent is equal to or exceeds the Fair Market Rent (FMR), the rent may not exceed the previous rent plus the amount allowed for a rent increase for the renewal of a rental agreement.
• If the amount of the previous rent plus 7% of the FMR equals or exceeds the FMR, the rent may not exceed the previous rent plus the amount allowed for a rent increase for the renewal of a rental agreement.
• If the amount of the previous rent plus 7% of the FMR equals less than the FMR, the rent may not exceed the previous rent plus 7% of the FMR.

The limitations on the amount of rent under this Act do not apply to any of the following:
• Owner-occupied structures with 2 dwelling units.
• Rental agreements when the amount of a tenant's rent is governed by federal regulations or guidelines.
• A rental unit that has not been subject to a rental agreement during the previous 12-month period.

This Act requires that the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) annually do all of the following:
• Calculate and publish the 36-month CPI-U for New Castle County and for Kent and Sussex counties.
• Publish the FMR for each county.
• Create and publish an explanation of the limitations on the amount of rent under this Act.
• Compile a report regarding the effectiveness of the limits on the amount of rent under this Act.
This Act also requires that DSHA establish procedures to annually collect and analyze rental housing data in this State to measure the supply and availability of rental housing, including the amount of rent for rental units and other operating characteristics. Beginning January 1, 2026, landlords must annually provide specific data for rental units to DSHA. If a landlord refuses or fails to comply with the data reporting requirement, the penalty for the first occurrence is a warning and opportunity to comply and for subsequent violations, a civil penalty that does not exceed $150 for each occurrence.

Finally, if House Bill No. 381 (152nd) is also enacted, this Act requires that Delaware Real Estate Commission’s comprehensive, statewide rights & responsibilities guide for landlords and tenants include information about requirements related to reporting rental unit data and the website where this data is published.

Under existing law, this Act does not apply to leases of lots for manufactured homes under Ch. 70 of Title 25.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jul 17, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 29, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 29, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 29, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 29, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## HB 475

A BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF ITS AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE; REPROGRAMMING CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE STATE; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2025 Bond and Capital Improvements Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| EXCEPTIONAL CARE FOR CHILDREN, INC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 5, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jul 9, 2024 |
| GREATER WILMINGTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jul 23, 2024 |
| MARITIME EXCHANGE FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER & BAY | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| MARITIME EXCHANGE FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER & BAY | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| MARITIME EXCHANGE FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER & BAY | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 30, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 25, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| TODMORDEN FOUNDATION, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 5, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Jul 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 25, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SB 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.

This Act creates a right to representation for tenants in evictions and other landlord-tenant actions.

The disruptive displacement that accompanies eviction proceedings creates significant costs for state and local government related to shelter funding, education funding, health care provided in hospitals instead of community-based providers, transportation costs for homeless youth, and foster care. Evictions and disruptive displacement also have significant, well-documented, and long-lasting effects on the lives of individuals and families, including poorer physical and mental health, increased risk of homelessness, increased risk of employment loss, loss of personal property, damage to credit standing, and relocation into substandard housing. Further, evictions fall disproportionately on Black and Latinx families, who have also been the hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

Section 1 of this Act establishes a right to representation for evictions and other landlord-tenant actions for covered individuals with household incomes below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The Attorney General shall contract with legal services providers for the provision of representation in proceedings covered by this Act. The Right to Representation Coordinator will manage the contracts and work with community organizations to do outreach and education regarding the right to representation. Section 1 of this Act requires landlords to provide notice of the right to representation at periodic designated intervals in the tenancy and in eviction proceedings.

Section 2 of this Act authorizes the creation of a residential eviction diversion program modeled after the Superior Court’s Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Section 3 of this Act is a severability clause.

Section 4 of this Act makes Sections 1 and 6 effective 120 days after the Act's enactment.

Section 5 of this Act makes Section 2 of this Act contingent on funding.

Section 6 requires the Coordinator to provide the General Assembly with a copy of the first annual report required under § 5605 of Title 25, as contained in this Act, to determine if additional funding is needed to address the fiscal impact of the Act on the Justice of the Peace Court.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Feb 5, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Apr 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | Mar 20, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| REYBOLD GROUP, THE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Jerome Heisler, Jr. | Jul 1, 2023 |

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| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SJR 1

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES TO EXPLORE PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL IV-E GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

This Senate Joint Resolution directs the Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families to explore participating in the federal title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program to increase support to relative guardians and facilitate permanency solutions for Delaware youth in foster care.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 10, 2023 |
| KIND TO KIDS FOUNDATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 1

This Amendment does all of the following:

(1) Removes a judicial or administrative proceeding to remedy a violation of law related to security deposit from the list of proceedings included in a covered proceeding.

(2) Replaces “covered individual” with “tenant” in the provision determining a tenant’s eligibility to be a covered individual.

(3) Makes clear that a covered individual’s household income is to be determined over the immediately preceding 12 months.

(4) Makes clear how to determine household income for a full-time student.

(5) Tabulates the list of notices provided by a landlord that trigger a covered individual’s receipt of legal representation and further clarifies the notice related to termination of a rental agreement.

(6) Provides that a designated organization may decline representation if an attorney deems the covered individual’s defense to lack merit, in addition to a determination by the attorney that an appeal lacks merit.

(7) Provides that a covered individual is entitled to receive legal representation as soon as practicable after the initiation of a covered proceeding, rather than just an eviction proceeding.

(8) Removes the requirement that a court, at a covered individual’s first appearance in a covered proceeding, provide a covered individual with notice of the individual’s right to, and the availability of, legal representation under this Act. This notice is intended to be provided earlier by the Right to Representation Coordinator (“Coordinator”).

(9) Requires that events planned for, and information distributed to, tenants also be made available to landlords and property managers.

(10) Requires that the Coordinator include a full accounting of their expenditures as part of the required annual report.

(11) Provides that the Coordinator is to prepare information explaining legal representation available to tenants, provides that the information is known as “informational materials”, requires the Coordinator to prepare the informational materials in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, and clarifies the events that require the informational materials to be provided to a tenant.

(12) Clarifies the date from which actions are to be taken by the Coordinator and the Justice of the Peace Courts.

(13) Makes clear that the provision of legal representation to a covered individual under Section 1 of this Act is not intended to be the sole basis for a continuance of a covered proceeding scheduled before the effective date of Section 1 of this Act for a hearing on or after the effective date of Section 1 of this Act.

(14) Provides that the residential eviction diversion program include an initial mediation conference rather than a conciliation conference.

(15) Makes technical corrections, including to use the defined term “rental agreement” instead of “lease” and to insert “Delaware” before “Supreme Court” for clarity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Apr 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 1. Like Senate Bill No. 1, this Act creates a right to representation for tenants in evictions and other landlord-tenant actions.

The disruptive displacement that accompanies eviction proceedings creates significant costs for state and local government related to shelter funding, education funding, health care provided in hospitals instead of community-based providers, transportation costs for homeless youth, and foster care. Evictions and disruptive displacement also have significant, well-documented, and long-lasting effects on the lives of individuals and families, including poorer physical and mental health, increased risk of homelessness, increased risk of employment loss, loss of personal property, damage to credit standing, and relocation into substandard housing. Further, evictions fall disproportionately on Black and Latinx families, who have also been the hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

Section 1 of this Act establishes a right to representation for evictions and other landlord-tenant actions for covered individuals with household incomes below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The Attorney General shall contract with legal services providers for the provision of representation in proceedings covered by this Act. The Right to Representation Coordinator will manage the contracts and work with community organizations to do outreach and education regarding the right to representation. Section 1 of this Act requires landlords to provide notice of the right to representation at periodic designated intervals in the tenancy and in eviction proceedings.

Section 2 of this Act authorizes the creation of a residential eviction diversion program modeled after the Superior Court’s Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Section 3 of this Act is a severability clause.

Section 4 of this Act makes Sections 1 and 6 effective 120 days after the Act's enactment.

Section 5 of this Act makes Section 2 of this Act contingent on funding.

Section 6 requires the Coordinator to provide the General Assembly with a copy of the first annual report required under § 5605 of Title 25, as contained in this Act, to determine if additional funding is needed to address the fiscal impact of the Act on the Justice of the Peace Court.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 1 as it does all of the following:
(1) Removes a judicial or administrative proceeding to remedy a violation of law related to security deposit from the list of proceedings included in a covered proceeding.
(2) Replaces “covered individual” with “tenant” in the provision determining a tenant’s eligibility to be a covered individual.
(3) Makes clear that a covered individual’s household income is to be determined over the immediately preceding 12

months.
(4) Makes clear how to determine household income for a full-time student.
(5) Tabulates the list of notices provided by a landlord that trigger a covered individual's receipt of legal representation and further clarifies the notice related to termination of a rental agreement.
(6) Provides that a designated organization may decline representation if an attorney deems the covered individual's defense to lack merit, in addition to a determination by the attorney that an appeal lacks merit.
(7) Provides that a covered individual is entitled to receive legal representation as soon as practicable after the initiation of a covered proceeding, rather than just an eviction proceeding.
(8) Removes the requirement that a court, at a covered individual's first appearance in a covered proceeding, provide a covered individual with notice of the individual's right to, and the availability of, legal representation under this Act. This notice is intended to be provided earlier by the Right to Representation Coordinator ("Coordinator").
(9) Requires that events planned for, and information distributed to, tenants also be made available to landlords and property managers.
(10) Requires that the Coordinator include a full accounting of their expenditures as part of the required annual report.
(11) Provides that the Coordinator is to prepare information explaining legal representation available to tenants, provides that the information is known as "informational materials", requires the Coordinator to prepare the informational materials in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, and clarifies the events that require the informational materials to be provided to a tenant.
(12) Clarifies the date from which actions are to be taken by the Coordinator and the Justice of the Peace Courts.
(13) Makes clear that the provision of legal representation to a covered individual under Section 1 of this Act is not intended to be the sole basis for a continuance of a covered proceeding scheduled before the effective date of Section 1 of this Act for a hearing on or after the effective date of Section 1 of this Act.
(14) Provides that the residential eviction diversion program includes an initial mediation conference rather than a conciliation conference.
(15) Makes technical corrections, including to use the defined term "rental agreement" instead of "lease" and to insert "Delaware" before "Supreme Court" for clarity.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | John Whitelaw | Apr 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | Mar 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 14, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 30, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Jun 29, 2023 |

## SB 2

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 24, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS.

This Act does the following:

(1) Creates an application process to obtain a handgun qualified purchaser permit to authorize the purchase of a handgun. While an applicant will incur costs related to fingerprinting and required training, a fee will not be charged to obtain the permit. A holder of a valid concealed carry permit, a qualified law-enforcement officer, and a qualified retired law-enforcement officer are not required to obtain or present a handgun qualified purchaser permit.

(2) Prohibits a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer, as well as unlicensed persons, from selling or transferring a handgun to an individual unless the individual has a handgun qualified purchaser permit.

(3) Requires that an applicant complete a firearms training course within 5 years before the date of application, similar to what is required by Delaware's concealed carry permit law.

(4) Makes clear that § 904A of Title 24 is not intended to prohibit law-enforcement officials from keeping records.

(5) Requires the Department of Safety and Homeland Security to develop and administer a firearms training voucher program for low-income residents to provide low-income residents with a voucher to cover the costs of the firearms training course required under Section 1 of this Act.

(6) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act is not implemented until the earlier of the following:

(1) Six months from the date of the Act's enactment.

(2) The date of publication in the Register of Regulation of a notice by the Director of the State Bureau of Identification that the necessary processes have been established for implementation of the handgun qualified purchaser permit under Section 1 of this Act and the firearms training course under Section 5 of this Act.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Apr 27, 2023 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Samuel Levy | Mar 20, 2024 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Jul 6, 2023 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Mallory Nugent | Mar 20, 2024 |
| EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND | Elisabeth Ryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Apr 25, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Apr 23, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Sean Holihan | Jul 13, 2023 |
| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## SJR 2

DESIGNATING AUGUST 31, 2023, AS "INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution designates August 31, 2023, as "International Overdose Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware, affirms the importance of overdose awareness, and encourages expanded efforts to keep Delaware residents properly

informed of the grief that comes from losing a loved one to overdose.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HA 1 to HA 4 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment to the amendment clarifies that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorneys General are exempt from the permitting process if otherwise qualified under the subsection.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 1 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment replaces the open-ended voucher program with a pilot program that will last 1 year and issue a maximum of 500 vouchers for low-income individuals who wish to take a firearms training course in order to apply for a permit to purchase. The Department of Homeland Security will issue a report at the end of the period detailing how many vouchers were issued, how many were used, the total cost of the program, and the number of requests, if any, received by the Department after the 500 voucher limit was reached.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HA 10 to SS 1 for SB 2

This Amendment clarifies what information may be retained  by SBI and explicitly exempts application and permit information from the Freedom of Information Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 11 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment requires that a person identified in House Amendment No. 6 is exempt from the training requirement only if the firearm training they undertake as part of their employment meets the requirements for training set forth in this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 2 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment does the following:

Extends from 1 year to 2 years the length of time a handgun qualified purchaser permit is valid from the date of issue.

Makes a technical correction to language relating to the JP Court appeal process.

Allows for local law-enforcement agencies to ensure surrender or removal of handguns purchased with a revoked permit.

Removes the firearms training course voucher program and makes corresponding technical changes.

Adds an explicit severability provision.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 4, 2024 |

## HA 4 to SS 1 for SB 2

Every person desiring to purchase a firearm must first undergo and pass the criminal background check required by the laws of both the United States and the State of Delaware.

Likewise, there are numerous professions and individual licensing processes that require their members to undergo either intense screening, intense training, or both. This amendment recognizes that fact and provides an exemption for certain professionals and individuals for whom the “permit-to-purchase” process contained in the original bill would represent an unnecessary waste of State time, money and human resources while adding no additional safety to the community.

This amendment would eliminate from the permitting process those who have already been screened, trained and/or licensed and would allow scarce resources to be used more effectively to protect the public by eliminating unnecessary volume from the system and recognizing the overall value and trustworthiness the listed persons and professionals bring to our State.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 6 to SS 1 for SB 2

Numerous professions provide and require training equal to or in excess of that required by the original bill. Likewise, certified instructors and competitive shooters enjoy much higher levels of knowledge, experience and competency than is required by the training requirements contained in the original bill.

This amendment recognizes that fact and provides an exemption for certain professionals and individuals for whom the training requirements contained in the original bill would represent meaningless redundancy and an unnecessary waste of time, money and human resources while adding no additional safety to the community.

This amendment would eliminate from the training requirement the redundancy represented by the requirements of the original bill for certain qualified individuals, reduce the cost to the applicant and make the permitting process more effective, meaningful, accepted and respected by the general public.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 7 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment recognizes that there are those persons whom the Courts of this State have found to be either vulnerable to or at risk of physical abuse or attack and further provides a mechanism by which such persons may obtain a permit on an expedited or emergency basis.

This amendment provides a process by which persons under the protection of a Protection From Abuse (PFA) Order issued by the Family Court and those victims of crimes who are under the protection of a No Contact Order issued by the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas or Justice of the Peace Courts to obtain a permit to purchase a firearm for self-protection before having completed the required training but requires the person to obtain the training within 180 days and provide proof of that training to the Director of SBI.

This amendment further requires the Secretary to develop, promulgate and administer a procedure for expediting the issuance of permits on an emergency basis to persons whom the Courts have protected either with a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA) or a No Contact Order.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Mar 15, 2024 |

## SA 7 to SS 1 for SB 2

This amendment strikes line 28 in its entirety and removes language as noted as lines 131 and 133.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 2

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 24, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 2. Like Senate Bill No. 2 this Act does all of the following:

(1) Creates an application process to obtain a handgun qualified purchaser permit to authorize the purchase of a handgun. While an applicant will incur costs related to fingerprinting and required training, a fee will not be charged to obtain the permit. A holder of a valid concealed carry permit, a qualified law-enforcement officer, and a qualified retired law-enforcement officer are not required to obtain or present a handgun qualified purchaser permit.

(2) Prohibits a licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer, as well as unlicensed persons, from selling or transferring a handgun to an individual unless the individual has a handgun qualified purchaser permit.

(3) Requires that an applicant complete a firearms training course within 5 years before the date of application, similar to what is required by Delaware's concealed carry permit law.

(4) Makes clear that § 904A of Title 24 is not intended to prohibit law-enforcement officials from keeping records.

(5) Requires the Department of Safety and Homeland Security to develop and administer a firearms training voucher program for low-income residents to provide low-income residents with a voucher to cover the costs of the firearms training course required under Section 1 of this Act.

(6) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 2 as follows:

(1) By increasing the time a handgun qualified purchaser permit is valid from 180 days to 1 year.

(2) By requiring the Superior Court to schedule the de novo hearing within 15 days of the filing of the appeal rather than to hold the hearing within 21 days of the filing of the appeal.
(3) By extending the implementation timeline of Sections 1 and 5 of this Act from a maximum of 6 months from the date of the Act's enactment to a maximum of 18 months from the date of the Act's enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 18, 2023 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 16, 2023 |

## SB 3

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO VOTING.

This Act is the first leg of a constitutional amendment to eliminate the limitations on when an individual may vote absentee and authorizes the General Assembly to enact general laws providing the circumstances, rules, and procedures for absentee voting in this State. This Act is in response to the Supreme Court's decision in Albence v. Higgins, 2022 Del. LEXIS 377 (Del. 2022).

This Act requires all absentee ballots to include an oath or affirmation that the qualified voter's vote is free from improper influence. This oath or affirmation is in lieu of the oath or affirmation required under Section 3 of Article V of the Delaware Constitution.

Amending the Delaware Constitution requires not only the passing of the changes in this Act, but also passage of the same changes after the next general election by the next General Assembly.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Apr 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Lisa Goodman | Mar 18, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 29, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | John Hardin "Jack" Young | Jul 2, 2023 |

## SCR 3

REQUESTING THAT THE DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF REPLACING THE DELAWARE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution requests that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health assess the feasibility of replacing the Delaware Psychiatric Center's ("DPC") facilities, including gathering input regarding DPC's current and future needs, and provide a report detailing the findings of this work by December 31, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |

## SJR 3

DIRECTING ALL ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN DELAWARE THAT OFFER NET METERING TO SOLAR CUSTOMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COST-BENEFIT STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF NET METERING, INCLUDING COST BURDENS AND COST SHIFTING, TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DELAWARE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITY.

This resolution directs all electric utilities in Delaware that offer net metering to solar customers to participate in a cost-benefit study and analysis of net metering in Delaware being undertaken by the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility to address issues such as cost burdens and cost shifting to non-solar customers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |

## HA 2 to SB 3

This Amendment does all of the following:

(1) Clarifies that a qualified voter who is duly registered has an absolute right to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse.

(2) Clarifies that a qualified voter who desires to cast an absentee ballot must request an absentee ballot from the Department of Elections for each election cycle, unless the qualified voter is granted permanent absentee status. This State's current absentee voting law authorizes permanent absentee status for various reasons (see § 5503(k) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code) and this Amendment adopts those reasons.

(3) Clarifies that early, in-person voting for the general election, a primary election, and a special election is to occur on 10 calendar days before the date of the general election, primary election, and special election, including the Saturday and Sunday immediately before the election.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Jul 1, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |

## SB 4

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 13, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROBATION.

This Act modernizes Delaware's criminal justice system, especially its probation system, by doing the following:
(1) Ending incarceration of probationers for technical violations.
(2) Enabling the customization of conditions of probation to meet individual needs.
(3) Requiring the collection and publication of community corrections data.
(4) Investing in community-based re-entry programs.
(5) Limiting probation terms to 1 year.

Specifically, the Act does all of the following:

Section 1 of this Act adds a definition for "wilful", as used throughout the Act.

Section 2 of this Act does the following:
(1) Requires probation and parole officers to use the least liberty-restrictive means to enhance compliance to conditions.
(2) Requires the probation and parole officers not impose special conditions with which a person cannot in good faith comply. Probation and parole officers must also assess whether the person has the necessary resources to comply with the condition.
(3) Changes that any proceeds gained from seizures in conducting business with federal authorities must go to contracting with community-based re-entry programs providing evidence-based services.

Section 3 of this Act does the following:
(1) Removes the prohibition on an incarcerated person receiving access to the Department of Correction's ("Department") policy & procedure manuals.
(2) Removes prohibition on the disclosure of Department policies and procedures except on the written authority of the Commissioner.

Section 4 of this Act does the following:
(1) Requires that a condition of probation established by Department may not involve a greater deprivation of liberty than is necessary to meet the goals of deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation of the person on probation.
(2) Prohibits the imposition of a condition of supervision that requires paying court fines, fees, supervision-related fees, and supervision-mandated programs.
(3) Authorizes the Department to use alternate methods of reporting such as audiovisual communications.
(4) Requires the Department to not pursue sanctions for use of drugs or alcohol, failure to complete a program when the costs were unable to be met, failure to follow conditions when mental health conditions prevent compliance, and failure to comply with broad conditions that are impossible to follow.
(5) Requires the Department to bear the cost of house arrest programs.
(6) Sets criteria for the use of house arrest.

Section 5 of this Act reduces the maximum length of the period of probation.

Section 6 of this Act does the following:
(1) Outlines the process for revoking probation, including the timing of revocation and requirements of revocation proceedings.
(2) Requires that incarceration cannot be used for any technical violation and sets a limit on period of incarceration for other violations.

Section 7 of this Act repeals the fee for a person applying for an interstate transfer of probation under the Interstate

Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

Section 8 of this Act does the following:
(1) Replaces the forfeiture of earned compliance credit with a process for withholding or revoking earned credits.
(2) Repeals certain offenses being excluded from being able to gain earn compliance credit.
(3) Requires the Department to provide those on probation with a supervision report with credit earned and time remaining on probation every 90 days.

Section 9 through 12 of this Act requires the Statistical Analysis Center to publish data related to the probation system and racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

Sections 13 through 16 of this Act removes the requirement that individuals on probation or parole must have permission before getting married.

Section 17 repeals the restriction on the disclosure of public records in the Department's possession when these records are sought by an inmate in the Department's custody.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 10, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jul 5, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (NATIONAL) | Kimberly Buddin | Apr 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Jun 29, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SS 2 for SB 4

This Amendment does all of the following:
(1) Replaces "serious physical injury" with "physical injury" throughout the Act.
(2) Continues the process of updating the Delaware Code to use people-first language to refer to an individual on probation or otherwise involved in the criminal justice system.
(3) Removes vague language regarding "other dangerous drugs" in favor of "controlled substances", a term with a meaning in Titles 11 and 16.
(4) Permits a court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole office to require an individual on probation to submit to a one-time, baseline alcohol or drug test.
(5) Makes clear that revocation of probation for technical violations of probation is not permitted, except for those technical violations under § 4334(h)(1) of Title 11.
(6) Corrects a drafting error to revert § 4334(d)(1) of Title 11 to as a drafted in Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 4.
(7) Makes clear that a court may impose a sentence of incarceration for a technical violation if the technical violation is for the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances, unless prescribed lawfully, in violation of a condition to abstain from the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances that was imposed due to the criminogenic needs of the individual on probation. This is consistent with the court's ability under § 4332(a)(3) of Title 11 to impose such a condition only if it is reasonably related to the criminogenic needs of the individual on probation.

(8) Makes clear that an individual on probation may leave the individual on probation's residence during curfew hours for time-sensitive healthcare needs of the individual on probation or a dependent of the individual on probation.
(9) Removes the failure to report a problem with a home confinement equipment from the list of technical violations for which a court may impose a sentence of incarceration.
(10) Add additional technical violations for which a court may impose a sentence of incarceration. Specifically, (a) wilful noncompliance with alcohol, drug, or other treatment ordered by a court and (b) wilful failure to charge an electronic monitoring system or wilful failure to comply with an electronic monitoring system.
(11) Removes the requirement that if a period of incarceration is imposed, the individual on probation must be released from custody on expiration of the period of incarceration or the end of the individual on probation's period of probation, whichever occurs first.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SS 3 for SB 4

This Amendment clarifies the definition of "criminogenic needs".

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 4

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 13, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROBATION.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 4. Like Senate Bill No. 4 this Act does the following:

In Section 1, adds a definition for "wilful" and "wilfully", as used throughout the Act.

In Section 2:
(1) Requires probation and parole officers to use the least restrictive conditions possible to enhance compliance.
(2) Requires the probation and parole officers not impose special conditions with which a person cannot in good faith comply. Probation and parole officers must also assess whether the person has the necessary resources to comply with the condition.

In Section 3:
(1) Removes the prohibition on an incarcerated person receiving access to the Department of Correction's ("Department") policy & procedure manuals.
(2) Removes prohibition on the disclosure of Department policies and procedures except on the written authority of the Commissioner.

In Section 4:

(1) Requires that a condition of probation established by Department may not involve a greater deprivation of liberty than is necessary to meet the goals of deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation of the individual on probation.
(2) Prohibits the imposition of a condition of supervision that requires paying court fines, fees, supervision-related fees, and supervision-mandated programs.
(3) Authorizes the Department to use alternate methods of reporting such as audiovisual communications.
(4) Requires the Department to not sanction for use of drugs or alcohol unless part of the criminal offense, failure to complete a program when the costs were unable to be met, failure to follow conditions when mental health conditions prevent compliance, and failure to comply with broad conditions that are impossible to follow.
(5) Requires the Department to bear the cost of house arrest programs.
(6) Sets criteria for the use of house arrest.

In Section 5, reduces the maximum length of the period of probation.

In Section 6, revises the process for arrest and disposition of a violation of probation to do the following:
(1) Establish standards of proof for the issuance of warrants for alleged violations and establishment of violations.
(2) Prohibit incarceration for technical violations.
(3) Require that any sentence imposed for a technical or non-technical violation be the least restrictive.
(4) Require that sanctions resulting in incarceration must run concurrently and cannot last longer than the original sentence.
(5) Create a definition for “technical violation”.

In Section 7, repeals the fee for a person applying for an interstate transfer of probation under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

In Section 8:
(1) Replaces the forfeiture of earned compliance credit with a process for withholding or revoking earned credits.
(2) Allows reduction of probation period by use of earn compliance credits for certain offenses currently prohibited.
(3) Requires the Department to provide individuals on probation with a supervision report with credit earned and time remaining on probation every 90 days.

In Sections 9 through 12, removes the requirement that individuals on probation or parole must have permission before getting married.

In Section 13, repeals the restriction on the disclosure of public records in the Department’s possession when these records are sought by an individual in the Department’s custody.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 4 as follows:
(1) Revises language added by Senate Bill No. 4 to conform the language to terms used in existing Delaware law.
(2) Removes a requirement that any proceeds gained from seizures in conducting business with federal authorities must go to contracting with community-based re-entry programs providing evidence-based services.
(3) Replaces the requirement that a presentence report prepared for the Superior Court or Court of Common Pleas is under the control of the Court for which the report is prepared, which was inadvertently removed in Senate Bill No. 4.
(4) Uses people-first language to refer to an individual on probation.
(5) Removes language added by Senate Bill No. 4 to § 4333(d)(1) (regarding probation sentencing for a sexual offense).
(6) Removes language added by Senate Bill No. 4 that would require the Statistical Analysis Center to publish data related to the probation system and racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

(7) Removes a provision added by Senate Bill No. 4 that would require the court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole officer to provide resources or impose an alternative condition that is not more restrictive than the original condition if the court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole officer determines the person does not have the necessary resources and ability to comply with the condition.
(8) Removes a provision added by Senate Bill No. 4 that would prohibit the court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole officer from imposing as a condition of supervision that an individual on probation pay court fines or fees or supervision-related fees, including fees for being on supervision or enrolled in supervision-mandated programs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jul 5, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jan 10, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 2, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Vonderlear Smack | Apr 9, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC. | Kailyn Richards | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 27, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Jun 29, 2023 |

## SS 2 for SB 4

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 13, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROBATION.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, replacing Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 4. Like Senate Bill No. 4 and Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 4, this Act modernizes Delaware’s probation system. Specifically, this Act does all of the following:
(1) In Section 1 of this Act, adds defined terms and uses the defined terms throughout the Act.
(2) In Section 2, requires probation and parole officers to use the least restrictive conditions possible to enhance compliance.
(3) In Section 3, makes technical corrections to existing records procedures and requires that an individual denied access to the Department of Correction’s (“Department”) policy and procedure manuals must be provided with the reason for the denial.
(4) In Section 4, requires that a condition of probation established by a court, the Department, or the Board of Parole may not involve a greater deprivation of liberty than is necessary to meet the goals of deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation of the individual on probation; prohibits a court, the Department, or the Board of Parole from prohibiting an individual on probation from using or possessing alcohol or drugs, or requiring an individual on probation to be subject to testing for alcohol or drug use, unless the use or possession of alcohol or drugs is reasonably related to the criminogenic needs of the individual; and authorizes the Department to use alternate methods of reporting to a probation and parole officer, such as audiovisual communications.
(5) In Section 5, prohibits an individual sentenced to Accountability Level I – Restitution Only from having the individual’s probation level increased based on the individual’s reasonable inability to pay the restitution order.
(6) In Section 6, establishes standards of proof for the issuance of warrants for alleged violations and establishment of violations; prohibits incarceration for technical violations, except in certain circumstances and for certain periods of time; requires that any sentence imposed for a technical or non-technical violation be the least restrictive and imposed as a last resort; and requires that sanctions resulting in incarceration must run concurrently and that the individual

must be released from custody on expiration of incarceration or the end of the individual's period of probation, whichever comes first.
(7) In Section 7, repeals the fee for a person applying for an interstate transfer of probation under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.
(8) In Section 8, requires the Department to provide individuals on probation with a supervision report with credit earned and time remaining on probation.
(9) In Sections 9 through 12, removes the requirement that individuals on probation or parole must have permission before getting married.
(11) In Section 13, provides that outstanding balances owed by an individual for a service fee imposed under § 4359 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code (repealed by Section 7 of this Act) are discharged.
(12) Uses people-first language to refer to an individual on probation throughout this Act.
(13) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |

## SS 3 for SB 4

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 13, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROBATION.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, replacing Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 4. and Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 4. Like Senate Bill No. 4, Senate Substitute No. 1, and Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 4, this Act modernizes Delaware's probation system, including by directing the courts, the Board of Parole, and the Bureau of Community Corrections to use the least restrictive probation and parole conditions and the most minimally intrusive reporting requirements necessary to achieve the goals of community supervision.

This Act differs from Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 4 by doing all of the following:
(1) Continuing the process of updating the Delaware Code to use people-first language to refer to an individual on probation or otherwise involved in the criminal justice system.
(2) Removing the prohibition on imposing a sentence of incarceration for a technical violation and the special sentencing matrix for certain technical violations. As a result, the definitions for "non-technical violation" and "technical violation" are also removed.
(3) Removing the requirement that periods of incarceration imposed when probation violations are found for multiple offenses be served concurrently.
(4) Removing the requirement that for a court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole officer to impose a condition that an individual on probation not possess or use alcohol or controlled substances there must be a reasonable relationship to the criminogenic needs of the individual.
(5) Removing the prohibition on a probation and parole officer from pursuing sanctions for nonwilful violations of probation, which include the following:
a. An individual on probation's failure to complete a program when the program refuses to provide services, the program is cost prohibitive, or access to the program is restricted beyond the control of the individual on probation.
b. An individual on probation's failure to follow supervision conditions when the individual on probation's medical conditions or disability prevent compliance.
c. An individual on probation's failure to report based on factors beyond the individual on probation's control.

(6) Removing the prohibition on a court finding a probation violation occurred based on criminal conduct that the court acquitted the individual on probation of or dismissed the underlying criminal charge for.
(7) Removing the repeal of a provision that permits the Department of Correction to deny earned compliance credits to an individual on probation for other categories of offenses that the Department establishes by rules and regulations. The Department is statutorily permitted to deny credits for individuals on probation for a sexual offense, a violent felony, and any offense in the Delaware Code if the probation is imposed to collect restitution at Accountability Level I.
(8) Removing the requirement that there be a finding that the individual on probation poses a substantial risk of injury to others or of intentionally failing to appear for a revocation hearing before a court could issue an arrest warrant or the Department could deputize officers to make an arrest.
(9) Making clear that outstanding balances owed on the home confinement fee imposed under § 4332(b) of Title 11, which is repealed by this Act, are discharged.
(10) Clarifying that the requirement that a court, Board of Parole, or probation and parole officer presumptively impose the least number of conditions, and least restrictive conditions of supervision, possible to achieve the goals of supervision applies only to special conditions of probation.
(11) Not including any changes to § 4334 of Title 11 (relating to arrests for violation of conditions of supervision and disposition of those violations) in this Act.
(12) Providing for a delay in the effect of this Act. This Act takes effect 180 days after its enactment into law.

This Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |

## SJR 5

REQUIRING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CREATE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION DECOMMISSIONING BOND FOR WIND TURBINE COMPONENTS IN MARYLAND.

This Senate Joint Resolution asks the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to require irrevocable pre-construction decommissioning bonds be posted, developers commit to landfilling decommissioned turbine components in Maryland, and Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems be deployed for any offshore wind project with power transmission lines coming ashore in Delaware’s Coastal Zone as a condition of permit approval.  Any permit issued without these terms will be automatically null and void.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Peggy Schultz | Apr 21, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## SCR 6

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5, 2023 AS "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK" IN DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the week of February 27 to March 5, 2023, as "Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Week" in Delaware and encourages the Department of Health and Social Services to research methods to raise awareness of, prevent, and treat eating disorders.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |

## SJR 6

DIRECTING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE BOARDS TO REVIEW AND REVISE APPLICATIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND DIRECTING THE LICENSURE BOARDS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE REPORTS.

This resolution directs health care professional licensure boards to review their existing professional licensure application language to revise or remove all intrusive and stigmatizing language around mental health care and treatment and replace it with language that meets the threshold requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336. 26 July 1990), by focusing on present functional impairment and the ability to perform the essential requirements of the applicant’s profession with or without a reasonable accommodation. This resolution builds on the progress that the State of Delaware made in removing structural barriers to clinicians seeking mental health and wellbeing treatment through the enactment of Senate Bill 300 in 2022. The resolution also directs each licensure board and the Division of Professional Regulation to submit a report to the General Assembly by February 28, 2025 regarding the boards' review of their applications and certifying that the applications comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 7

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

This Act updates and expands the duties of the State Energy Office (located in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control’s Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy) to develop and implement state energy policy and programs, including those affecting the buildout of our statewide energy grid, collaborating with other agencies on data gathering and analysis, encouraging and promoting energy equity in energy planning and development, serving as a liaison with federal agencies and energy agencies in other states, conducting analysis of generating resource adequacy and integrated resource planning, participating in offshore wind transmission planning, and convening stakeholder meetings to implement the purposes of this chapter.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## SCR 7

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AS "RARE DISEASE DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes February 28, 2023, as "Rare Disease Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |

## SJR 7

DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE LICENSING AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MODERNIZE THE CHILD CARE LICENSING SYSTEM.

This Senate Joint Resolution directs the Office of Child Care Licensing to adopt an electronic record and filing system that will modernize the State's child care system. The OCCL must provide a report regarding the adoption of an electronic record and filing system by January 31, 2025 with a plan to implement the system by June 1, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 7

This amendment authorizes the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to intervene in matters before the Public Service Commission. The amendment also clarifies language in the bill, adds the Delaware Department of Transportation to the list of State Departments that will be engaged in energy matters, and makes technical corrections.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

# SS 1 for SB 7

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

This Bill amends the Delaware Energy Act, Title 29 of the Delaware Code, Chapter 80, Subchapter II, by updating and expanding upon the duties of the State Energy Office (located in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy). In Section 1 of the Bill, the General Assembly finds and declares that: (a) Planning for Delaware's energy future is vitally important to Delaware's economy and all of its citizens; (b) Developments in the energy sector of the economy are proceeding at a fast pace, and devoting state resources to the energy sector will be beneficial; and (c) Transforming the delivery of energy to end users is expected to require new programs, planning, and workforce training. Section 1 of the Bill also declares the intent of the General Assembly to provide for the development and implementation of State energy policy and programs in accordance with the State Energy Plan, the State Climate Action Plan, and other documents developed by the Governor's Energy Advisor Council and adopted by the State Energy Office.

Section 2 of the Bill commits the State Energy Office to coordinate and partner with state, local, regional, and federal agencies, energy-related boards and councils, energy utilities, and other stakeholders in carrying out its duties under Subchapter II of Chapter 80. The Bill requires the State Energy Office to develop and update, at least every five years, a comprehensive State Energy Plan and to support the State's Climate Action Plan. Among other things, the Bill also requires the State Energy Office to do the following: (a) Provide technical and administrative support to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council; (b) Assist the State, energy utilities, and private citizens to secure federal funds made available to states and energy utilities to support emerging energy technologies, energy workforce development, and renewable energy and decarbonization programs; (c) Serve as a liaison between State and federal agencies and energy agencies in other states and regions on energy programs and policy matters; and (d) Monitor and act in a coordinating capacity to promote the planning and buildout of the statewide energy grid to optimize resources, including in coordination the Public Service Commission.

The Bill expressly authorizes the State Energy Office, through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, to intervene in dockets before the Public Service Commission in proceedings arising directly from the matters enumerated Subchapter II, Chapter 80, Title 29 of the Delaware Code. This provision is being added to Title 29, Section 8053 of the Delaware Code, and is not intended to limit or restrict, in any way, the Department's rights or ability to intervene in any other proceedings of the Public Service Commission. Rather, the provision is intended to emphasize the importance of the Department's input in Public Service Commission proceedings that arise directly from matters falling within Subchapter II, Chapter 80 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code.

This is a Substitute Bill that incorporates a number of proposed changes to Senate Bill No. 7, including those contained in Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 7, and are summarized as follows: (a) On lines 6 to 10, the addition of a "Whereas clause" stating that State Energy Policy should consider the costs and benefits of energy policy options for all Delawareans, including utility ratepayers, and the health and environmental impacts on existing overburdened and underserved communities; (b) On lines 55 to 59, the addition of language the it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for the development and implementation of State energy policy and programs in accordance with the State Energy Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and other documents adopted by the State Energy Office as recommended by the Governor's Energy Advisory Council; (c) On lines 75 to 80, the addition of language about the State Energy Office partnering with local and regional energy agencies, the Delaware Division of the Public Advocate, and the Delaware Department of Transportation in carrying out its duties under the Delaware Energy Act; (d) On lines 82 and 83, the addition of the reference to "energy utilities" as entities that the State Energy Office will

assist in securing federal funding for Delaware renewable energy and decarbonization programs; and (e) On lines 123 to 128, the addition of a provision authorizing the State Energy Office, through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, to intervene in Public Service Commission proceedings involving the Delaware Energy Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 12, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CORP. | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## SB 8

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.

This Act protects patients from unfair debt collection practices for medical debt, including prohibiting large health care facilities from charging interest and late fees, requiring facilities to offer reasonable payment plans, limiting the sale of debt to debt collectors unless an agreement is made to keep protections in place, providing minimum time before certain collections actions may be taken, limiting liability for the medical debt of others, and preventing the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies for at least one year after the debt was incurred. Violations of the provisions of this Act are considered Prohibited Trade Practices and Consumer Fraud violations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 23, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 17, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |

## SJR 8

DESIGNATING AUGUST 31, 2024, AS "INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND REQUIRING THE STATE FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN OBSERVANCE.

This Joint Resolution designates August 31, 2024, as "International Overdose Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware and requires that in observance, the State flag be flown at half-staff at State facilities. By recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day, this Joint Resolution affirms the importance of overdose awareness, remembers those who have died from overdose, and acknowledges the grief suffered from losing a loved one to overdose.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SS 2 for SB 8

This amendment clarifies the definitions of medical creditor and medical debt collector and makes a technical correction.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 8

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 8. Like Senate Bill No. 8, this act protects patients from unfair debt collection practices for medical debt, including prohibiting large health care facilities from charging interest and late fees, requiring facilities to offer reasonable payment plans, limiting the sale of debt to debt collectors unless an agreement is made to keep protections in place, providing minimum time before certain collections actions may be taken, limiting liability for the medical debt of others, and preventing the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies for at least one year after the debt was incurred. Violations of the provisions of this Act are considered Prohibited Trade Practices and Consumer Fraud violations. This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 8 as it requires large health-care facilities to provide information to uninsured patients regarding eligibility and the application

process for medical assistance. This information must be provided at the time of service or prior to discharge and again with each billing statement. It also creates a minimum threshold for eligibility for payment plans, and it reduces the timeframe in which a bill under a payment plan may be first due. This Act also defines “medical assistance” and “time of service,” which were not defined in Senate Bill No. 8.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## SS 2 for SB 8

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.

This Act is the second substitute for Senate Bill No. 8. Like Senate Bill No. 8 and its first substitute, this Act protects patients from unfair debt collection practices for medical debt, including prohibiting large health care facilities from charging interest and late fees, requiring facilities to offer reasonable payment plans, limiting the sale of debt to debt collectors unless an agreement is made to keep protections in place, providing minimum time before certain collections actions may be taken, limiting liability for the medical debt of others, and preventing the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies for at least one year after the debt was incurred. Violations of the provisions of this Act are considered Prohibited Trade Practices and Consumer Fraud violations. Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill No. 8 differed from Senate Bill No. 8 as it required large health-care facilities to provide information to uninsured patients regarding eligibility and the application process for medical assistance. This information must be provided at the time of service or prior to discharge and again with each billing statement. It also created a minimum threshold for eligibility for payment plans, and it reduced the timeframe in which a bill under a payment plan may be first due. The first substitute also defined “medical assistance” and “time of service,” which were not defined in Senate Bill No. 8.

This Substitute differs from Senate Substitute 1 in that it changes which medical providers are subject to this Act; it increases the threshold of outstanding debt that requires a payment plan to be offered to patients; it extends the amount of time allowed to provide the medical assistance notice; it refines the definition of medical assistance; it removes examples of companies that are currently credit reporting agencies; it removes a requirement that medical assistance information be printed in any patient’s primary language; it adds a requirement that providers make oral interpretation services available to patients for anything provided under this chapter; it clarifies that the Division of Child Support Services nor anyone filing a child support action is a medical debt collector; it clarifies that anything charged to a credit card is not medical debt; it removes the minimum time before the first payment under a payment plan is due.  It also adds Section 2 making this Act effective 6 months after enactment.

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 16, 2023 |

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| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 14, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SB 9

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT.

Although lead-based paint is prevalent in many Delaware residences and causes extraordinary neurological damage in children, including seizures, behavioral disorders, developmental delays, and cognitive disabilities, Delaware does not have a comprehensive system to eliminate lead-based paint from those residences where children are still exposed to lead. This Act creates such a system, including:

(1) Creating a system by which all properties where a child who is found to have high blood lead levels live are promptly screened for lead-based paint and, where that paint is found, treated to abate or remediate the lead-based paint.

(2) Prohibiting landlords of properties where the State has paid for lead-based paint abatement from raising rents on those properties for a period of 3 years.

(3) Taking steps to ensure that neither landlords nor local governments present unreasonable delays to the abatement of lead-based paint.

(4) Creating a dedicated fund for abatement and remediation of lead-based paint hazards so that all levels of state government can be held accountable for funding lead-based paint abatement efforts.

(5) Expanding the duties of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Advisory Committee to include a plan for prompt inspection and, where necessary, abatement or remediation of lead-based paint in all pre-1978 rental properties.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ACTION FOR DELAWARE'S CHILDREN | Matthew Denn | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 10, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 9

This Amendment requires the Department of Finance to investigate funding sources for the Delaware State Lead-Based Paint Program and provide a report of the findings of the investigation by January 1, 2024, to the Governor, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Finance Committee, and Director and Librarian of the Division of Research of Legislative Council.

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 9

This Amendment does all of the following:

(1) Makes clear that the State assumes that when a child has an elevated blood lead level there is exposed lead paint in the house and is, therefore, doing an inspection rather than a risk assessment.

(2) Makes clear that the owner of any multi-unit property or property that has been rented to a third party may pay the Delaware State Lead-Based Paint Program's costs of abatement or remediation and, if the owner does so, the prohibition on rental fee increases does not apply to the owner.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 10

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND PRE-AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

This legislation is the Delaware Pre-Authorization Reform Act of 2023.

Section 1 of the Act applies to Health Insurance Contracts regulated under Chapter 33 of Title 18.

Section 1 provides that changes in coverage terms for a health-care service or in the clinical criteria used to conduct pre-authorization reviews for a health-care service will not apply until the next plan year, for any covered person who received pre-authorization for the service prior to the change. It also requires the Delaware Department of Insurance to publish on its website information concerning the aggregate number of pre-authorization approvals, denials, and appeals for each insurer, health-benefit plan, or health-care service corporation using pre-authorization review.

In addition, Section 1 sets qualifications for who may make determinations with regard to requests for pre-authorization of health-care services and appeals of adverse determinations; a timeline and required contents for the notification of an outcome of appeal of an adverse determination or a notification that additional information is necessary to make the determination of appeal; and requirements for any utilization review entity used to perform pre-authorization review by an insurer, health-benefit plan, or health-service corporation.

Section 1 also shortens the timelines for the determination of pre-authorization requests and notification to the health-care provider of the determination. For requests for pre-authorization of non-urgent health-care services not submitted electronically, the utilization review entity must notify the health-care provider within 4 days of receipt of the request; for requests submitted electronically, notification must be given within 72 hours of receipt. For requests for pre-authorization for urgent health-care services, notification must be given within 24 hours of receipt.

By January 1, 2024, insurers, health-benefit plans, health-service corporations, and utilization review entities must accept and respond to electronic pre-authorization requests through the same platform as the electronic request was submitted.

Further, an insurer, health-benefit plan, or health-service corporation may not deny or limit coverage of a service already provided on the grounds that pre-authorization was not obtained, if such services would have been covered had pre-authorization been obtained.

In addition, Section 1 extends the time period that a pre-authorization is valid for from 60 days to 7 months. If a covered person changes insurers, health-benefit plans, or health-service corporations, the new insurer, health-benefit plan, or health-service corporation must comply with any existing pre-authorizations during the first 60 days of the new coverage. Finally, Section 1 provides that no more than 1 pre-authorization may be required for a single episode of

care, and that if pre-authorization is granted as to a health-care services that is part of a group of services for which a bundled payment is charged, pre-authorization for the other health-care services included in the group is deemed to be approved as well.

Section 2 of the Act applies to Group and Blanket Health Insurance under Chapter 35 of Title 18 and makes the same changes to pre-authorization standards and procedures that Section 1 of the Act makes to Health Insurance Contracts regulated under Chapter 33 of Title 18.

Section 3 of the Act provides that the State Employee Benefits Committee established under § 9602 of the Title 29 of the Delaware Code must ensure that carriers administering plans for group health insurance comply with the requirements and provisions for pre-authorization set forth in Chapter 33, Subchapter II and Chapter 35, Subchapter V of Title 18.

Section 4 of the Act provides that the Act will take effect on January 1 of the calendar year following enactment and will apply to policies, contracts, or certificates issued or renewed after that effective date.

Section 5 of the Act provides that the Department of Health and Social Services must, to the extent feasible, assure that contracts awarded to carriers providing health insurance relating to Medicaid assistance comply with the requirements and provisions for pre-authorization set forth in Chapter 33, Subchapter II and Chapter 35, Subchapter V of Title 18.

Section 6 of the Act provides that the Department of Insurance will promulgate a uniform pre-authorization form within 180 days of enactment.

Section 7 provides that this Act is known as the "Delaware Pre-Authorization Reform Act of 2023."

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CONDUENT, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 9, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Oct 3, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Ceil Tilney | May 12, 2024 |
| MEADOWWOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| PHARMACEUTICAL CARE MANAGEMENT ASSOC. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jul 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |

## SCR 10

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22 - 28, 2023, AS "SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates January 22-28, 2023, as "School Choice Week" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## SB 11

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURES.

This Act is the first leg of a constitutional amendment to modernize the bail provisions within the Delaware Constitution and clarify the power of the General Assembly to enumerate certain felony offenses for which, or circumstances under which, pretrial release on bail may not be allowed.

The current provision providing that only “capital offenses” are potentially not bailable first appeared in its present form in the Delaware Constitution of 1792. At that time, “capital offenses” included many more offenses than the term does today. For example, manslaughter, rape, robbery, burglary, and assaults with weapons were capital offenses, and therefore included as crimes for which a court could order pretrial detention. Thus, over time, certain crimes that the Framers included as potentially not bailable are currently bailable.

Presently, a Delaware state court judge cannot order preventive detention in any non-capital case. Instead, the judge can only attempt to set the bail so high that a defendant cannot make it, which means that any defendant, no matter how dangerous and no matter the circumstance, can obtain release if the defendant can fund the bail—even if that defendant poses a certain flight risk or a known threat of harm to the public or to a specific person, such as a witness or victim.

This Act is one step toward completing a pretrial release-detention continuum requiring specific evidence-based detention decisions that seek to maximize public safety while minimizing pretrial detention for those for whom detention is not required.

Specifically, this Act will do all of the following:
(1) Retain the express declaration of a general right to have bail set in a criminal case.
(2) Provide that the crimes for which bail may be withheld are capital murder, where the evidentiary proof is positive or presumption of the accusation great, and other specifically identified felony offenses determined by and under procedures prescribed by law where the evidentiary proof is positive or presumption of the accusation great.
(3) Ensure that an additional condition precedent to bail being withheld in non-capital cases is a finding by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the person’s appearance at court proceedings, reasonably assure the protection of the community, victims, witnesses, or any other person, and reasonably maintain the integrity of the judicial process, such that the defendant will not obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice.

This constitutional amendment, by itself, would not allow that a person charged with a non-capital crime could be held without bail. Rather, no person could be subject to a preventive detention hearing in a non-capital case until the General Assembly revises Chapter 21 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code to prescribe by law the specific felony offenses, circumstances, and procedures under which detention without bail may occur.

With this change, though, Delaware can progress toward the type of modern bail system that has been increasingly adopted by our sister states through amendment of their state constitutions, when needed, and the development of statutory procedures that provide, in appropriate cases, pre-trial detention without bail. And this change does so by adopting the standards recommended by authoritative sources including the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Uniform Law Commission, the National Center for State Courts, the American Bar Association, and the numerous state legislatures and court systems that have studied pretrial detention and retained or incorporated them in their own state constitutions and laws.

Any legislation subsequently enacted or court procedures adopted to implement this constitutional amendment would have to require individualized, fact-governed decision-making by any court considering preventive detention to pass muster under the United States and Delaware Constitutions. Senate Bill No. 12, as introduced, is intended to do this. And, under this Act, any statute designating a felony offense for which a person can be subjected to pretrial detention without bail must be enacted by an act of the General Assembly that receives the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of each House of the General Assembly.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the Delaware Constitution.

Amending the Delaware Constitution requires not only the passing of the changes in this Act, but also passage of the same changes after the next general election by the next General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## SR 11

URGING OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO DESCHEDULE MARIJUANA.

This Senate Resolution urges our federal delegation to support legislation to deschedule marijuana.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 10, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 11

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURES.

This is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 11. Like Senate Bill No. 11, this Act is the first leg of a constitutional amendment to modernize the bail provisions within the Delaware Constitution and clarify the power of the General Assembly to enumerate certain felony offenses for which, or circumstances under which, pretrial release on bail may

not be allowed. And, like Senate Bill No. 11, any statute designating a felony offense for which a person can be subjected to pretrial detention without bail must be enacted by an act of the General Assembly that receives the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of each House of the General Assembly.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 11 by providing that if a law designates a felony offense as potentially not bailable under this Act, a law removing that designation must also be enacted by an act of the General Assembly that receives the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House of the General Assembly.

The current constitutional provision providing that only “capital offenses” are potentially not bailable first appeared in its present form in the Delaware Constitution of 1792. At that time, “capital offenses” included many more offenses than the term does today. For example, manslaughter, rape, robbery, burglary, and assaults with weapons were capital offenses, and therefore included as crimes for which a court could order pretrial detention. Thus, over time, certain crimes that the Framers included as potentially not bailable are currently bailable.

Presently, a Delaware state court judge cannot order preventive detention in any non-capital case. Instead, the judge can only attempt to set the bail so high that a defendant cannot make it, which means that any defendant, no matter how dangerous and no matter the circumstance, can obtain release if the defendant can fund the bail—even if that defendant poses a certain flight risk or a known threat of harm to the public or to a specific person, such as a witness or victim.

Like Senate Bill No. 11, this Act is one step toward completing a pretrial release-detention continuum requiring specific evidence-based detention decisions that seek to maximize public safety while minimizing pretrial detention for those for whom detention is not required.

Specifically, this Act, like Senate Bill No. 11, will do all of the following:
(1) Retain the express declaration of a general right to have bail set in a criminal case.
(2) Provide that the crimes for which bail may be withheld are capital murder, where the evidentiary proof is positive or presumption of the accusation great, and other specifically identified felony offenses determined by and under procedures prescribed by law where the evidentiary proof is positive or presumption of the accusation great.
(3) Ensure that an additional condition precedent to bail being withheld in non-capital cases is a finding by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the person’s appearance at court proceedings, reasonably assure the protection of the community, victims, witnesses, or any other person, and reasonably maintain the integrity of the judicial process, such that the defendant will not obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice.

This constitutional amendment, by itself, would not allow that a person charged with a non-capital crime could be held without bail. Rather, no person could be subject to a preventive detention hearing in a non-capital case until the General Assembly revises Chapter 21 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code to prescribe by law the specific felony offenses, circumstances, and procedures under which detention without bail may occur.

With this change, though, Delaware can progress toward the type of modern bail system that has been increasingly adopted by our sister states through amendment of their state constitutions, when needed, and the development of statutory procedures that provide, in appropriate cases, pre-trial detention without bail. And this change does so by adopting the standards recommended by authoritative sources including the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Uniform Law Commission, the National Center for State Courts, the American Bar Association, and the numerous state legislatures and court systems that have studied pretrial detention and retained or incorporated them in their own state constitutions and laws.

Any legislation subsequently enacted or court procedures adopted to implement this constitutional amendment would have to require individualized, fact-governed decision-making by any court considering preventive detention to pass muster under the United States and Delaware Constitutions. Senate Bill No. 12, as introduced, is intended to do this.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the Delaware Constitution.

Amending the Delaware Constitution requires not only the passing of the changes in this Act, but also passage of the same changes after the next general election by the next General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## SB 12

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 72, VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION.

This Act amends Delaware's laws regarding release of persons accused of crimes (Chapter 21 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code) as required in conjunction with the enactment of an amendment to § 12 of Article I of the Delaware Constitution permitting preventive detention, as proposed by Senate Bill No. 11 of the 152nd General Assembly.

This Act protects both defendants' due process rights and public safety by establishing the list of circumstances for which defendants may be detained pretrial without the opportunity for release and providing adequate due process protections for detention-eligible defendants.

This Act protects public safety by permitting courts to detain a defendant who is charged with an enumerated felony offense where no condition or combination of conditions of bail will reasonably assure a defendant's appearance in court or the safety of a witness, a victim, or the community.

This Act also protects defendants' rights by doing the following:

(1) Requiring the Attorney General to establish by proof positive or presumption great that the defendant committed the detention-eligible offense and by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at court proceedings, reasonably assure the protection of the community, victims, witnesses, or any other person, and reasonably maintain the integrity of the judicial process, such that the defendant will not obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice.

(2) Ensuring detention-eligible defendants are represented by counsel at the initial detention and subsequent hearings.

(3) Requiring courts to hold a full preventive detention hearing within 10 days of the defendant's arrest where defendants have the right to testify, to present evidence, and to cross-examine witnesses against them.

(4) Requiring expedited review of the detention order by Superior Court.

(5) Providing speedy trial protections for any defendant who is detained before adjudication due to preventive detention.

This Act also does the following:

(1) Improves procedural fairness by permitting courts to make transparent decisions about who to detain and who to release pretrial.
(2) Strengthens the strong presumption of pretrial release under least restrictive conditions for those defendants who can safely be released in the community.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because this Act is enabling legislation to an amendment to the Constitution which, when enacted, amends § 12 of Article I of the Delaware Constitution to require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to create the list of detention-eligible offenses created by § 2116(b)(1) of Title 11 contained in this Act.

Finally, this Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## SCR 12

DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution declares that gun violence is a public health crisis, that ending the gun violence devastating Delaware is a policy priority, and supporting policy and legislative solutions that will make schools safe, confront armed hate and extremism, prevent suicide, and center and support survivors of gun violence.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 15, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 12

This Amendment makes the following technical corrections:

(1) A correction to make clear that the Attorney General always bears the burden of establishing the commission of a preventive detention eligible offense with proof positive or presumption great at a preventive detention hearing.

(2) A correction made necessary by the introduction of Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 11. This correction ensures clarity related to the effective date of Senate Bill No. 12 (contained in Section 17 of Senate Bill No. 12) and to the sunset date for the bail procedures enacted by Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 7 in the 151st General Assembly, Chapter 72 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware (contained in Section 18 of Senate Bill No. 12).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## SB 13

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL QUALITY ASSESSMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL QUALITY AND HEALTH EQUITY FUND AND HOSPITAL QUALITY AND HEALTH EQUITY ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

Healthcare facility assessments are currently the second largest source of funding for states' shares of Medicaid costs, behind general funds. Today, 49 states have at least one facility assessment in place, including Delaware, while 34 states and Washington D.C. have 3 or more provider taxes. Delaware is one of only 6 states without a facility assessment on hospitals, causing the state to miss out on critical Medicaid funding that most states are already able to access.

This Act creates the Hospital Quality Assessment, which places a 3.58% assessment on Delaware hospitals' net patient revenues.

Net funds generated by the Hospital Quality Assessment must be utilized in one of two ways, with the exception of 10% that may be used to support existing Medicaid obligations:
(1) 53.5% must be used to increase the inpatient and outpatient payments to hospitals.
(2) 46.5% must be deposited into the Hospital Quality and Health Equity Fund, to be used to develop or enhance funding for Medicaid initiatives, unlocking federal matching dollars. Funds may not be used to supplant or replace appropriations for programs in existence on the effective date of this Act.

This Act also creates the Hospital Quality and Health Equity Assessment Commission, which includes state agency and hospital representation. The Commission is required to meet at least annually to monitor the implementation of the assessment. If the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determines that either the assessment or the expenditure of money does not satisfy eligibility requirements for federal financial participation or that modifications are necessary to assure continued eligibility for federal financial participation, the Commission shall develop and approve modifications to Chapter 66 of Title 30 of the Delaware Code and Subchapter II of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code and submit the modifications to the General Assembly. These modifications will take effect as of July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year unless rejected in full by an act of the General Assembly.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

This Act may be cited as the "Protect Medicaid Act of 2024".

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Mar 19, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 19, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 19, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 19, 2024 |

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 20, 2024 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 20, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Apr 7, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| PAM SQUARED AT DOVER, LLC | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Apr 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 19, 2024 |
| TIDALHEALTH | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 19, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 19, 2024 |

## SCR 13

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANDATORY EDUCATOR TRAININGS.

This Concurrent Resolution requests the Department of Education conduct a review of mandatory trainings for educators and report back to the General Assembly their findings and recommendations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SCR 13

This amendment adds school administrators to the categories of professions for which trainings should be comprehensively reviewed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SS 1 for SB 13

This amendment removes the ability of the Hospital Quality and Health Equity Assessment Commission to make statutory changes directly. The Commission will instead submit recommendations on statutory changes to the General Assembly for additional action.
This amendment also specifies that Commission meetings must follow open meeting requirements except that the Commission may hold private meetings if commercial or financial information of a privileged or confidential nature is under discussion.
This amendment requires reports in 2025 and 2026 from the hospitals that have or will receive increased payments through the operation of this legislation describing how the funds have or will be used.
This amendment updates the split in percentages of the funds used for increased payments to hospitals versus other approved uses of the funds.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 13

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL QUALITY ASSESSMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL QUALITY AND HEALTH EQUITY FUND AND HOSPITAL QUALITY AND HEALTH EQUITY ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

Healthcare facility assessments are currently the second largest source of funding for states' shares of Medicaid costs, behind general funds. Today, 49 states have at least one facility assessment in place, including Delaware, while 34 states and Washington D.C. have 3 or more provider taxes. Delaware is one of only 6 states without a facility assessment on hospitals, causing the state to miss out on critical Medicaid funding that most states are already able to access.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 13. Like Senate Bill No. 13, this Act creates the Hospital Quality Assessment, which places a 3.58% assessment on Delaware hospitals' net patient revenues.

Funds generated by the Hospital Quality Assessment must be utilized in one of two ways:
(1) To increase the inpatient and outpatient payments to hospitals.
(2) To develop or enhance funding for Medicaid initiatives, unlocking federal matching dollars. Funds may not be used to supplant or replace appropriations for programs in existence on the effective date of this Act, except for 25% of these funds, which may be used to support the general operations of the Medicaid program.

Like Senate Bill No. 13, this Act also creates the Hospital Quality and Health Equity Assessment Commission ("Commission"), which includes state agency and hospital representation. The Commission is required to meet at least annually to monitor the implementation of the assessment. If the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determines that either the assessment or the expenditure of money does not satisfy eligibility requirements for federal financial participation or that modifications are necessary to assure continued eligibility for federal financial

participation, the Commission shall develop and approve modifications to Subchapters II and III of Chapter 10 of Tile 16 of the Delaware Code and submit the modifications to the General Assembly.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 13 as follows:
(1) By directing the Department of Health and Social Services ("Department") to administer the Hospital Quality Assessment.
(2) By establishing a different method of calculating the assessment for a hospital that begins or ceases hospital operations or does not conduct hospital operations through a calendar year or fiscal year.
(3) By prohibiting a hospital subject to the Hospital Quality Assessment from passing on the cost of the assessment to any patient, insurer, self-insured program, or other responsible party.
(4) By requiring a hospital subject to the Hospital Quality Assessment to attest in writing to the Department that an oral or written, formal or informal agreement or arrangement does not exist to share, redirect, or redistribute Medicaid payments which would result in violation of federal or state law.
(5) By updating the split in percentages of the funds collected from the Hospital Quality Assessment to reflect the wide range of federal match levels for services. The expected amount to be collected by the Assessment does not change as the result of the update.
(6) By requiring the Registrar of Regulations to publish in the Register of Regulations a certification by the Commission under § 1034(d) and (e) of Title 16 of the Delaware Code, as contained in this Act.
(7) By providing that appointments of members of the Minority Caucus of the House of Representatives and Senate are to be made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively.
(8) By making modifications to the requirements for meetings of the Commission.
(9) By providing that modifications to Subchapters II and III of Chapter 10 of Tile 16 of the Delaware Code recommended by the Commission take effect as of July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year unless rejected in full by an act of the General Assembly before that ensuing fiscal year.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

This Act may be cited as the "Protect Medicaid Act of 2024".

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |
| TIDALHEALTH | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |

## SCR 16

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS “KIDNEY MONTH” IN DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 2023 as "Kidney Month" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## SR 16

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE REPORTS ON DEMOGRAPHIC DATA IN EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION POPULATIONS.

This resolution directs the Department of Health and Social Services to prepare reports on the Purchase of Care Program and directs the Department of Education to prepare reports on child care capacity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jul 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jul 3, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jul 7, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jul 7, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jul 7, 2023 |

## SCR 17

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## SR 18

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2024 AS “NATIONAL MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH."

This resolution expresses support for the designation of March 2024 as "National Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month."

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## SCR 19

ESTABLISHING THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (DIAA) TASK FORCE.

This concurrent resolution establishes the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) Task Force.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## SB 20

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 187 OF VOLUME 81 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO DONATED LEAVE.

The primary purpose of this Act is to remove the requirement that a public school district employee who donates leave to another employee must donate 2 days of leave for the other employee to receive 1 day of leave.

Further, this Act repeals Chapter 187 of Volume 81 of the Laws of Delaware ("this law"). Adopted in 2017, this law was designed to provide full-time employees of the State, including employees of school districts, with the ability to donate leave to other employees for use in connection with the birth or adoption of a child under 6 years of age. This law has never taken effect as the law does not take effect until the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") receives a letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") stating that the tax treatment of the expansion of the donated leave program contemplated by this law will receive the same tax treatment as Delaware's current donated leave program. OMB has not requested this letter from the IRS because, based on OMB's research, OMB does not believe this law would receive the same tax treatment by the IRS and because the General Assembly subsequently enacted Chapter 285 of Volume 81 of the Laws of Delaware, which provides 12 weeks of paid leave upon the birth or adoption of a child 6 years of age or younger for those continuously employed for at least 1 year as full-time employees of this State, including employees of school districts.

Sections 1 and 2 of this Act re-enact portions of Chapter 187 of Volume 81 of the Laws of Delaware that would have also applied to the existing donated leave program for catastrophic illness. Specifically these provisions are intended to do the following:

(1) Clarify how much leave employees of a public school district who do not accrue annual leave must use before being eligible for donated leave.

(2) Clarify the interaction between donated leave and leave available under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including transferring existing definitions to a central definition section and transferring provisions that are substantive law out of defined terms.

This Act is named in honor of Christopher Chujoy, a special education instructional aide in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. Mr. Chujoy was diagnosed in August 2022 with stage IV cancer. Mr. Chujoy used up all of his available sick time before his passing and his situation raised the issue that is the primary purpose of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 6, 2024 |

# SB 21

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

This Act establishes an independent and nonpartisan Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the position of the Inspector General. The OIG would be unique in state government as a non-political agency with a sole mission to investigate and prevent fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, and other abuse of governmental resources. The OIG will protect the health and safety of Delaware residents, assist in the recovery of misspent or inappropriately paid funds, and strengthen government integrity and the public trust in government operations by doing all of the following:

1. Investigating the management and operation of state agencies, including the General Assembly, to determine if there has been waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, corruption, or other abuse of governmental resources that is harmful to the public interest.
2. Coordinating with other investigative and law-enforcement agencies, including the Attorney General and the Auditor of Accounts (Auditor).
3. Recommending corrective actions and statutory revisions, and, if necessary, make referrals to other law-enforcement agencies.
4. Providing reports to the Governor, Attorney General, and General Assembly, and these reports will be available to the public on the OIG website.

The Inspector General will not duplicate the work of the Auditor, Attorney General, Public Integrity Commission, or other investigative or law-enforcement agencies and will work collaboratively, including through memoranda of understanding, with these agencies for the purposes of efficiency and coordination. Specifically, the Inspector General can be distinguished from these agencies as follows:

• Under the generally accepted government auditing standards in the Yellow Book produced by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, both financial and performance audits are only designed to detect fraud, illegal activity, noncompliance, abuse, and waste. An auditor determines whether the subject matter meets criteria, reaches reasonable assurance, and follows directive standards. If an auditor detects fraud or other bad behavior, they must report it to an investigation agency.

• The OIG will be an entirely independent investigation agency, charged with gathering evidence to identify the individual responsible for the bad behavior identified through an audit and prove that it occurred. For complaints the received from other sources, the OIG will investigate to determine if there is or has been bad behavior. In addition to proving instances of bad behavior, these investigations may also prove that an allegation is false or incorrect.

• The OIG will not duplicate the work of existing ombudsperson offices because the OIG is primarily concerned with detecting and preventing fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, and abuse of governmental resources while ombuds programs are concerned with violations of the rights and treatment of specific populations.

• If the OIG believes, based on an investigation, that there has been or continues to be significant problem regarding fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, or evidence of a crime, the Inspector General must report the finding to the Department of Justice (DOJ). If the DOJ does not take action on a referral, the OIG may pursue a civil action on behalf of the State.

• The OIG will be unique in State government because the Inspector General is not elected and will be an entirely independent agency. The Inspector General will be selected through a process that requires a Selection Panel to provide 3 names to the Governor for consideration. The Governor will select a nominee from these 3 names for appointment as Inspector General and submit the nominee to the Senate for confirmation. Once confirmed, the Inspector General serves a term of 5 years. In addition, the DOJ is not responsible for providing legal advice, counsel, services, and representation to the OIG.

In other states, the financial impact of investigations by the Office of Inspector General has exceeded the annual budget for that office by millions of dollars. Some examples of conduct that have been identified in states where an Inspector General has responsibilities similar to those under this Act include the following:

• In Georgia, an agency administrator who faked multiple pregnancies, receiving 265 hours of leave for which she was not otherwise eligible to receive.

• Massachusetts has recovered more than $245,000 from 13 former troopers within the State Police for overtime pay they received for hours they did not actually work.

• In Indiana, a Department of Child Services worker was found to have falsified case notes regarding child welfare assessments.

• In Louisiana, state agencies were found to have wasted more than $500,000 in non-refundable airline tickets that were allowed to expire and lose value.

Under this Act, the selection process for the Inspector General begins upon enactment and the work of the Office of the Inspector General must begin upon the appointment and confirmation of an Inspector General or March 1, 2025, whichever occurs earlier.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 12, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DELCOG | John Flaherty | Apr 19, 2024 |

## SCR 21

DESIGNATING JUNE 9, 2023, AS "FRESHWATER WETLANDS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates June 9, 2023, as "Freshwater Wetlands Day" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 21

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Like Senate Bill No. 21, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 21 {this Act) establishes an independent and nonpartisan Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the position of the Inspector General.

Under this Act, the OIG would be unique in state government as a non-political agency with a sole mission to investigate and prevent fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, and other abuse of governmental resources. The OIG will protect the health and safety of Delaware residents, assist in the recovery of misspent or inappropriately paid funds, and strengthen government integrity and the public trust in government operations by doing all of the following:

1. Investigating the management and operation of state agencies, including the General Assembly, to determine if there has been waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, corruption, or other abuse of governmental resources that is harmful to the public interest.
2. Coordinating with other investigative and law-enforcement agencies, including the Attorney General and the Auditor of Accounts (Auditor).
3. Recommending corrective actions and statutory revisions, and, if necessary, make referrals to other law-enforcement agencies.
4. Providing reports to the Governor, Attorney General, and General Assembly, and these reports will be available to the public on the OIG website.

The Inspector General will not duplicate the work of the Auditor, Attorney General, Public Integrity Commission, or other investigative or law-enforcement agencies and will work collaboratively, including through memoranda of understanding, with these agencies for the purposes of efficiency and coordination. Specifically, the Inspector General can be distinguished from these agencies as follows:
• Under the generally accepted government auditing standards in the Yellow Book produced by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, both financial and performance audits are only designed to detect fraud, illegal activity, noncompliance, abuse, and waste. An auditor determines whether the subject matter meets criteria, reaches reasonable assurance, and follows directive standards. If an auditor detects fraud or other bad behavior, they must report it to an investigation agency.
• The OIG will be an entirely independent investigation agency, charged with gathering evidence to identify the individual responsible for the bad behavior identified through an audit and prove that it occurred. For complaints the received from other sources, the OIG will investigate to determine if there is or has been bad behavior. In addition to proving instances of bad behavior, these investigations may also prove that an allegation is false or incorrect.
• The OIG will not duplicate the work of existing ombudsperson offices because the OIG is primarily concerned with detecting and preventing fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, and abuse of governmental resources while ombuds programs are concerned with violations of the rights and treatment of specific populations.
• If the OIG believes, based on an investigation, that there has been or continues to be significant problem regarding fraud, waste, mismanagement, corruption, or evidence of a crime, the Inspector General must report the finding to the Department of Justice (DOJ). If the DOJ does not take action on a referral, the OIG may pursue a civil action on behalf of the State.
• The OIG will be unique in State government because the Inspector General is not elected and will be an entirely independent agency. The Inspector General will be selected through a process that requires a Selection Panel to provide 3 names to the Governor for consideration. The Governor will select a nominee from these 3 names for appointment as Inspector General and submit the nominee to the Senate for confirmation. Once confirmed, the Inspector General serves a term of 5 years. In addition, the DOJ is not responsible for providing legal advice, counsel, services, and representation to the OIG.

In other states, the financial impact of investigations by the Office of Inspector General has exceeded the annual budget for that office by millions of dollars. Some examples of conduct that have been identified in states where an Inspector General has responsibilities similar to those under this Act include the following:
• In Georgia, an agency administrator who faked multiple pregnancies, receiving 265 hours of leave for which she was not otherwise eligible to receive.
• Massachusetts has recovered more than $245,000 from 13 former troopers within the State Police for overtime pay they received for hours they did not actually work.
• In Indiana, a Department of Child Services worker was found to have falsified case notes regarding child welfare assessments.
• In Louisiana, state agencies were found to have wasted more than $500,000 in non-refundable airline tickets that were allowed to expire and lose value.

Under this Act, the selection process for the Inspector General begins upon enactment and the work of the Office of the Inspector General must begin upon the appointment and confirmation of an Inspector General or March 1, 2025, whichever occurs earlier.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 21 differs from SB 21 as follows:
1. Revises § 9001E(4) of Title 29 so that the General Assembly's purpose in establishing the OIG aligns with the requirement under § 9005E(b) of Title 29 that the Inspector General work collaboratively with other investigative and law-enforcement agencies, not just the Auditor, for the purposes of efficiency, coordination, and avoiding duplication of work.
2. Clarifies that there is not a preference under § 9003E(d)(1) of Title 29 for OIG staff to have experience with a law-enforcement agency.
3. Adds paragraph (d)(5) to § 9008E of Title 29 to clarify that the Inspector General may reveal information to comply with a court order or subpoena.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |

## SB 22

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAM.

This Act establishes the "Delaware Workforce Housing Program" (DWHP). Modeled after the Downtown Development District Program, the DWHP allows a qualified workforce housing investor to be reimbursed through a grant up to 20 percent of the capital costs associated with workforce housing units they create.

To be eligible for a grant, the project must be located in Investment Levels 1 and 2 as established by the Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending. A grant may not be awarded for a project that is also intended to qualify for a federal low-income or state low-income housing tax credit. This program will be administered by the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) and requires the DSHA to provide an annual report on the effectiveness of the program. The Act provides the DSHA with the power to adopt regulations for the DWHP.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SCR 22

DESIGNATING MARCH 26, 2023, AS "EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY" IN DELAWARE.

This resolution designates March 26, 2023, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Delaware and calls upon State agencies and the people of Delaware to undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 22

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAM.

This Act establishes the “Delaware Workforce Housing Program" (DWHP). Modeled after the Downtown Development District Program, the DWHP allows a qualified workforce housing investor to be reimbursed through a grant up to 20 percent of the capital costs associated with workforce housing units they create.

To be eligible for a grant, the project must be located in Investment Levels 1 and 2 as established by the Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending. A grant may not be awarded for a housing unit that also uses a federal low-income or state low-income housing tax credit. This program will be administered by the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) and requires the DSHA to provide an annual report on the effectiveness of the program. The Act provides the DSHA with the power to adopt regulations for the DWHP.

The substitute bill differs from Senate Bill No. 22 by changing most references to the word “affordable” and replacing it with the word “workforce.” Accordingly, the substitute bill modifies “affordable housing unit” to “workforce housing unit” and modifies “qualified affordable housing investment” to “qualified workforce housing investment.” The change in terminology is to avoid confusion within the housing industry, where the word “affordable” is generally accepted to mean housing for a median income level of 80% and below. To be clear, this Act provides workforce housing for median income levels of 100% and below. References to “affordable” have been changed to “workforce” to reflect this distinction throughout the Act.

The substitute further clarifies that, although DSHA may not award a DWH Grant for a housing unit that would also use a federal low-income or state low-income housing tax credit, DSHA may approve DWH Grants for workforce housing units in a multiple unit housing project so long as the DWH Grants are awarded to those specific units that do not use federal low-income or state low-income housing tax credits.

The substitute allows for DSHA to use part of the allocations for the administrative costs of the DWHP.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |

## SB 23

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOUSING.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also known as in-law units or garage apartments, are valuable and convenient forms of housing that can help to increase Delaware's housing supply.

This Act requires local governments to permit the construction of ADUs within their jurisdictions without prohibitive barriers or onerous application or zoning requirements with the goal of expanding affordable housing opportunities.

This Act carries a 2/3 vote requirement as it may indirectly affect municipal charters.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |

## SR 23

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2024, AS “FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution designates September 22-29, 2024, as “Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 23

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOUSING.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also known as in-law units or garage apartments, are valuable and convenient forms of housing that can help to increase Delaware’s housing supply. In order to expand affordable housing opportunities, this Act requires local governments to permit the construction of ADUs within their jurisdictions without prohibitive barriers or onerous application or zoning requirements.

This substitute differs from the original by removing requirements related to the size of the single-family dwelling, clarifying requirements related to additional parking, making exceptions for aesthetic requirements within historic districts, allowing water and sewer impact fees, and allowing for local regulations that do not otherwise violate this Act.

This Act carries a 2/3 vote requirement as it may indirectly affect municipal charters.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 24

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT.

This Act requires all schools with a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to train at least 2 employees in the administration of rescue medication or treatment prescribed to treat a student with a seizure disorder. Training includes the administration of a manual dose of prescribed electrical stimulation using a Vagus Nerve Stimulator magnet. A school nurse employed full-time by a school is not required to meet these training requirements but may serve as 1 of the 2 required employees that are trained in the administration of seizure rescue medications.

This Act requires all school employees, bus drivers, and other relevant school personnel, with direct contact and supervision of students to be trained every 2 years in administering first aid to a student suffering from a seizure. Age-appropriate training shall also be provided to all students.

A parent of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder shall collaborate with the school to create a seizure action plan. The seizure action plan shall include written authorization to administer seizure rescue medication or treatment and specific instructions for administering medication and treatment from the student's health care provider. The seizure action plan shall be effective for 1 school year. The seizure action plan shall be in addition to a § 504 plan or individualized education program if such a plan or program is required.

The Department of Education shall adopt required training programs for staff administering seizure medication or treatment that are consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware or a similar nonprofit. Education programs for school staff and students shall also be consistent with training programs developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware or similar nonprofit. The Department of Education shall promulgate regulations for the development and content of a seizure action plan and other rules necessary to implement this chapter.

Any person that provides assistance under this chapter to a student suffering from a seizure is not liable in any criminal or civil action, unless such acts or omissions are wilful or grossly negligent.

This Act is effective immediately and is to be implemented 1 year from the date of the Act's enactment, or by notice of the Secretary of the Department of Education that final regulations have been published in the Register of Regulations, whichever is earlier.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Feb 15, 2023 |
| CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Feb 6, 2023 |

## SR 24

ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH NEED ON IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PERFORM A LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS OF URGENT CARE CENTERS IN THE STATE.

This resolution recognizes the State's role in assisting the general public in accessing the right level of medical care efficiently and effectively and, specifically, the growing role of urgent care centers in alleviating the burden on the overall healthcare system. The resolution directs the Delaware Department of Health to perform a comprehensive landscape analysis of urgent care centers and submit recommendations on how best to educate the public on choosing the appropriate healthcare setting and the consideration of the development of an Advanced Urgent Care model. This report is due to the General Assembly by January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEWARK 24/7 URGENT CARE CENTER | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |

## SB 25

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act exempts contracts for the construction of affordable housing units from the 2% realty transfer tax imposed under 30 Del. C. § 5402(f).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SCR 25

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 2023 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 5, 2023 |

## SB 26

AN ACT CONCURRING IN A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

This Act is the second leg of a constitutional amendment that would update the minimum voting age in the Delaware Constitution from twenty-one years to eighteen years. The first leg of this constitutional amendment was Senate Bill No. 294 of the 151st General Assembly, which became Chapter 350 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware. On passage of this second leg by this General Assembly this amendment will become part of the Delaware Constitution.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly when the General Assembly amends the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Apr 4, 2023 |
| NEW VENTURE FUND | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |

## SCR 26

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS "PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF THE DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 2023 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 5, 2023 |

## SB 27

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR WORK, LABOR, OR PERSONAL SERVICES.

This Act increases the statute of limitations for filing an action for recovery upon a claim for unpaid wages from 1 year to 2 years, making it consistent with the statute of limitations under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq. Many employees who are terminated spend the first period of unemployment attempting to secure other employment. After this focus on finding employment ends, 1 year may have passed or be about to pass, preventing employees who are owed wages from a previous employer from seeking legal redress.

This Act applies to claims when the date of the accruing of the cause of action on which the action is based is on or after the effective date of this Act.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Apr 14, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Mar 14, 2023 |

## SB 28

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 420 OF VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE.

This Act provides that if a dentist holds a community health license to care for underserved populations through a federally-qualified health center or a government-operated dental clinic and continues to practice in compliance with § 1132B(b) of Title 24 of the Delaware Code, the dentist’s license is renewable and shall be renewed biennially by the State Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

This Act also extends the due date for the Dental Care Access Task Force’s report to April 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S ASSOC | Joanne Finnigan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S ASSOC | Dennis Greenhouse | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC ASSOC. OF COMM. HEALTH CENTERS | Nicole Freedman | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SB 29

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSOLIDATION ACT.

To foster sustainability in state retiree healthcare benefits and the development of a plan for strong benefits beyond the current Medicare Supplement plan offered through January 1, 2024, this Act does all of the following:

1. Expands the membership of the State Employee Benefits Committee by adding a state retiree to the Committee

and adding an additional representative from public sector union organizations;

2. Requires the Controller General to provide comprehensive biannual public reports to the General Assembly regarding the work of the State Employee Benefits Committee; and

3. Establishes the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee of the State Employee Benefits Committee, whose membership will include three state retirees and four members of the General Assembly, and whose charge includes holding public meetings and issuing recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by May 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 17, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 17, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 17, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 29

This amendment precludes appointed members of the State Employee Benefits Committee from attending Committee meetings through a designee. This amendment also precludes appointed members of the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee from attending Subcommittee meetings through a designee. The amendment adds to the duties of the Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee, by requiring the Subcommittee to evaluate options that would allow state retirees to maintain their current coverage, similar to residents in other states that offer a choice to buy into a Medicare Supplement plan.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 30

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2023 AS "BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK" IN DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 11-17 2023, as "Black Maternal Health Awareness Week" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 10, 2023 |

## SB 31

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE COVERAGE.

This Act corrects a technical error in SB 227 (149th General Assembly) by establishing requirements for group and blanket health insurance plans that align with existing requirements for individual and State employee health insurance plans. As introduced, SB 227 specified that coverage for chronic care management under all 3 of these health insurance plan types cannot be subject to patient deductibles, copayments, or fees. Senate Amendment 1 to SB 227 made various intentional changes to SB 227 but also accidentally deleted the line that applied this chronic care management requirement to group and blanket plans. SB 227, as amended, passed both chambers unanimously. As a result, since January 1, 2019, there has been an unintentional difference in the requirements between the plan types. This Act corrects that divergence.

This Act applies to policies, contracts, or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued after December 31, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Jan 26, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Feb 6, 2023 |

## SB 32

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.

The bill adds visual impairments including blindness to the list of programs to be conducted on a 12-month schedule.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 32

Section 1703(e) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code places limits on the number of hours and days of student and teacher attendance for programs for children with certain disabilities. This amendment limits the number of teacher work days for Division of Visually Impaired teachers to not more than 226 days.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 33

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This bill adopts a key recommendation of the Child Protection Accountability Commission Caseloads and Workloads final report approved on November 20, 2019, that Division of Family Services (DFS) caseload standards be reduced from 18 to 12 families per worker. Due to the volume of work generated by a caseload of 18 families, workers are significantly restricted in the time they can spend on critical case activities such as family engagement, assessment of safety, and face-to-face contact with children and families.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 20, 2023 |

## SCR 33

DESIGNATING MAY 1–7, 2023, AS “TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK” IN DELAWARE.

This resolution designates the week of May 1-7, 2023, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 34

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 AND TITLE 28 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

On March 1, 1875, the federal Civil Rights Act was enacted. Following the end of the Civil War and the adoption of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments, the goal of the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was to guarantee Blacks equal treatment in places of public accommodation and on public transportation.

On March 25, 1875, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 194 of Volume 15 of the Laws of Delaware to permit places of public accommodation and public transportation to exclude individuals “whose presence there would be offensive to the major part of the proprietor’s customers and thereby injure the proprietor’s business”. Newspaper reports from the time indicate that this law was specifically designed to “neutralize the effects of” the Civil Rights Act of 1875.

Almost 100 years later, in December 1963, the 122nd General Assembly enacted the Delaware Equal Accommodations Law, Chapter 45 of Title 6 of the Delaware Code, to prevent in places of public accommodations practices of discrimination against any person because of race, creed, color, or national origin. As part of this legislation, the 122nd General Assembly provided that “§ 1501 of Title 24, § 902 of Title 28, and § 703 of Title 26 of the Delaware Code of 1953, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed insofar as such inconsistency does occur.” Despite the General Assembly’s intent, these provisions were not repealed at the time and, with the exception of § 703 of Title 26, which was repealed in 1974 with the rest of Chapter 7 of Title 26 as part of reorganization of Title 26, have continued to persist to this day.

This Act explicitly repeals § 1501 of Title 24 and § 902 of Title 28, fulfilling the intent of the 122nd General Assembly that § 1501 of Title 24 and § 902 of Title 28 be repealed as inconsistent with the purposes of the Delaware Equal Accommodations Law that General Assembly adopted. This Act also serves to repudiate the State’s past involvement in racial discrimination that occurred in reliance on and under color of laws adopted by this State.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Mar 9, 2023 |

## SB 35

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF ITS AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

This Act amends the Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act to (1) authorize the use of School Safety and Security Funds for school extracurricular activities; (2) authorize local funding to support Enhanced Minor Capital Improvements and the remediation of lead contaminated drinking water infrastructures; (3) adjust the procurement thresholds for the issuance of formal bids or RFPs; (4) authorize the Department of Transportation to use Community Transportation Funds for one-time reimbursements for various projects; (5) make changes to the Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group; (6) authorize the Department of Transportation Reprogramming Transfer; (7) authorize funding to complete the facility drainage project of Absalom Jones Performing Arts Center; (8) authorize the donation of the Division of Communications Shelter to the University of Delaware; (9) authorize the use of funding until the new Troop 6 facility is complete and available for occupancy; (10) allow New Castle County Vocational School District to proceed with construction of new athletic fields; (11) authorize the use of Irrigation System Conversion funds to reimburse a new poultry house demolition assistance program; (12) clarify the calculation of 3% limit of GF net

revenue estimate for finance capital projects is applied to revenues identified in the revenue resolution for the fiscal year of the budget being adopted; (13) authorize Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation to use funds for capital projects; (14) authorize Municipal Infrastructure Funds to be used for the North Bayshore Drainage Improvements; (15) authorize the Office of Management and Budget to engage in a pilot program to include Community Workforce Agreements; (16) authorize the Department of Transportation to engage in a Community Workforce Agreement for no more than two large public works projects; and (17) require a report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding State Facilities Market Pressure.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Jan 24, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jan 26, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 21, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Karl Stomberg | Jan 26, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 35

This Amendment removes the project labor requirements from the Office of Management and Budget and Department of Transportation pilot projects proposed in Sections 15 and 16 of Senate Bill No. 35. This Amendment also increases the number of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise pilot projects for the Office of Management and Budget from 1 to 4.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## HA 2 to SB 35

This Amendment removes the waiver of § 6962(b) of Title 29 of the Delaware Code. By removing the waiver, this Amendment has the effect of requiring the public announcement of public works contracts for community workforce projects under Section 189 of this Act on the same basis as required currently for all other public works contracts.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## HA 3 to SB 35

This Amendment strikes Senate Amendment No. 2 and instead replaces the workforce requirement related to being a bona fide legal citizen of the State with a requirement to be a bona fide legal resident of the State.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## HA 4 to SB 35

This Amendment makes clear that every Community Workforce project must include at least 1 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise as a contractor or subcontractor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 35

This Amendment removes the project labor requirements from the Office of Management and Budget and Department of Transportation pilot projects proposed in Sections 15 and 16 of Senate Bill No. 35. This Amendment also increases the number of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise pilot projects for the Office of Management and Budget from 1 to 4.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## SA 2 to SB 35

This Amendment removes language permitting a community workforce agreement to include a bona fide legal citizen of the State workforce requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## SB 36

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 911 DISPATCHERS.

This Act provides a definition for 911 Dispatchers. While referenced in other sections of the Code, including being identified as a first responder in § 4319 of Title 11 for purposes of confidentiality of communications by first responders for critical incident stress management services, Dispatchers have not otherwise been defined.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |

## SB 37

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE DOG.

This act designates rescue dogs as the official state dog.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB | Charles Hall | Apr 10, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |

## SB 40

A BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF ITS AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE; REPROGRAMMING CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE STATE; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2024 Bond and Capital Improvements Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Apr 10, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Mar 9, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jul 11, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| PENNTEX VENTURES, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| TODMORDEN FOUNDATION, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 27, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Jun 2, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 27, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 27, 2023 |

## SB 42

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BURIAL BENEFITS.

Section 1 of this Act increases the burial benefit for individuals eligible to receive a pension under the State Employees' Pension Plan (Chapter 55 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code) from $7,000 to $10,000. The burial benefit has not been increased since 2001 (See 73 Del. Laws, c. 146, § 5).

As a result of the increase in burial benefit made by Section 1 of this Act, the burial benefit for individuals eligible to receive a pension under the State Police Pension Plan (Chapter 83 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code), Delaware County and Municipal Police and Firefighter Pension Plan (Chapter 88 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code), and the early retirement option for state employees (Chapter 53 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code), and the reasonable funeral expenses permitted in a wrongful death action under § 3724(d)(4) of Title 10 of the Delaware Code, are also increased as these are all linked to the burial benefit amount established under § 5546 of Title 29.

Section 2 of this Act increases the burial benefit for a deceased member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary, or volunteer ambulance and rescue company from $7,000 to $10,000. This burial benefit has not been increased since 2004 (See 74 Del. Laws, c. 339, § 1).

Section 2 of this Act also provides that if a member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary, or volunteer ambulance and rescue company is entitled to burial benefits under § 8331 of Title 11, § 8395 of Title 11, § 8846 of Title 11, § 5316 of Title 29, or § 5546 of Title 29, the member is not eligible for benefits under § 6750 of Title 18. The funeral benefit created under § 6750 of Title 18 was created before the burial benefit was created for the State Police Pension Plan (Chapter 83 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code) and Delaware County and Municipal Police and Firefighter Pension Plan (Chapter 88 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code). This change updates § 6750 of Title 18 to recognize the existence of these other burial benefits.

This Act takes effect on October 1, 2023, to provide time to implement this Act after the enactment of the fiscal year

2024 appropriations act containing the funding for this Act.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 20, 2023 |

## SS 2 for SB 42

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BURIAL BENEFITS.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 42 and Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 42. Like Senate Bill No. 42 and Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 42, this Act does all of the following:

(1) Section 1 of this Act increases the burial benefit for individuals eligible to receive a pension under the State Employees' Pension Plan (Chapter 55 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code) from $7,000 to $10,000. The burial benefit has not been increased since 2001 (See 73 Del. Laws, c. 146, § 5).

(2) As a result of the increase in burial benefit made by Section 1 of this Act, the burial benefit for individuals eligible to receive a pension under the State Police Pension Plan (Chapter 83 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code), Delaware County and Municipal Police and Firefighter Pension Plan (Chapter 88 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code), and the early retirement option for state employees (Chapter 53 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code), and the reasonable funeral expenses permitted in a wrongful death action under § 3724(d)(4) of Title 10 of the Delaware Code, are also increased as these are all linked to the burial benefit amount established under § 5546 of Title 29.

(3) Section 2 of this Act removes the requirement that the funeral expenses paid for the funeral of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary, or volunteer ambulance and rescue company be reasonable.

(4) Section 3 of this Act delays the effect of this Act until October 1, 2023, to provide time to implement this Act after the enactment of the fiscal year 2024 appropriations act containing the funding for this Act.

(5) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act differs from Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 42 as follows:

(1) This Act increases to $10,000 the amount of funeral expenses paid for the funeral of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary, or volunteer ambulance and rescue company. This is consistent with Senate Bill No. 42.

(2) Consistent with a legal interpretation of the existing law by state agencies, this Act continues to enable the payment of funeral expenses for the funeral of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire company ladies auxiliary, or volunteer ambulance and rescue company even if the member was also a state employee entitled to burial benefits under § 8331 of Title 11, § 8395 of Title 11, § 8846 of Title 11, § 5316 of Title 29, or § 5546 of Title 29. However, this Act makes changes to existing law to make this legal interpretation clear.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |

## SB 43

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PUBLIC AWARENESS SIGNS.

This Act adds additional State facilities and categories of establishments to § 787 of Title 11 which would be required to display public awareness signs about human trafficking. The additional State facilities and categories are as follows:
(1) State service centers.
(2) Wellness centers.
(3) Residential child care facilities.
(4) Transitional and independent living service providers for youth aging out of foster care.
(5) Shelters for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or individuals experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.
(6) Hotels.
(7) Convenience stores along a major highway.
(8) Gas stations along a major highway.
(9) Casinos.
(10) Restaurants with liquor licenses.
(11) Poultry processing plants.
(12) Bus or train stations.
(13) Bars.
(14) Massage establishments.
(15) Shopping malls.

This Act provides definitions of some of the existing State facilities and categories of establishments where public awareness signs are required to be displayed, as well as some of the new State facilities and categories added by this Act. This Act repeals the requirement to display public awareness signs at “emergency care providers” and “adult entertainment facilities” in favor of using the terms “wellness center” and “adult entertainment establishment”, which are defined in this Act.

This Act also includes specific locations on the premises where establishments that are hotels, casinos, restaurants with liquor licenses, poultry processing plants, massage establishments, and shopping malls must display a public awareness sign.

This Act adjusts the process by which the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (Council) may designate establishments required to display public awareness signs. This Act allows the Council to promulgate regulations to do all of the following:
(1) Designate other categories of establishments that must display public awareness signs in addition to the categories required under § 787 and this Act.
(2) Designate a specific location on the premises for a category of establishments where a public awareness sign must be displayed.
(3) Change requirements for what must be included in a “public awareness sign”, as defined in this Act.

The Act requires that the Council shall annually publish a list of categories of establishments that must display a public awareness sign and any specific location requirements for the purposes of providing notice.

This Act makes the following clarifications:
(1) The Department of Labor currently enforces the public awareness sign display requirement under § 787 through issuance of a fine. This Act clarifies that the fine is a civil penalty.
(2) This Act distinguishes between the responsibilities of the Council and establishments, as well as rewrites the responsibilities to clarify the current law regarding the display of public awareness signs.

This Act also establishes an enforcement process, including the requirement that establishments will receive a warning before any civil penalties are assessed. If an establishment does not correct the noncompliance identified in its warning, the establishment owner is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $500. On a second or subsequent failure by an establishment to correct the same or a substantially similar noncompliance, the establishment owner is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $2,500. The current fine under § 787 is $300 per violation. Additionally, in the event that the Council changes what must be in a public awareness sign through the promulgation of regulations, this Act creates a safe harbor so a change in the rules does not immediately result in an establishment being in noncompliance. The Department of Labor may promulgate regulations.

This Act also requires the Department of Labor to submit an annual report about enforcement to the Council and the General Assembly.

To make compliance with and enforcement of this Act feasible, a fiscal note is attached to this bill to finance the creation of the public awareness signs, which will be provided free to State of Delaware facilities and establishments that request them. Additionally, the fiscal note will fund positions within the Department of Labor to enforce the human trafficking public awareness sign display requirements.

This Act takes effect immediately and is to be implemented 1 year from the date of this Act’s enactment to allow for the promulgation of regulations by the Department of Labor and the Council, as well as to ensure public awareness signs will be ready for distribution before implementation.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Feb 21, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |

## SCR 43

RECOGNIZING THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY IMPACT OF THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING AS A SIGNIFICANT INNOVATION FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF WILMINGTON AND DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes the Community Education Building, located at 1200 N. French Street, in Wilmington, Delaware, together with its partners, as a leader in educational innovation and impact in the lives of students and their families. They are recognized for their work in providing direct wraparound services to students and families, their collaborative model with resident partner nonprofits, and their on-site support services for their four schools.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 43

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PUBLIC AWARENESS SIGNS.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 43. Both this Act and SB 43 add additional State facilities and categories of establishments to § 787 of Title 11 which would be required to display public awareness signs about human trafficking. The additional State facilities and categories are as follows:

(1) State service centers.
(2) Wellness centers.
(3) Residential child care facilities.
(4) Transitional and independent living service providers for youth aging out of foster care.
(5) Shelters for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or individuals experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.
(6) Hotels.
(7) Convenience stores along a major highway.
(8) Gas stations along a major highway.
(9) Casinos.
(10) Restaurants with liquor licenses.
(11) Poultry processing plants.
(12) Bus or train stations.
(13) Bars.
(14) Massage establishments.
(15) Shopping malls.

This Act is also the same as SB 43 in that it:

(1) Provides definitions of some of the existing State facilities and categories of establishments where public awareness signs are required to be displayed, as well as some of the new State facilities and categories added by SB 43 (and retained by this Act).
(2) Includes specific locations on the premises where establishments that are hotels, casinos, restaurants with liquor licenses, poultry processing plants, massage establishments, and shopping malls must display a public awareness sign.
(3) Adjusts the process by which the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council (Council) may designate establishments

required to display public awareness signs. SB 43 and this Act allow the Council to promulgate regulations to designate other categories of establishments that must display public awareness signs in addition to the categories required under § 787 and this Act; designate a specific location on the premises for a category of establishments where a public awareness sign must be displayed; and change requirements for what must be included in a "public awareness sign", as defined in this Act.
(4) Requires the Council to annually publish a list of categories of establishments that must display a public awareness sign and any specific location requirements for the purposes of providing notice.
(5) Clarifies that enforcement fines are civil penalties.
(6) Distinguishes between the responsibilities of the Council and establishments, as well as rewrites the responsibilities to clarify the current law regarding the display of public awareness signs.
(7) Establishes an enforcement process, including the requirement that establishments will receive a warning before any civil penalties are assessed. The Department of Labor may promulgate regulations.
(8) Requires the Department of Labor to submit an annual report about enforcement to the Council and the General Assembly.
(9) This Act takes effect immediately and is to be implemented 1 year from the date of this Act's enactment to allow for the promulgation of regulations by the Department of Labor and the Council, as well as to ensure public awareness signs will be ready for distribution before implementation.
(10) This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 43 by:

(1) Removing the mandate that the Department of Labor (Department) conduct enforcement. The Department still has enforcement authority but may exercise its discretion in whether to pursue enforcement.
(2) Changing enforcement to a complaint-based system whereby the Department may inspect an establishment about which it receives a compliant. While the complaint-based system may be the main way that the Department will receive notice of possible noncompliance with public awareness sign requirements, the Department may still initiate inspections independent of a report from the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council or a complaint.
(3) Changing the enforcement process and timeframes as follows:
When the Department conducts enforcement, it shall provide public awareness signs, if needed, to an establishment to immediately enable compliance with the public awareness sign display requirements. If, within 3 years, the Department determines the establishment is exhibiting the same, or a substantially similar, noncompliance identified in the warning notice, then the Department shall assess a civil penalty against the noncompliant establishment.
(4) Removing the safe harbor provision since all establishments will now receive copies of the proper signage during inspection, if new signs are needed.
(5) Updating the civil penalty to conform to the changes made in the enforcement process and timeframes. The civil penalty is as follows: if an establishment does not correct the same, or a substantially similar, noncompliance identified in the warning notice, the establishment owner is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $500. On a second or subsequent failure by an establishment to correct the same, or a substantially similar, noncompliance identified in the warning notice, the establishment owner is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $2,500. The current fine under § 787 is $300 per violation.
(6) Naming this Act the "Signs of Hope Act". This name reflects the purpose that the human trafficking public awareness signs serve: a way to reach, give hope, and save victims of human trafficking.
(7) Removing repetitive language and correcting a grammatical error.

To make compliance with and enforcement of this Act feasible, a fiscal note is attached to this bill to finance the creation of the public awareness signs, which will be provided free to State of Delaware facilities and establishments and to fund a Department of Labor enforcement position.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SB 44

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.

This Act establishes the Office of New Americans to help improve the lives and economic prosperity of new Americans who come to Delaware and of all Delawareans generally.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES | Michael Zimmer | Apr 12, 2023 |

## SCR 44

RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2023, AS MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY IN DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes May 5, 2023, as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 45

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

Under current Delaware law, if a labor dispute constitutes a lockout, employees are immediately eligible for unemployment benefits. Additionally, current law permits an individual to collect unemployment benefits beginning the third week of a labor dispute, other than a lockout.

This Act mandates that the 2-week disqualification period does not apply if either:
(1) The labor dispute is caused by the failure or refusal of the employer to comply with an agreement or contract between the employer and the individual, including a collective bargaining agreement with a union representing the individual, or a State or federal law pertaining to hours, wages, or other conditions of work.
(2) The employer hires a permanent replacement worker for the individual's position.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 12, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Feb 21, 2023 |

## SCR 45

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS "HEALTHY VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of May 2023 as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ACADEMY OF OPHTHALOMOGY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 46

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year.

This Act revises this State's missing children laws to improve search efforts, increase collaboration between law enforcement agencies, and increase public information about missing children.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NATIONAL CTR. FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN | Daton Lynch | Apr 10, 2023 |
| NATIONAL CTR. FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN | Daton Lynch | Jan 10, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 46

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 46. Like Senate Bill No. 46, this Act revises this State's missing children laws to improve search efforts, increase collaboration between law enforcement agencies, and increase public information about missing children.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 46 in that it does all of the following:
(1) Removes language relating to “unemancipated minors” and instead uses the term “child”, as defined in § 302 of Title 1 of the Delaware Code, uniformly throughout Subchapter II of Chapter 85 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code. Delaware does not have emancipation of minors and anyone under the age of 18 is considered a child under our laws.
(2) Includes a legal custodian as a person who can sign a dental authorization form to permit release of dental records to law-enforcement agencies. This allows the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families to authorize the release of dental records for any child in its legal custody.
(3) Includes a legal custodian as a point of contact for law-enforcement agencies when fulfilling their duties regarding unidentified deceased persons. This allows the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families to be a point of contact and receive information for any child in its legal custody.
(4) Removes the limitation on who may report a missing child and instead allows a child to be reported missing by any person. This enables schools, daycares, group homes, relatives, or persons caring for a child without legal authority to report a child missing from their care.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |

## SCR 47

PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 "CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims May 2023 "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SCR 48

RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes May 2023 as "Older Americans Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SCR 49

RECOGNIZING MAY 7-13, 2023, AS "YOUTH HEALTH AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates May 7-13, 2023, as "Youth Health Awareness and Prevention Week" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 50

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WALKABILITY AND PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative and Oversight Committee's review of the Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness ("Council"). This Act codifies the Council, which was first established under Governor Ruth Ann Minner's Executive Order No. 83 (2006), disbanded in 2008, and re-established under Governor Jack Markell's Executive Order No. 54 (2015). This Act also updates the Council's membership, purpose, and goals to reflect current practices and needs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |

## SCR 50

ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution acknowledges the importance of Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine and encourages stakeholders to collaborate and support its expansion.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

# SB 51

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF SINGLE-SERVICE PLASTIC IMPLEMENTS AND POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

This Act prohibits food establishments from providing consumers with ready-to-eat food or beverages in polystyrene foam containers or with single-service plastic coffee stirrers, cocktail picks, or sandwich picks. It also prohibits food establishments from providing single-service plastic straws, unless requested by a consumer. These restrictions take effect on July 1, 2025.

This Act provides the following exemptions to the prohibitions on single-service plastic implements and polystyrene foam containers:

1. The definition of "polystyrene foam food service packaging" excludes coolers or ice chests used for the processing or shipping of seafood and containers used to contain, transport, or package raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, fruits, or vegetables.
2. The prohibition on plastic straws does not apply to patients or residents of hospitals or long-term care facilities and for plastic straws that are attached to pre-packaged goods, such as juice boxes.
3. The restriction on providing ready-to-eat food in polystyrene foam food service packaging does not apply to any of the following:

- Fire companies.
- Health-care providers that provide long-term, acute, and outpatient health-care services.
- Nonprofit organizations, including religious institutions.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 2, 2023 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Brittany DeMarzo | Mar 29, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DART CONTAINER CORPORATION | AnnMarie Treglia | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | May 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Feb 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HAULERS ASSOCIATION | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY | Mary Davis | Jun 25, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| PLASTIC FREE DELAWARE, INC. | Dee DURHAM | Mar 18, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Feb 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |

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| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 51

This Amendment removes the exceptions for fire companies and nonprofit organizations from the prohibition on providing ready-to-eat food in polystyrene foam food service packaging.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HA 2 to SB 51

This Amendment narrows the health-care provider exception from the prohibition on providing ready-to-eat food in polystyrene foam food service packaging to only food provided to a patient or resident.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## HA 3 to SB 51

This amendment adds whereas clauses to Senate Bill No. 51 which provide additional information regarding the impact on and longevity of polystyrene in landfills. It clarifies that a food establishment’s license may not be suspened or revoked for violation of this chapter, and delays the penalty provision to 1 year after the effective date, and defines a violation of the chapter as a “core item” under the Delaware Food Code. Finally, it directs that by December 31, 2023, the DSWA shall submit a reportregarding the use of and potential substitutes for polystyrene foam from food establishments and other sources, and the disposal challenges and recycling options for waste polystyrene foam, identifying steps which can be considered in order to achieve the goal of reducing or eliminating polystyrene foam being added to landfills or open dumps in the State.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HAULERS ASSOCIATION | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## HA 4 to SB 51

This amendment adds whereas clauses to Senate Bill No. 51 which provide additional information regarding the impact on and longevity of polystyrene in landfills. It clarifies that a food establishment’s license may not be suspened or revoked for violation of this chapter, and delays the penalty provision to 1 year after the effective date, and defines a violation of the chapter as a “core item” under the Delaware Food Code. Finally, it directs that by December 31, 2023, the DSWA shall submit a report regarding the use of and potential substitutes for polystyrene foam from food establishments and other sources, and the disposal challenges and recycling options for waste polystyrene foam, identifying steps which can be considered in order to achieve the goal of reducing or eliminating polystyrene foam being added to landfills or open dumps in the State.

This amendment is identical to HA 3 for SB 51 except that the word “administrative” is added at line 14 to clarify that the penalty for violation of this Act is administrative and not criminal.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

## SB 52

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

This Act directs the State’s current needle exchange program to take a needs-based approach.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRANDYWINE COUNSELING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 2, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Apr 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |

## SCR 52

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS "LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates May 2023 as "Lupus Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware and encourages expanded efforts to keep Delaware residents properly informed about Lupus symptom recognition and treatment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 53

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SELBYVILLE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Selbyville (Selbyville) by doing all of the following:
1. Creates 4 election districts within Selbyville. The 4 election districts must be nearly equal in population based on the most recent federal decennial census.
2. Requires that a candidate for Mayor or the Town Council be a resident of Selbyville for at least 2 years.
3. Requires that each candidate for the Town Council be a resident of the district from which they are seeking election and remain a resident of that district while serving as a member of the Town Council.
4. Makes corresponding revisions to the staggered terms served by members of the Town Council.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend a charter issued to a municipal corporation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |

## SCR 53

COMMENDING THE FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution commends the Food Bank of Delaware for its contributions towards ending hunger and addressing the root causes or poverty in the State of Delaware through its increased statewide impact.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jun 23, 2023 |

## SB 54

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NET METERING.

This bill extends the effective date of certain provisions of Section 1014 of Title 26 of the Delaware Code for utilities regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 12, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Apr 17, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Mar 10, 2023 |
| WORKING FAMILIES ORGANIZATION, INC. | Rachel Gregoire | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SCR 54

PROCLAIMING MAY 11, 2023, AS “HOME CARE ADVOCACY DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

The resolution proclaims May 11, 2023, as "Home Care Advocacy Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 55

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE ESTABLISHING THE DELAWARE RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

This bill establishes the Delaware Rare Disease Advisory Council which, among other things, is intended to educate medical professionals, government agencies, legislators, and the public about rare diseases. There are about 7,000 known rare diseases, and they create major public health challenges. The Advisory Council is charged with engaging in activities intended to benefit rare disease patients in Delaware, including encouraging and securing funding for the development of new treatments for rare diseases.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Mar 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 2, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Mar 8, 2023 |
| NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS | Carolyn Sheridan | Jul 19, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Mar 9, 2023 |
| VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 55

This amendment makes the following changes to Senate Bill No. 55:

1) It establishes the Rare Disease Advisory Council within the Office of the Lt. Governor instead of the Department of Health and Social Services.

2) It amends the provision about the hospital administrator appointee to the Council by requiring that the appointee be from an acute care hospital in Delaware.

3) It increases the size of the Council from 11 members to 14 members, by adding the following: a) a second Delaware resident, who either has a rare disease or has experience caring for a person with a rare disease, b) an administrator from a biopharma manufacturer, and c) a licensed genetic counselor.

4) It establishes that staffing support for the Council will be provided by the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BIOSCIENCE ASSOC. | Sean Finnigan | Jun 9, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SB 56

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

This is an omnibus bill that updates several aspects of the Delaware Public Utility Code, Title 26, including the following: (a) Expanding the public notice options for the Public Service Commission in order to reduce costs, increase transparency, and raise public awareness of Commission proceedings; (b) Amending the statute which sets the salary of Commissioners to provide for a salary as appropriated in the annual State Operating Budget; (c) Increasing the utility assessment rate; and (d) Eliminating references to the Water Supply Coordinating Council, which reached its sunset date of January 31, 2022.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 7, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 2, 2023 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Mar 12, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Joseph P. Farley, Sr. | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Mar 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |

## SCR 56

RECOGNIZING THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS OF THE YOUTH-LED KICK BUTTS GENERATION ORGANIZATION.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the advocacy efforts of the youth-led Kick Butts Generation organization.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 56

This amendment corrects a technical error in Senate Bill No. 56 and preserves the previous assessment rate in the Code so that it will be readily available for reference even after the bill takes effect.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 57

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

In Chiafalo v. Washington, 140 S.Ct. 2316 (2020), the United States Supreme Court made clear that states have the authority to remove or punish presidential electors who do not adhere to their obligation to vote faithfully for their parties' candidates.

This Act provides Delawareans with confidence that the votes they have cast will be honored when the Electoral College meets to decide the outcome of presidential elections by providing for the orderly operation of Delaware's Electoral College voting process.

This Act adopts the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act, which was approved by the Uniform Law Commission. The Uniform Law Commission "provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law."

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Apr 4, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | John Hardin "Jack" Young | Mar 20, 2023 |

## SB 58

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF COPAY REQUIREMENTS FOR DELAWARE FAMILIES IN NEED.

Since the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Department has not charged copays for Delaware Families earning up to 200% of the federal poverty level and has reimbursed purchase of care providers for 15 absent days per child per month. These practices have been successful in stabilizing families and providing early learning programs for Delaware's needy families and children.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Mar 9, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 4, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Jun 29, 2023 |
| YMCA OF DELAWARE, INC. | Nicole Freedman | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SCR 58

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS "LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the month of May 2023 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 59

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE RATE OF PURCHASE OF CARE FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

This bill directs the Department to pay a statewide rate to all child care providers that is aligned with the New Castle County rate through existing program funds. This service provides support for families with children birth to 12 years of age with access to child care to enable the caretaker to hold a job, obtain training or meet the special needs of the parent or child. The bill would pay licensed child care providers statewide at the reimbursement rate of New Castle County as determined by the 2021 Delaware Local Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Apr 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 6, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Mar 9, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 4, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 6, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Apr 18, 2023 |
| UNITED WAY OF DELAWARE | Alexandra Southerst | Jun 29, 2023 |
| YMCA OF DELAWARE, INC. | Nicole Freedman | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SB 60

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEE LEAVE.

This Act provides teachers and other school employees with the same protection to be absent without a loss of pay as State merit employees for all of the following reasons:

(1) To appear under subpoena to testify in a matter, other than a matter in which they are a party or which arises from other employment or activities of the employee.

(2) To report to serve on a jury.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 4, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## SB 61

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ABSENCES OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

Teachers and other school employees (school employees) do not accrue annual leave that can be used on a flexible basis. Under current law, school employees may only use 3 days of sick leave for personal reasons and may be

absent for 5 days after the death of an immediate family member and for 1 day only, on the day of the funeral, after the death of a near relative.

This Act makes the following changes to the days that school employees may be absent without loss of pay:
1. Allows a school employee to use the 1 day of leave provided for the funeral of a near relative on the day before or the day after the funeral.
2. Increases the number of days of sick leave that a school employee can use for personal reasons from 3 to 5.
3. Provides that a chief school officer may not ask a school employee the reason they are requesting to be absent for personal reasons and can only deny the school employee's request because of operational requirements.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including all of the following:
1. Clarifies the definition of “immediate family”.
2. Corrects an internal reference in subsection (j) that has been incorrect since 1971 when the language regarding excused absences by employees of special school districts, the City of Wilmington, and the State Board of Education in subsection (g) was repealed and the current requirements for the payment of unused sick leave were first enacted.

Finally, Sections 2 through 4 of this Act provide that if House Bill No. 65 is enacted in 2023, school employees will receive the same bereavement leave as state employees after a pregnancy loss. If HB 65 is not enacted in 2023, these changes will not take effect.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. | David Tull | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 9, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Apr 4, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 17, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 61

This Amendment deletes the language in SB 61 that prohibits the chief school officer from: (1) asking the employee the reason for the personal absence; or (2) denying the request for a personal absence unless operational requirements cannot be met if the employee is absent.
This Amendment further removes Section 2 of the bill that provides employees with 5 days of leave after a pregnancy loss.
Finally, this Amendment removes Sections 3 and 4 from SB 61 that create conditional effective dates for Section 2 of the bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Apr 17, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## HA 2 to SB 61

This Amendment modifies language in SB 61 relating to requests for personal leave by providing that:
(1) A building level administrator may approve personal leave requests, provided that the administrator does not ask the employee the reason for the request;
(2) Only chief school officers or human resources administrators may ask the employee the reason for the request and deny a personal leave request;
(3) Requests may only be denied if operational requirement cannot be met; and
(4) Employees are not required to provide reasons for the request.

This Amendment further removes Section 2 of the bill that provides employees with 5 days of leave after a pregnancy loss. It also removes Sections 3 and 4 from SB 61 that create conditional effective dates for Section 2 of the bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | May 10, 2023 |

## SB 62

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE.

This Act makes minor changes to licensing and registration of limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers and establishes a comprehensive framework for the sale and marketing of travel insurance. Specifically, the legislation establishes uniform meanings of key terms; allows travel products to continue to be offered in a manner that provides a seamless consumer experience and cost-saving efficiencies; clarifies impermissible and prohibited sales practices, and the applicability of the state's unfair trade practices law; requires several consumer disclosures; clarifies that travel insurance may be sold via individual, group, or blanket policies; clarifies current practice with respect to premium taxes; and clarifies that travel insurance is generally classified and filed as an inland marine line of insurance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 9, 2023 |
| AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. | Susan Giacalone | Apr 14, 2023 |
| AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Apr 5, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 13, 2023 |
| PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 10, 2023 |

## SCR 62

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AMERIHEALTH CARITAS MOBILE WELLNESS UNITS.

This Resolution recognizes the contributions of the AmeriHealth Caritas mobile unit to the communities it serves.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 63

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FARMS.

This bill updates the criteria for agriculture, horticulture, or forestry land use.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DRAKE CATTERMOLE ENTERPRISE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 14, 2023 |
| DRAKE CATTERMOLE ENTERPRISE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 14, 2023 |
| DRAKE CATTERMOLE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 14, 2023 |

## SCR 63

AMENDING THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (DIAA) TASK FORCE.

This resolution makes changes to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19 in that it adds 2 additional Task Force members, authorizes the Task Force to create subcommittees, allows for the appointment of 1 Task Force member by the Co-Chairs, and changes the dates of the Task Forces' first meeting and the submission of its report.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ASSOCIATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 63

This amendment makes clear that the criteria for valuation under Sections 8330-8337 of Title 9 includes the requirement of evidence in writing that the land is used for agricultural, horticultural, or forest use as defined in the Sections 8330-8332 of Title 9.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Apr 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SB 64

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE LOTTERY.

This Act promotes increased capital investment at Delaware casinos by restructuring the table games licensing fee reduction currently received by video lottery agents to allow capital investments greater than the minimum amounts required under § 4815(b)(3)a. of Title 29 of the Delaware Code to count toward the allowable license fee reductions. For ease of administration, this Act also aligns time periods for both table games and video lottery calculations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 13, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Mar 29, 2023 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 5, 2023 |

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| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| SPORTS BETTING ALLIANCE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 24, 2023 |

## SCR 64

ESTABLISHING THE NON-ACUTE LONG-STAY PATIENT TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE NEEDS AND OPTIONS OF NON-ACUTE HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN NEED OF TRANSFER TO A LOWER ACUITY CARE SETTING.

This concurrent resolution establishes the Non-Acute Long-Stay Patient Task Force to study and make findings and recommendations regarding the needs and options of non-acute Long-Stay hospital patients in need of transition to a more appropriate care setting. Long-Stay is defined as patients that have been in the hospital for 15 days or more and no longer have an acute medical need warranting hospitalization. These individuals are awaiting transition because access to a more appropriate care setting is unavailable. This means there are individuals in acute medical hospital beds that no longer need to be, but various barriers such as lack of insurance coverage, delayed authorization or guardianship, barriers to admission into behavioral health facilities or long-term care, and more, are preventing them from acute medical hospital discharge. This unnecessarily increases health care costs and can have a negative impact on the patients who are missing out on getting the specialized care they need at a more appropriate care facility. This also means longer wait times for other patients in hospital emergency rooms as there is less bed availability. This concurrent resolution establishes a task force to study and make recommendations on these issues.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 64

This amendment requires that an accounting of qualified investments be delivered to the Controller General as well as to the Lottery Director and that no license fee reduction if the Director or Controller General do not find the accounting satisfactory. It further provides that the reduction is available only for a video lottery facility for whom the beneficial ownership remained the same during the year in which the license fee reduction is sought. Finally, the amendment provides that this Act will sunset 1 year from its effective date absent further action of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |

## HA 2 to SB 64

This amendment requires that an accounting of qualified investments be delivered to the Controller General as well as to the Lottery Director and that no license fee reduction is allowed unless the Controller General and the Lottery Director both approve the accounting. It further provides that the reduction is available only for a video lottery facility for which the beneficial ownership remained the same during the year in which the license fee reduction is sought. Finally, the amendment provides that this Act will sunset 1 year from its effective date absent further action of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |

## SB 65

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX PROCEEDS.

This bill adds workforce and affordable housing programs to the current list of realty transfer tax eligible expenditures for New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 24, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 26, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2023 |

## SCR 65

RECOGNIZING JULY 27, 2023, AS "BLACK WOMEN’S EQUAL PAY DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes July 27, 2023, as "Black Women's Equal Pay Day" in the State of Delaware and encourages all Delawareans to join in recognizing the contributions Black women have made in every aspect of life, and the sacrifices they have made to champion equality.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## SB 66

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 20 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION.

This Act adds the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader as members of the Public Health Emergency Planning Commission (Commission).

This Act also requires the Commission to meet within 30 days of the initiation a state of emergency due to a public

health emergency for the purposes of discussing and evaluating, in an advisory capacity to the Governor, the response to the public health emergency. The Commission would be required to continue meeting at least every 30 days until the termination of the state of emergency due to a public health emergency.

This Act also defines the term “Commission” in the subchapter-level definition section since the term “Commission” is used in multiple places within Subchapter V of Chapter 31 of Title 20.

This Act also adds Commission governance procedures, including length of terms, filling vacancies, and defining quorum.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including updating agency names.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 66

This amendment adds the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to the Emergency Planning Commission.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 66

This Amendment does the following:
(1) Changes the term length from 4 years to 2 years for the Delaware medical community representative and the physician members of the Public Health Emergency Planning Commission (Commission). This change was made to have the term length coincide with the biennial review of the public health emergency plan.
(2) Adds a physician who is board certified in infectious disease as a member of the Commission in place of an emergency medicine physician.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SCR 67

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2023 AS "AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes November 2023 as "Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SB 68

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OCCUPANT PROTECTIONS.

This Act revises Delaware's child safety seat requirements which currently requires an "appropriate" car seat or booster. Under this Act, children under 2 years and under 30 pounds must be seated in a rear-facing seat with a 5-point harness. Children under 4 years and under 40 pounds must be seated in either a forward facing or rear-facing seat with a 5-point harness. Children between the ages of 4 and 16, must be seated in a booster based upon the manufacturer's guidelines or a seatbelt.

This Act removes the existing fine for the first offense and requests law enforcement to provide a referral to the Office of Highway Safety car seat fitting station for guidance and education regarding proper use of a child restraint.

Under this Act, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security is required to implement an awareness campaign within 180 days of enactment. The remainder of the Act will not take effect until 1 year following its enactment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Mary Davis | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |

## SCR 68

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN JUNE AS "DELAWARE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK" IN DELAWARE.

This resolution proclaims the first full week of June as the "Delaware Gun Violence Prevention Week" in the State of Delaware, in which we remember and honor all survivors of gun violence and ask that all Delawareans consider ways that we as a community can reduce gun violence - including storing all firearms securely.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |

## SB 69

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM THE DELAWARE CHILD CARE ACT FOR SECTARIAN OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

In 2021, the General Assembly enacted a law, Chapter 249 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware (Senate Bill 169 of the 151st General Assembly) to update and expand the definition of child care to include early education programs for children below the grade of kindergarten that are operated by public or private schools, including sectarian or religious institutions. This law takes effect on July 1, 2024.

This Act exempts sectarian or religious institutions from the Delaware Child Care Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |

## SCR 69

RECOGNIZING MAY 25, 2023, AS “STOP THE BLEED DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes May 25, 2023, as “Stop the Bleed Day” in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |

## SB 70

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMALS IN PROTECTION FROM ABUSE PROCEEDINGS.

This Act adds the following acts against a person's companion animal or service animal to the definition of abuse for protection from abuse proceedings:

1. Engaging in cruelty.
2. Inflicting physical injury.
3. Engaging in a course of alarming or distressing conduct.

In addition, this Act provides specific authority for the Court to include provisions in a protection from abuse order that grant a petitioner exclusive care, custody, or control of a companion animal and order a petitioner to stay away from the companion animal.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND | Brian Hackett | Apr 10, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Monica Nick Beard | Apr 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |

## SCR 70

DESIGNATING JULY 26, 2023, AS “AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution designates July 26, 2023, as "Americans with Disabilities Act Day" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SB 71

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REPORTING SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY.

This Act requires law-enforcement agencies, the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, and the Department of Justice to report suspected animal cruelty to the Office of Animal Welfare that is discovered while performing their responsibilities in child welfare cases. This Act also provides immunity to people who in good faith, report suspected animal cruelty.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB | Charles Hall | Apr 10, 2023 |
| ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND | Brian Hackett | Apr 10, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |

## SCR 71

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS "PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS" MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes September 2023 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SB 72

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

The purpose of this chapter is to allow residents of Delaware who are active members of a labor organization to claim a tax credit equal to the annual cost of maintaining their membership in the labor organization, not to exceed $500.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | May 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 10, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 72

This Amendment provides that the state tax deduction for union dues expires upon the expiration and non-extension of the suspension of miscellaneous itemized deductions under the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). The suspension of miscellaneous itemized deductions under the TCJA is currently scheduled to expire after the tax year ending December 31, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 72

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 72. Senate Bill No. 72 would have provided Delaware residents who are active members of a labor organization to claim a tax credit equal to the annual cost of maintaining their membership in the labor organization, not to exceed $500. This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 72 by providing that members of a labor organization may claim a tax deduction for their expenses, rather than a tax credit.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | May 14, 2023 |

## SS 2 for SB 72

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

In 2017, the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), Public Law No. 115-97, suspended many itemized deductions from individual federal taxes until January 1, 2026, including the itemized deduction for costs to maintain membership in a labor organization. Senate Bill No. 72 created a tax credit for resident individuals equal to the annual cost, not to exceed $500, to the individual to maintain membership in a labor organization. Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 72 made the annual cost to a resident individual to maintain membership in a labor organization an itemized tax deduction, not to exceed $500. Senate Amendment No. 1 to SS 1 for SB 72 sunset this itemized deduction when the federal tax deduction for costs to maintain membership in a labor organization is restored.

Like SS 1 for SB 72, Senate Substitute No. 2 for Senate Bill No. 72 creates an itemized tax deduction for the annual cost to a resident individual to maintain membership in a labor organization. SS 2 for SB 72 differs from SS 1 for SB 72 as follows:

1. It does not allow an individual to take this deduction if the individual has taken a deduction on their federal income

tax return for any cost to maintain membership in a labor organization.
2. It clarifies that this exemption does not include payments that are not deductible under federal law for amounts paid to or through a labor organization for employee benefits, pension contributions, other compensation, or that were used in connection with lobbying or political expenditures, or settlement or investigatory costs or assessments of a government entity.
3. Does not define “labor organization”, because under § 1101 of Title 30, it has the same meaning as when used in federal law in reference to federal income taxes.

If an individual deducts any cost to maintain membership in a labor organization from their federal income tax return, that deduction flows through to the state return. By limiting this deduction to individuals who have not taken a deduction on their federal income tax return for any cost to maintain membership in a labor organization, SS 2 for SB 72 does not need to sunset, because if federal law restores or creates a similar deduction in the future and an individual uses that deduction, the individual cannot claim the same deduction again on their state income tax return.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 73

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS BIDDER PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Act modifies the Public Works’ Bidder Prequalification period and changes from the existing 12-month valid period to a 24-month valid period.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 3, 2023 |

## SCR 73

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND JUNE 12-18, 2023, AS "COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the importance of community health workers as well as "Community Health Improvement Week" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 14, 2023 |

## SB 74

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH RECORDS.

This Act establishes requirements for the handling of treatment records for all of the following health-care providers under Title 24:

1. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (certified nurse practitioners), Chapter 19.
2. Licensees under the Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals, Chapter 30: mental health professional counselors and associate counselors, chemical dependency professionals, marriage and family therapists, professional art therapists.
3. Psychologists, Chapter 35.
4. Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Chapter 39.

Under current law, a patient or client does not have a right or clear procedure by which to obtain a copy of their record when one of these practitioners closes a practice, dies, terminates a patient relationship, or is incapacitated. The requirements established under this Act are modeled on the patient record requirements and procedures for physicians and correspond with the changes that would be enacted under House Bill No. 105 (152nd). These requirements and procedures also apply when a patient or client requests copies of their records.

Under existing law, the governing boards established under these chapters have authority to promulgate regulations, if necessary, to address intersections between the requirements under this Act and professional codes of ethics.

Sections 5 through 8 of this Act make technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and corrects the spelling of the word “health-care” to be consistent throughout these chapters.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 1, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 74

To keep these requirements consistent with those for physicians, this Amendment adds the provisions in HA 1 to HB 105 (152nd), which require the notice of an office closure to include the date services will cease and that when an office closes, notice must be provided to the applicable governing body explaining how former patients or clients may obtain their records. It also delays the effective date of SB 74 for 6 months. In addition to the requirements under HA 1 to HB 105, this Amendment requires the patient's or client's written consent before providing records to a new provider.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SB 75

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTHORITY IN INCORPORATED TOWNS AND CITIES; CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS.

This Act amends §134, Title 17 of the Delaware Code to allow for Secretary's designee to sign traffic resolutions within incorporated towns and cities. The same authority already exists for traffic resolutions in unincorporated areas.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## SCR 75

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 28, 2023, AS "NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims Saturday, October 28, 2023, as "National First Responders Day" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SB 76

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VACATION OF PUBLIC ROADS BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.

This Act amends §1311, Title 17 of the Delaware Code to allow for the Delaware Department of Transportation to vacate an old right of way of a newly realigned section of road by resolution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## SB 77

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

This Act creates a separate offense for theft of a catalytic converter. A first offense of catalytic converter theft is a class A misdemeanor unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class G felony. A

second offense of theft of a catalytic converter within the previous 5 years is a class G felony, regardless of the value of the stolen property.
Where a victim is 62 years of age or older, an adult who is impaired, or a person with a disability, a first offense of theft of a catalytic converter is a class G felony unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class F felony. A second offense of theft of a catalytic converter within the previous 5 years is a class F felony, regardless of the value of the property stolen.
Where the value is the property is more than $50,000 but less than $100,000, theft of a catalytic converter is a class D felony. Where the value of the property is $100,000 or more, theft of a catalytic converter is a class B felony.
This Act increases the reporting requirements for scrap metal processors when they acquire scrap metal including catalytic converters.
This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 19, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Apr 6, 2023 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Oct 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 6, 2023 |

## SB 78

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

This Act exempts from school property taxes real estate owned by Todmorden Foundation and used for the purposes of affordable housing.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |
| TODMORDEN FOUNDATION, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 4, 2024 |
| TODMORDEN FOUNDATION, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 19, 2024 |

## SCR 78

ESTABLISHING THE ENHANCING LIFELONG COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FOR THE AGING, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THEIR FAMILY CAREGIVERS TASK FORCE.

This concurrent resolution establishes the Enhancing Lifelong Community Supports for the Aging, Individuals with Disabilities, and Their Family Caregivers Task Force.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SCR 79

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023 AS MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of June 2023 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SB 80

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO IMMIGRATION STATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES.

This Act codifies the current practice in Delaware of not requiring proof of citizenship or a specific immigration status on an application for a professional license. By affirmatively providing eligibility for professional licenses regardless of immigration status, this Act brings Delaware into compliance with a federal requirement in place since August 22, 1996, under 8 U.S.C.S. § 1621(d), and provides public notice of this policy.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Apr 26, 2023 |
| WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES | Michael Zimmer | May 22, 2023 |

## SCR 80

RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2023, AS "DELAWARE ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY".

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes June 15, 2023, as "Delaware Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and encourages all of Delaware's citizens to learn about how to protect and nurture our elderly citizens.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 80

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO IMMIGRATION STATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES.

Senate Bill No. 80 codifies the current practice in Delaware of not requiring proof of citizenship or a specific immigration status on an application for a professional license. By affirmatively providing eligibility for professional licenses regardless of immigration status, Senate Bill No. 80 brings Delaware into compliance with a federal

requirement in place since August 22, 1996, under 8 U.S.C.S. § 1621(d), and provides public notice of this policy. Senate Bill No. 80 also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 80 differs from Senate Bill No. 80 by also codifying the current practice of allowing an applicant for a professional license who does not have a social security number to submit instead, an attestation stating that if the applicant obtains a social security number in the future, the applicant will update their application with that social security number.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DONALD E. GRAHAM | Lisa Goodman | May 8, 2023 |
| DONALD E. GRAHAM | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES | Michael Zimmer | May 22, 2023 |

## SB 81

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WRONGFUL DEATH ACTIONS.

This statutory addition to Delaware’s Wrongful Death Act will permit the spouse, parents, children, and siblings of a deceased person to recover punitive damages when the actions resulting in the death of another person were maliciously intended or the result of willful or wanton misconduct by the at fault party. Punitive damages are intended to deter the at fault party from future similar conduct and to punish the at fault party for reckless conduct. Presently, an estate can recover punitive damages under a survival action pursuant to 10 Del C. § 3701. A survival action involves the death of an individual as the result of the at fault party where that individual suffers for a period of time before dying. Whereas, a wrongful death action involves the instantaneous death of an individual as the result of the at fault party. This led to cases where the issue of whether a defendant faced punitive damages depended not on the defendant's own actions, but on whether the deceased had suffered long enough for a survival action. This Act also clarifies the definitions of "child" and "parent."

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 4, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Apr 25, 2023 |

## SCR 81

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26, 2023, AS "WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes August 26, 2023, as "Women's Equality Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## SCR 82

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 18, 2023, AS "FINANCIAL AID DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes October 18, 2023, as "Financial Aid Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Jerome Heisler, Jr. | Jul 1, 2023 |

## SB 83

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 5 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND.

This Act creates the Delaware Community Investment Venture Fund to develop opportunities for banking organizations and credit unions doing business in Delaware to better serve the needs of low to moderate income tracts in Delaware. The source of funds will be transfers from the Delaware State Bank Commissioner Regulatory Revolving Fund (established in Section 105 of Title 5), which currently has an amount in excess of that needed to cover the operating expenses of the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. The initial transfer will be up to $2.5 million, plus another $250,000 for expenses. Thereafter, additional transfers of up to $500,000 each fiscal year are authorized. No further transfers are authorized after June 30, 2028, unless further legislation is approved by the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## SCR 83

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 17, 2023, AS “NATIONAL NONPROFIT DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes August 17, 2023, as "National Nonprofit Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 83

This amendment makes the following two changes to Senate Substitute No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 83:

(1) It removes the requirement that the Delaware Community Investment Venture Fund be established within the State Treasury to allow for flexibility.

(2) It adds a provision about standard cash management practice which makes clear that interest earned by the Delaware Community Investment Venture Fund is to be credited to the Fund.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 83

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 5 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND.

This Act creates the Delaware Community Investment Venture Fund to develop opportunities for banking organizations and credit unions doing business in Delaware to better serve the needs of low to moderate income tracts in Delaware. The source of funds will be transfers from the Delaware State Bank Commissioner Regulatory Revolving Fund (established in Section 105 of Title 5), which currently has an amount in excess of that needed to cover the operating expenses of the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. The initial transfer will be up to $2.5 million, plus another $250,000 for expenses. Thereafter, additional transfers of up to $500,000 each fiscal year are authorized. No further transfers are authorized after June 30, 2028, unless further legislation is approved by the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 10, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |

## SB 84

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TAXATION OF PREMIUM CIGARS.

Under this Act, a premium cigar means any roll for smoking that is all of the following:

1. Made entirely of tobacco, including the wrapper, binder, and filler.
2. Hand rolled.
3. Contains no filter, tip, or any mouthpiece consisting of material other than tobacco, or any additional flavoring.

This Act lowers the tax rate for premium cigars from 30% to 20% of the wholesale price so that Delaware's tax rate is consistent with the tax rates for premium cigars in surrounding states. The tax rate in Maryland is 15% and there is no tax on premium cigars in Pennsylvania.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |
| TOBACCO-FREE KIDS ACTION FUND | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 27, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |

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| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |

## SB 85

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9, TITLE 10, TITLE 11, TITLE 22, AND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CARRYING A CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPON.

On June 23, 2022, in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), the United States Supreme Court completely and dramatically changed the manner in which state-level gun laws are to be evaluated for constitutional sufficiency. Although not directly addressed in a definitive fashion the way other states' concealed carry laws were, Delaware's concealed carry law was mentioned by the Court in a manner signaling that certain flaws in our law must be immediately addressed.

This Act is designed to address those issues raised by the Bruen decision in a manner meant to save Delaware's concealed carry law from a successful constitutional challenge. This Act addresses current constitutional deficiencies while maintaining public safety issues unique to Delaware.

Section 20 of Article I of the Delaware Constitution guarantees that “a person has the right to keep and bear arms for defense of self, family home and state…”. Both the United States Supreme Court and the Delaware Supreme Court have recognized the right of self-defense to be fundamental and to have pre-dated the formation of our country.

As of 2020, there were over 18,600,000 Americans with concealed carry permits and 24,400,000 adults living in states where no permit is required to carry a concealed firearm, which is a 420% increase in the number of adults living in states allowing the public carrying of a firearm since 1988. As of the beginning of 2021, there were 18 states where no permits were required to carry a concealed firearm, 25 states that were considered “shall issue” permit states, and 9 states that were considered “may issue” permit states.

This Act brings Delaware law concerning the carrying of concealed deadly weapons into conformity with Section 20 of Article I of the Delaware Constitution by allowing a person who is 21 years of age or older and not a prohibited person under either Delaware law or the laws of the United States to carry a deadly weapon concealed on or about their person for the purpose of defending self, family, home, and State.

In addition, this Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and conforming amendments in other provisions of the Delaware Code to account for the removal of the requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Apr 25, 2023 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Apr 23, 2023 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jun 6, 2023 |

## SB 86

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

Currently, every adult operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle is required to have a helmet in their possession and wear eye protection while operating or riding a motorcycle and every person up to 19 years of age must wear a helmet and eye protection.

This Act requires that everyone who obtains a new endorsement for a motorcycle on or after the effective date of this Act, or someone riding with the newly endorsed person, to wear a helmet and eye protection for the first 2 years after the newly endorsed person receives the endorsement.

In 2022, Delaware experienced 10 motorcycle fatalities where the rider was not wearing a helmet. Over the last 5 years, among crashes involving a Delaware licensed motorcycle rider, 25% of fatal and serious injury crashes involved a rider in their first 2 years of having a motorcycle endorsement. Helmets and eye protection are already required for those operating with a temporary motorcycle instruction permit as required under § 2703 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code and no passengers are allowed.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia currently require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. According to research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, helmets are highly effective in protecting motorcycle riders' heads in crashes and significantly reduce deaths and serious head injuries in crashes.

This Act creates a civil penalty for violation of the helmet law, both the existing law and the law created by this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 20, 2023 |

## SCR 86

REQUESTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO UPDATE THEIR 2022 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE ON OPTIONS FOR A NONTIDAL WETLANDS PERMITTING PROGRAM.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution requests that the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control update the analysis and recommendations presented in the Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 Report utilizing the new information provided by the most recently promulgated federal wetlands regulations and the results of the Supreme Court case, Sackett vs. EPA, by September 30, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 27, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |

## SB 87

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act makes the following changes to the realty transfer tax:

(1) Clarifies that the exemption from the realty transfer tax for conveyances to or from an organization exempt from tax

under § 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code when the purpose of the conveyance is to provide owner-occupied housing to low and moderate income households applies to rehabilitating residential properties and reselling the properties without profit and to constructing residences on properties and reselling the properties without profit.

(2) Exempts any portion of a conveyance in which it is the grantee's intent to construct affordable housing units and the conveyances are financed using funding provided by the federal government, this State, or a county or municipality of this State for the purpose of constructing affordable housing units, defined as a residential dwelling for a household whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(3) Exempts any portion of a conveyance financed through the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

(4) Clarifies that individuals are first-time homebuyers if they intend to occupy the property being conveyed as their principal residence after the construction of a residence on the property to include circumstances where the residence cannot be built within 90 days after the property is purchased.

This Act corrects the first-time homebuyer definition related to individuals purchasing as joint tenants or cotenants to replace "none" with "neither" to conform the number of joint tenants or cotenants indicated by the indefinite pronoun to the number indicated by the use of "both" later in the sentence.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## SCR 87

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS "DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims the month of October 2023 as "Depression Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 87

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 87. Like Senate Bill No. 87, this Act does the following:

(1) Clarifies that the exemption from the realty transfer tax for conveyances to or from an organization exempt from tax under § 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code when the purpose of the conveyance is to provide owner-occupied housing to low and moderate income households applies to rehabilitating residential properties and reselling the properties without profit and to constructing residences on properties and reselling the properties without profit.

(2) Exempts any portion of a conveyance in which it is the grantee's intent to construct affordable housing units and the conveyances are financed using funding provided by the federal government, this State, or a county or municipality of this State for the purpose of constructing affordable housing units, defined as a residential dwelling for a household whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(3) Clarifies that individuals are first-time homebuyers if they intend to occupy the property being conveyed as their principal residence after the construction of a residence on the property to include circumstances where the residence cannot be built within 90 days after the property is purchased.

(4) Corrects the first-time homebuyer definition related to individuals purchasing as joint tenants or cotenants to replace "none" with "neither" to conform the number of joint tenants or cotenants indicated by the indefinite pronoun to the number indicated by the use of "both" later in the sentence.

(5) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 87 by removing the exemption created by Senate Bill No. 87 for any portion of a conveyance financed through the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |

## SB 88

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

This Act alters the State realty transfer tax credit offered to first-time home buyers.

Currently, there is a 0.50% reduction in the State realty transfer tax for first-time home buyers for the first $400,000 of value of the property.

This Act completely exempts the first $250,000 of value of property purchased by a first-time home buyer from their portion of the State realty transfer tax and removes the first-time homebuyer tax credit for property valued at $1,000,000 or more. Between $250,000 and $1,000,000, this Act establishes the realty transfer tax applicable to a first-time homebuyer as follows:

(1) For property valued from $250,001 through $300,000, the realty transfer tax is reduced to 0.25%.

(2) For property valued from $300,001 through $350,000, the realty transfer tax is reduced to 0.50%.

(3) For property valued from $350,001 through $400,000, the realty transfer tax is reduced to 0.75%.
(4) For property valued from $400,001 through $999,999, the realty transfer tax is reduced by an amount equal to 0.50% multiplied by $400,000. This provides property valued from $400,001 through $999,999 the current realty transfer tax credit offered to first-time home buyers.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Apr 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |

## SB 89

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES.

This Bill allows for the use of green lights on state owned and operated snow removal equipment and vehicles during winter weather operations.  Studies have shown green lights are more visible to the traveling public during winter weather conditions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |

## SB 92

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT.

This bill amends the Delaware Public Employment Relations Act by expanding the jurisdictional application of the Act to employers with less than 100 employees and as few as 25 employees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION AFSCME COUNCIL 81 | Katherine Caudle | Jul 2, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 22, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |

## SB 93

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT.

This bill amends the Delaware Public Employment Relations Act by requiring that the Board, consistent with the Board's Rules and Regulations, issue written decisions following hearings on unfair labor practice charges within 30 days of the close of the record.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION AFSCME COUNCIL 81 | Katherine Caudle | Jul 2, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 28, 2023 |

## SB 94

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFERRED COMPENSATION.

The State of Delaware previously offered an employer match for state employee contributions to the deferred compensation program. The purpose of the match was to help state employees save and build wealth for retirement and to enable state government to recruit and retain talent by offering a valuable retirement savings benefit. In July 2008, during the Great Recession, the State suspended the employer match to cut costs. Every year since fiscal year 2008, the General Assembly has written in the annual appropriations bill: "It is the intent of the General Assembly that this program be reinstated when funding becomes available."

This Act updates the laws governing the employer match in anticipation of the General Assembly restoring the match this session and increases the maximum match to $20 per pay period. This Act also eases restrictions on which participants are eligible for the match.

To help employees who are unable to save for retirement because of their student loan burden, this Act enables a match for employee's student loan payments with employer contributions to their deferred compensation account. Congress enabled employers to make this type of matching contribution with the passage of the SECURE 2.0 Act, which was included in the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

This Act provides the Plans Management Board with the discretion to determine which plan the matching contributions should be deposited into.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## SCR 94

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH.

This resolution recognizes June 2023 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urges all Delawareans to wear purple to help spread awareness of Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 23, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 23, 2023 |

## SCR 95

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023 AS "CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution designates the month of June 2023 as “Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware and recommends providing those in close contact with infants and children education and informational resources on preventative measures that can be taken to protect infants and children from the virus.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 95

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES.

This Act adds clarity to the statutory changes made by Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 151 of the 151st General Assembly related to driver’s licenses for foster children. This Act clarifies that during the initial 6 months of a Learner’s Permit, a foster parent is liable for the negligent driving of the foster child up to the limits of the foster parent's applicable insurance coverage. This Substitute differs from the original bill in that it clarifies the language that refers to the insurance coverage and clarifies such language in both the new subsection and in the existing Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Apr 27, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |

## SB 96

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

This Act prohibits the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control from promulgating rules and regulations restricting the sale of fuel-powered cars, trucks, and SUVs in Delaware. This Act does not change the emission standards fuel-powered vehicles must currently meet. The provisions of this bill would be retroactive to March 1, 2023.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CAESAR RODNEY INSTITUTE | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | Apr 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 24, 2023 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 13, 2023 |

## SB 98

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

This Act allows Dental Clinicians possessing a DDS or DMDS to participate in the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment grant program. The Act also extends the time in which providers may apply for a Health Care Provider Loan Repayment grant from six months to two years following completion of their graduate education.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | May 16, 2023 |

## SCR 98

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPASSIONATE RELEASE AND MAKING A COMMITMENT TO CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO DELAWARE'S EARLY RELEASE FRAMEWORK FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE.

This resolution recognizes that the compassionate release of incarcerated people—such as elderly individuals experiencing infirmities, in addition to individuals in terminal or severe medical circumstances—can promote individual and community-wide justice while preserving public safety and realizing fiscal efficiencies. The resolution acknowledges the merit of immediately considering early release of all statutorily eligible incarcerated persons and commutation for individuals who would be eligible if Delaware were to have a stronger model of compassionate release, encourages all stakeholders involved in such consideration to assist, and pledges that the General Assembly will explore and consider potential modifications to Delaware’s early-release framework.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 27, 2023 |

## HA 1 to SB 98

This Amendment makes changes to the definition of new primary care and dental provider.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 13, 2023 |

# SB 99

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES.

This Act prohibits municipal ordinances that require the eviction of tenants for criminal activity by a tenant, member of the tenant's household, or a guest. This Act does not change a landlord's ability to exercise discretion and evict a tenant for criminal activity or other material lease violations under § 5513 of Title 25 and is consistent with, and avoids conflicts with, the protections for victims of domestic abuse, sexual offenses, or stalking under § 5316 of Title 25.

This Act is a recommendation of the African American Task Force, established under Senate Bill No. 260 (150th General Assembly). In addition, the 2020 Statewide Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, a report produced by the Delaware State Fair Housing Consortium, lists the removal of crime-free housing ordinances and legislation banning such ordinances as one of its goals for ensuring that people within the protected classes have equal access to housing.

Currently, at least 6 municipalities in Delaware have crime-free housing ordinances. Generally, these ordinances require landlords to include an addendum on their lease agreements prohibiting a tenant, member of the tenant's household, or a guest from committing a criminal activity within a specified distance of their unit. If a tenant, member of the tenant's household, or a guest commits a certain number of criminal activities within a specified time period, the landlord must initiate eviction proceedings. If a landlord does not file to evict the tenant, the landlord may lose their rental license.

Crime-free housing ordinances are problematic for the following reasons:

1. The definition of criminal activity is generally vague and open to interpretation, and may include low-level offenses such as trespassing, loitering, and disorderly conduct.
2. The standard for what is considered criminal activity does not require an arrest or conviction, and instead, can consist of merely an allegation or contact with the police.
3. These ordinances penalize victims of crime for seeking help from the police.
4. These ordinances can result in evictions of tenants based upon racially motivated complaints by neighbors.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend a charter issued to a municipal corporation.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 1, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |

# SCR 99

CREATING THE "VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS COMMITTEE."

This Concurrent Resolution creates the Victims' Bill of Rights Committee to study and make findings and recommendations regarding the Victims' Bill of Rights.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Jul 13, 2023 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 28, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 28, 2023 |

## SB 100

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VIOLENT FELONIES.

This Act adds Drug Dealing or Possession - Tier 3 to the list of violent felonies under section 4201(c) of Title 11 in recognition of the association of higher drug volumes and gun violence. Nothing in this act is intended to affect the violent felony status of pre-2019 Title 16 convictions, which are explicitly preserved in 11 Del. C. 4201(c).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CANNABIS ADVOCACY NETWORK, INC. | Zoe Patchell | Jul 21, 2023 |

## SCR 100

APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

This resolution is an application for a Convention of the States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Jul 5, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Jul 27, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Aug 8, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Aug 15, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Sep 1, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Sep 24, 2023 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Jan 2, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Feb 16, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Feb 23, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Feb 23, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Feb 27, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Feb 29, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Mar 10, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Mar 10, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Mar 14, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Apr 3, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Apr 12, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | Apr 16, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | May 1, 2024 |
| CONVENTION OF STATES ACTION | Benjamin Cassell | May 28, 2024 |

## SB 101

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

This Bill amends the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to establish quantity tiers specific to drug offenses involving fentanyl. This update to the UCSA accounts for the high potency and lethality of fentanyl relative to other substances in its current statutory category, and the rise in deaths and suffering related to fentanyl throughout Delaware communities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRANDYWINE COUNSELING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 27, 2023 |

## SB 102

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGE.

This Act closes a loophole in the prevailing wage statute that was being used to pay workers below the prevailing wage by performing work offsite instead of onsite, regardless of whether it was necessary to do so.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Lisa Goodman | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 27, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |

## SCR 102

ESTABLISHING THE FIREARM DEFINITION TASK FORCE.

This Resolution establishes the Firearm Definition Task Force (“Task Force”) to do all of the following:

(1) Determine the impact of the change to the definition of “firearm” under § 222 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code proposed by House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 224 on the Delaware Criminal Code and other Delaware Code provisions relying on the definition of “firearm”.

(2) Make findings and recommendations on a revision to the definition of “firearm” for purposes of the Delaware Criminal Code and any necessary changes to the Delaware Criminal Code or Delaware Code based on the Task Force’s
recommended definition.

(3) Draft or amend legislation to implement the Task Force’s findings and recommendations.

(4) Submit a final report no later than January 5, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRADY UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 102

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGE.

This Act closes a loophole in the prevailing wage statute that was being used to pay workers below the prevailing wage by performing work offsite instead of onsite, regardless of whether it was necessary to do so.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 103

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more and more popular. Between 2012 and 2016, EV sales grew at an annual rate of 32%. In 2017, growth in sales reached 45%. Batteries for EVs have become much cheaper in the last 10 years, enabling EVs to compete with traditional, fossil-fueled vehicles. In addition, major vehicle manufacturers are pledging to go all electric. Some researchers are predicting that EV sales will outnumber those of traditional, combustion engine vehicles by 2040. However, only minimal electrical charging infrastructure is available today.

This Act will make it easier and more convenient to own an electric vehicle in this State in the years to come, resulting in increased purchases of electric vehicles, promoting cleaner air and water, and resulting in improved health outcomes for Delawareans and a reduction of greenhouse gases to curtail global warming.

Specifically, this Act achieves these goals by doing the following:
(1) Requiring that newly constructed single-family and multi-family residential dwellings include certain electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
(2) Providing county and municipal government enforcement of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements of this Act.

This Act expires on the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control that the Regulations for State Energy Conservation Code, Regulation 2101 of Title 7 of the Delaware Administrative Code, which are adopted under § 7602 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code, have been updated to match or exceed the standards adopted by this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL REALTY COUNCIL | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 103

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more and more popular. Between 2012 and 2016, EV sales grew at an annual rate of 32%. In 2017, growth in sales reached 45%. Batteries for EVs have become much cheaper in the last 10 years, enabling EVs to compete with traditional, fossil-fueled vehicles. In addition, major vehicle manufacturers are pledging to go all electric. Some researchers are predicting that EV sales will outnumber those of traditional, combustion engine vehicles by 2040. However, only minimal electrical charging infrastructure is available today.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 103. Like Senate Bill No. 103, this Act will make it easier and more convenient to own an electric vehicle in this State in the years to come, resulting in increased purchases of electric vehicles, promoting cleaner air and water, and resulting in improved health outcomes for Delawareans and a reduction of greenhouse gases to curtail global warming.

Also like Senate Bill No. 103, this Act achieves these goals by doing the following:
(1) Requiring that newly constructed single-family and multi-family residential dwellings include certain electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
(2) Providing county and municipal government enforcement of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements of this Act.

Additionally, like Senate Bill No. 103, this Act expires on the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control that the Regulations for State Energy Conservation Code, Regulation 2101 of Title 7 of the Delaware Administrative Code, which are adopted under § 7602 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code, have been updated to match or exceed the standards adopted by this Act.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 103 as follows:
(1) Removes language from the definition of “electric vehicle capable parking space” for clarity.
(2) Clarifies that “multi-family residential dwelling” includes only boarding houses, hotels, and motels with nontransient occupants.
(3) Clarifies that this Act applies to the construction of a multi-family residential dwelling for which an application for

final site plan approval is submitted on or after January 1, 2025.
(4) Clarifies that if the single-family residential dwelling does not have an attached or detached garage, an electric vehicle capable parking space must be provided in the driveway, assigned parking space for the dwelling, or at an unassigned non-street residential parking space constructed as part of the project.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |
| TESLA, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |

## SB 104

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THEFT.

This Act creates a separate offense for theft of a catalytic converter. A first offense of catalytic converter theft is a class A misdemeanor unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class G felony. A second offense of theft of a catalytic converter within the previous 5 years is a class G felony, regardless of the value of the stolen property.

Where a victim is 62 years of age or older, an adult who is impaired, or a person with a disability, a first offense of theft of a catalytic converter is a class G felony unless the value of the stolen property is $1,500 or more, in which case it is a class F felony. A second offense of theft of a catalytic converter within the previous 5 years is a class F felony, regardless of the value of the stolen property.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE APARTMENT ASSN. LLC | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 3, 2023 |
| NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU | Eric De Campos | Oct 2, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |

## SB 105

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SELBYVILLE RELATING TO IMPACT FEES.

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Selbyville to allow the Town to impose an impact fee to contribute to the costs of operations of volunteer fire companies, ambulance companies, public libraries, or police departments providing services within the Town.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend a charter issued to a municipal corporation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |

## SB 106

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH.

This Act modernizes and expands the concept of maternal mental health by replacing the definition of maternal depression with the more encompassing definition of perinatal mood and anxiety disorder. This Act contemplates treatment for any caregiver who may be affected by perinatal mood and anxiety disorder. This Act avoids use of gender-based pronouns as recommended by the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE NOW | Monica Nick Beard | Jun 6, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 106

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Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Jan 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Jan 16, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Jan 16, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SB 107

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION FEE.

This Act clarifies that in calculating the document fee to be paid by the owner upon the sale, transfer, or registration of a new park trailer or mobile home that the owner shall be given an opportunity to demonstrate the retail value of the park trailer or mobile home. This Act also excludes furnishings, site modifications, geographical location, and other items that are not related to the actual value of the park trailer or mobile home from being included in the calculation. Finally, this Act provides a mechanism for those effected by the prior method of calculating the document fee to receive relief for what would amount to overpayments under this new calculation process.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | May 3, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | May 3, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 107

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION FEE.

This Act clarifies that in calculating the document fee to be paid by the owner upon the sale, transfer, or registration of a park trailer, the owner shall be allowed to demonstrate the fair market value of the park trailer through an appraisal by a Delaware dealer authorized to provide an appraisal for park trailer models. This Act also excludes furnishings, site modifications, geographical location, and other items that are not related to the actual value of the park trailer from being included in the calculation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |

## SB 109

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS.

Under this bill, when the State incurs costs for impounding an animal and the owner fails to pay the costs, the time in which ownership of the animal reverts to the State is reduced from 30 days to 15 days.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |

## SCR 109

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 AS “TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This concurrent resolution designates February 2024 as “Turner Syndrome Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## SB 110

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE COURTHOUSE MUNICIPALITY FEE.

This Bill increases the courthouse municipality fee assessed on limited liability company (LLC) filings and corporate filings from $20 to $40. The fee is expected to raise $8.5 million to be distributed to the municipalities designated as the places of holding the Court of Chancery. The fee is distributed to the municipality in the county in which a business entity’s registered office is located.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |

## SB 111

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING.

This bill clarifies and confirms that utilities and farm customers may enter into contracts, such as power supply agreements, that specify how Excess kWh Credits will be applied at the end of an annual billing period.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CALPINE CORPORATION | Rebecca Byrd | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | May 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 11, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 112

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION, REGULATION, OPERATION, AND DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS AND THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "LP Act") to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the LP Act:

Section 1 amends § 17-204(a) of the LP Act to clarify that certificates required by the LP Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State be executed in the manner set forth in § 17-204(a). Further, because Section 5 of this Act contains amendments that permit or require a certificate of amendment to a certificate of division to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, this section also amends § 17-204(a) of the LP Act to provide the manner in which a certificate of amendment to a certificate of division must be signed.

Section 2 amends § 17-211(g) of the LP Act. Currently, § 17-211(g) of the LP Act permits a duly approved agreement of merger or consolidation or plan of merger to effect any amendment to the partnership agreement or effect the adoption of a new partnership agreement. This amendment to § 17-211(g) confirms that an amendment to a partnership agreement or adoption of a new partnership agreement effected pursuant to § 17-211(g) of the LP Act may be effected only with respect to the partnership agreement of the surviving or resulting limited partnership and not with respect to the partnership agreement of a constituent limited partnership that is not the surviving or resulting limited partnership.

Sections 3 and 6 amend § 17-218(b)(1) and § 17-221(c)(1) of the LP Act. Each protected or registered series of a Delaware limited partnership must have a general partner associated with it. If a partnership agreement fails to designate an initial general partner associated with such a series, the LP Act designates a general partner to be associated with such a series. If a partnership agreement fails to designate a general partner of the limited partnership generally, the LP Act designates a general partner of the limited partnership generally. These sections amend § 17-218(b)(1) of the LP Act and § 17-221(c)(1) of the LP Act to confirm that the rules for designating a general partner for a limited partnership that has protected or registered series apply only to the designation of an initial general partner and not to subsequent general partners.

Section 4 amends §17-218 of the LP Act. Currently, § 17-806 of the LP Act permits revocation of dissolution of a limited partnership prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of limited partnership in the office of the Secretary of State; however, the LP Act does not currently address revocation of termination of a protected series prior to the completion of the winding up of the protected series. This amendment adds a new § 17-218(d) to permit revocation of termination of a protected series prior to the completion of the winding up of the protected series.

Section 5 amends § 17-220(h) of the LP Act. Currently, among other requirements, a certificate of division must state the name and business address of the division contact and the name and address of the division partnership where the plan of division is on file. Because this information may change over time, this amendment permits or requires the filing of a certificate of amendment of certificate of division to amend the name or business address of the division contact or the name and address of the division partnership where the plan of division is on file. The requirement to update such information in a certificate of division ends after the expiration of a period of 6 years following the effective date of the division.

Section 5 also amends § 17-220(l)(1) of the LP Act to clarify that pursuant to a division, a dividing partnership is divided into distinct and independent division partnerships as such term is used in the LP Act.

Finally, Section 5 also amends § 17-220(l)(9) of the LP Act. Currently, under § 17-220 of the LP Act, a dividing partnership does not need to survive a division. This amendment confirms that a dividing partnership need not be a surviving partnership.

Section 7 amends §17-221 of the LP Act. Currently, § 17-806 of the LP Act permits revocation of dissolution of a limited partnership prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of limited partnership in the office of the Secretary of State; however, the LP Act does not currently address revocation of dissolution of a registered series prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of State. This amendment adds a new § 17-221(f) to permit revocation of dissolution of a registered series prior to the

filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of State.
Section 8 adds a new § 17-506 to the LP Act to clarify that a subscription for a partnership interest may be irrevocable if the subscription states it is irrevocable to the extent provided by the terms of the subscription.
Section 9 amends § 17-1107(a)(3) of the LP Act to specify the fee payable to the Secretary of State to file a certificate of amendment of certificate of division.
Section 10 amends § 17-1109(j) of the LP Act to acknowledge that certificates of amendment of certificate of division should be accepted for filing by the Secretary of State if at least 1 division partnership is in good standing at the time of such filings.
Section 11 provides that the proposed amendments to the LP Act take effect August 1, 2023.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## SB 113

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION, REGULATION, OPERATION, AND DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the “LLC Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the LLC Act:
Section 1 amends § 18-204(a) of the LLC Act to clarify that certificates required by the LLC Act to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State are to be executed in the manner set forth in § 18-204(a).
Section 2 amends § 18-205(a) of the LLC Act to clarify that a failure or refusal to execute any certificate required by the LLC Act is subject to § 18-205(a) of the LLC Act.
Section 3 amends § 18-209(f) of the LLC Act. Currently, § 18-209(f) of the LLC Act permits a duly approved agreement of merger or consolidation or plan of merger to effect any amendment to a limited liability company agreement or effect the adoption of a new limited liability company agreement. This amendment to § 18-209(f) confirms that an amendment to a limited liability company agreement or adoption of a new limited liability company agreement effected pursuant to § 18-209(f) of the LLC Act may be effected only with respect to the limited liability company agreement of the surviving or resulting limited liability company and not with respect to the limited liability company agreement of a constituent limited liability company that is not the surviving or resulting limited liability company.
Section 4 amends § 18-215 of the LLC Act. Currently, § 18-806 of the LLC Act permits revocation of dissolution of a limited liability company prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of formation in the office of the Secretary of State; however, the LLC Act does not currently address revocation of termination of a protected series prior to the completion of the winding up of the protected series. This amendment adds a new §18-215(d) to permit revocation of termination of a protected series prior to the completion of the winding up of the protected series.
Section 5 amends § 18-217(h) of the LLC Act. Currently, among other requirements, a certificate of division must state the name and business address of the division contact and the name and address of the division company where the

plan of division is on file. Because this information may change over time, this amendment permits or requires the filing of a certificate of amendment of certificate of division to amend the name or business address of the division contact or the name and address of the division company where the plan of division is on file. The requirement to update such information in a certificate of division ends after the expiration of a period of 6 years following the effective date of the division.

Section 5 also amends § 18-217(l)(1) of the LLC Act to clarify that pursuant to a division, a dividing company is divided into distinct and independent division companies as such term is used in the LLC Act.

Finally, Section 5 also amends § 18-217(l)(9) of the LLC Act. Currently, under § 18-217 of the LLC Act, a dividing company does not need to survive a division. This amendment confirms that a dividing company need not be a surviving company.

Section 6 amends § 18-218 of the LLC Act. Currently, § 18-806 of the LLC Act permits revocation of dissolution of a limited liability company prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of formation in the office of the Secretary of State; however, the LLC Act does not currently address revocation of dissolution of a registered series prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of State. This amendment adds a new § 18-218(f) to permit revocation of dissolution of a registered series prior to the filing of a certificate of cancellation of the certificate of registered series in the office of the Secretary of State.

Section 7 adds a new § 18-506 to the LLC Act to clarify that a subscription for a limited liability company interest may be irrevocable if the subscription states it is irrevocable to the extent provided by the terms of the subscription.

Section 8 amends § 18-1105(a)(3) of the LLC Act to specify the fee payable to the Secretary of State to file a certificate of amendment of certificate of division.

Section 9 amends § 18-1107(k) of the LLC Act to acknowledge that certificates of amendment of certificate of division should be accepted for filing by the Secretary of State if at least 1 division company is in good standing at the time of such filings.

Section 10 provides that the amendments to the LLC Act take effect August 1, 2023.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 11 of Article VIII of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to impose or levy a tax or license fee.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## SB 114

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW.

Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Act amend §§ 152, 153, 157 and 160 of Title 8.

Amended §§ 152 and 153 clarify that treasury shares may be sold for less than par value. Amended § 153(c) clarifies the types of consideration that a corporation may receive for selling treasury shares, and references to “amounts” of minimum consideration have been deleted from §§ 152 and 157 to eliminate redundancy.

Amended § 157(b) clarifies that § 157(c) is the exclusive means to delegate to a person or body the authority to enter into transactions to issue rights or options. A reference in § 157(b) to permitting the exercise price of a right or option to be determined by formula has been deleted to eliminate redundancy because such formulas are permitted by § 157(d). Amended § 157(c) eliminates the requirement that the board of directors, or a board committee, fix a

maximum number of rights or options that may be authorized for issuance by a person or body under a § 157(c) delegation. Amended § 157(c) also clarifies that the board, or a board committee, may fix two different time periods in a § 157(c) delegation: a period during which rights or options may be issued and a different time period during which shares may be issued upon exercise of the rights or options.

Amended § 160(b) clarifies that treasury shares resulting from a stock redemption or repurchase may be resold under § 153(c), unless the treasury shares are retired. Amended § 160(b) also clarifies that treasury shares may not be resold if the shares are required to be retired by a provision of the certificate of incorporation.

Section 5 of this Act amends § 204 of Title 8 to make the following technical changes:

(1) The amendments to § 204(c)(2), which currently dispenses with the need for a vote of stockholders in circumstances where no valid stock is outstanding and entitled to vote, clarifies that the determination as to whether any shares of valid stock are outstanding and entitled to vote must be made at the time the board adopts the resolutions approving the defective corporate act.

(2) The amendment to § 204(d) similarly applies the time of the board's adoption of the resolutions ratifying the defective corporate act as the time for determining which shares constitute valid stock and which shares constitute putative stock entitled to vote on the adoption of the ratification of a defective corporate act requiring a vote of the holders of valid stock.

(3) The amendments to § 204(e) dispense with the need for filing a certificate of validation in circumstances where the underlying defective corporate act required the filing of a certificate under another section of the Delaware General Corporation Law and such a certificate has been filed and requires no change to give effect to the defective corporate act.

(4) The amendments to § 204(e) also simplify the required contents of a certificate of validation, including eliminating the requirement that certificates of validation describe the underlying defective corporate acts and the nature of the failure of authorization relating to those acts.

Section 6 of this Act amends § 228(e) of Title 8 to simplify the determination of the record date to be used for purposes of identifying the stockholders or members who are entitled to notice of action by consent by stockholders or members. There are three different possibilities for determining the record date for action by consent under § 213(b) of Title 8, which could differ from the record date for the notice required by § 228(e) of Title 8 before the changes made by this Section. The changes made by this Section provide that a notice of action by consent shall be provided to those persons (i) who were stockholders or members as of the record date for the action by consent, (ii) who would have been entitled to notice of the meeting if the action had been taken at a meeting and the record date for the notice of the meeting was the record date for the action by consent, and (iii) who have not consented to the action by consent.

The changes to § 228(e) of Title 8 also provide that a notice that constitutes a notice of internet availability of proxy materials for purposes of the federal Securities Exchange Act will satisfy the notice requirements of § 228(e) for corporations entitled to use such notices under the relevant regulation promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act.

Section 7 of this Act amends § 242 of Title 8 to add a new subsection (d). Paragraph (d)(1) includes the language that had previously been in paragraph (b)(1) providing that no meeting or vote of stockholders is required to adopt an amendment to the certificate of incorporation that effects only changes described in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(7). Paragraph (d)(1) also provides that no meeting or vote of stockholders is required for an amendment to the certificate of incorporation that reclassifies by subdividing the issued shares of a class of stock into a greater number of issued shares, i.e., a forward stock split, provided that such class is the only class of such corporation's capital stock then outstanding (and is not divided into series). Paragraph (d)(1) also provides that no vote of stockholders is required, in connection with such subdivision, for such amendment to increase the authorized number of shares of such class, up to an amount proportionate to the subdivision.

Paragraph (d)(2) provides that a corporation listed on a national securities exchange can amend its certificate of incorporation to reclassify by combining the issued shares of a class into a lesser number of issued shares, i.e., a reverse stock split, without obtaining the vote or votes otherwise required by subsection (b) if (i) the shares are listed

on a national exchange immediately before the amendment becomes effective and such corporation meets the listing requirement of such exchange relating to the minimum number of holders immediately after the amendment becomes effective, (ii) at a meeting of stockholders at which a vote is taken for and against the proposed amendment, the votes cast for the amendment exceed the votes cast against the amendment and (iii) if the amendment increases or decreases the number of shares of a class of stock that has not opted out of the class vote pursuant to the last sentence of paragraph (b)(2), the votes cast for the amendment by the holders of such class exceed the votes cast against the amendment by the holders of such class. Under the voting standard set forth in paragraph (d)(2)(B) and (C), abstentions have no effect on whether the required approval is obtained.

The addition of subsection (d) does not eliminate the stockholder vote required to change the par value of a class of stock, whether or not in connection with any subdivision or combination.

Notably, the "unless otherwise expressly required by the certificate of incorporation" lead-in to subsection (d) permits a corporation to "opt in" to the stockholder votes that otherwise would be required under subsection (b) in connection with any subdivision or combination of the issued shares or increase or decrease in the authorized number of shares contemplated by subsection (d). Any such provision in the certificate of incorporation must expressly state that the stockholder vote otherwise required under subsection (b) is required to adopt any amendment to the certificate of incorporation specified in subsection (d) or must expressly "opt out" of the provisions of subsection (d). A general recitation in the certificate of incorporation of the vote generally required under subsection (b) without a specific reference to the amendments specified in subsection (d) is not sufficient.

Section 242(a)(3) is also being amended to require that reclassifications by way of subdividing and combining, i.e., forward stock splits and reverse stock splits, must apply to outstanding shares and shares held in treasury, i.e., all "issued" shares. New subsection (d) also reflects this change.

Section 8 of this Act amends § 260 of Title 8 to confirm the authority of a corporation, following a merger, consolidation, conversion, or domestication, to issue bonds, other obligations, shares of its capital stock, and other securities, and to mortgage its franchise, rights, privileges, and property, in connection with such merger, consolidation, conversion, or domestication.

Section 9 of this Act amends § 262 of Title 8, in connection with the amendments to § 390 of Title 8 set forth in Section 13 of this Act, to provide appraisal rights to stockholders in connection with a transfer, domestication, or continuance of the corporation in a foreign jurisdiction, unless appraisal rights are denied under the "market out" exception set forth in amended § 262(b). Amended § 262 eliminates appraisal rights in connection with a merger, consolidation, conversion, or domestication of an entity that has converted to a Delaware corporation under § 265, if the merger, consolidation, conversion, or domestication is authorized under § 265, as amended by Section 10 of this Act. Conforming changes to the other subsections of § 262 provide that appraisal rights are available in a domestication in a similar manner as a merger, consolidation, or conversion. Amended §262(k) clarifies that an appraisal demand may be withdrawn more than 60 days after the effective date of the transaction resulting in appraisal rights if the withdrawal is approved by the corporation, but the amendment does not change the existing rule that appraisal rights cease if a petition for appraisal is not filed under §262(e).

Sections 10, 11 and 13 of this Act amend §§ 265, 266 and 390 of Title 8 to permit an other entity or corporation to adopt a plan of conversion or a plan of domestication setting forth the terms and conditions of the conversion or domestication, including the manner of exchanging or converting the equity interests of the other entity or corporation to be converted or domesticated and any other details or provisions deemed desirable. A plan of conversion, adopted under amended § 265, also may set forth corporate action to be taken by the converted corporation in connection with the conversion, each of which must be approved in accordance with the requirements of all applicable law before effectiveness of the conversion. Once so approved, any such corporate action that is within the power of a Delaware corporation under Chapter 1 of Title 8 set forth in the plan of conversion shall be deemed authorized, adopted, and approved, as applicable, by the converted corporation and its board of directors, stockholders, or members, as applicable, and does not require any further action of the board of directors, stockholders, or members of the converted corporation under Title 8. The amendments to §§ 265, 266, and 390 provide that the terms of a plan of conversion or plan of domestication may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside of such plan if the

manner in which such facts operate upon the terms of the plan is clearly and expressly set forth in such plan. The amendments further provide that a certificate of conversion, certificate of transfer or certificate of transfer and domestic continuance, adopted under §§ 266 or 390, and that a certificate of conversion, adopted under § 265, shall certify that, prior to the time such certificate becomes effective, the plan of conversion or plan of domestication, as applicable, shall be approved in accordance with §§ 266 or 390 or in accordance with all law applicable to the other entity.

Also, Section 13 of this act changes the requirement for stockholder approval of the transfer, domestication, or continuance of a corporation in a foreign jurisdiction, from all of the outstanding shares of stock of the corporation to a majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote on a transfer, domestication, or continuance. If the corporation is transferring, domesticating, or continuing as a partnership with one or more general partners, the transfer, domestication, or continuance also requires the approval of each stockholder that is to become a general partner of the partnership. The amendments require that a certificate of domestication to be filed with the Secretary of State must contain the agreement of the transferring, domesticating or continuing corporation to be served with process in the State of Delaware for any action for enforcement of any obligation of the resulting entity arising from the transfer, domestication, or continuance as well as in appraisal proceedings under § 262 of Title 8. The amendments also provide that, for any corporation incorporated before August 1, 2023, any provision contained in its certificate of incorporation or in a voting trust agreement or other written agreement between or among the corporation and one or more stockholders in effect on or before August 1, 2023 that restricts, conditions or prohibits consummation of a merger or consolidation is also deemed to apply to a transfer, domestication, or continuance, unless the certificate of incorporation or such agreement expressly provides otherwise with respect to a transfer, domestication, or continuance, or if the certificate of incorporation or such agreement does not so expressly provide, a conversion as contemplated by § 266(k) in which case such express provision shall be deemed to apply to a transfer, domestication or continuance as if it were a conversion.

Section 12 of this Act amends § 272 of Title 8. New § 272(b) adds a safe harbor for selling, leasing or exchanging collateral assets that secure a mortgage or pledge without obtaining stockholder approval under § 271 of Title 8. Amended § 272(b)(1) clarifies this approval is not required if the secured party can sell the collateral without the corporation's consent (including without the consent of its board of directors and stockholders) under the law governing the mortgage or pledge or other applicable law. If a secured party is entitled to sell the collateral in such circumstances, but wishes not to, § 272(b)(2) permits the secured party and the board of directors to agree to an alternative transaction (e.g., a strict foreclosure or sale to a third party), without obtaining § 271 stockholder approval, if the value of the assets is less than or equal to the amount of the liability or obligation being reduced or eliminated as a result of the transaction. A specific type of asset valuation is not prescribed, and a transaction would not fail the asset value test solely because consideration is paid to the corporation or its stockholders. For example, consideration might be paid to those parties in the ordinary course of similar transactions or paid as "nuisance value" to avoid claims in litigation. Amended § 272(b) is not intended to affect a secured party's obligation to comply with article 9 of a uniform commercial code, real property law or other applicable law.

Amended § 272 does not create a general insolvency exception to § 271 of the type that the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware declined to adopt in Stream TV Networks, Inc. v. SeeCubic, Inc., 279 A.3d 323 (Del. 2022). The amendments to § 272 establish safe harbors for when stockholder approval is not required by § 271. Amended § 272 does not preclude further case law developments on which transactions constitute a "sale, lease or exchange" of assets for purposes of § 271, nor is amended § 272 intended to preclude further development of the quantitative and qualitative analyses used by the Delaware courts to interpret § 271.

New § 272(c) provides that, after a transaction is completed, it cannot be invalidated for failure to satisfy the asset value test if the transferee of the assets provided value and acted in good faith (as defined in § 1-201(b)(20) of Title 6). However, a transaction may be enjoined before consummation, and § 272(c) does not preclude monetary damages for a claim based on a violation of fiduciary duty by a director, officer or stockholder. New § 272(c) does not change the fiduciary duties of directors or officers (or, as applicable, stockholders) in connection with a sale, lease or exchange, or the level of judicial scrutiny that will apply to the decision to enter into a sale, lease or exchange, each of

which will be determined based on the common law of fiduciary duty, including the duty of loyalty. New § 272(c) does not eliminate defenses otherwise available, including based on § 141(e) of Title 8 or a § 102(b)(7) of Title 8 provision. The adoption of § 272(c) is not intended to preclude application of a similar remedies scheme for a § 271 violation.
New § 272(d) provides that a certificate of incorporation provision that requires stockholder authorization of a sale, lease or exchange of assets does not apply to a sale, lease or exchange permitted by § 272(b) unless the certificate of incorporation expressly so provides. New § 272(d) applies only to certificate of incorporation provisions that first become effective after August 1, 2023.
The amendments to § 272 apply to nonstock corporations through the translator provisions of § 114.
Section 14 of this act provides that the effective date of Sections 1 through 8, 11 and 12 is August 1, 2023.
Section 15 of this act provides that Section 9 only applies to mergers, consolidations, conversions, domestications, transfers, and continuances adopted or entered into on or after August 1, 2023, as determined under Section 15.
Section 16 of this act provides that Section 10 only applies to corporations with respect to which a plan of conversion is entered into on or after August 1, 2023, or, if a plan of conversion is not entered into in connection with the conversion, any such corporations with respect to which the approvals required by § 265(h), as amended by this Act, are obtained on or after August 1, 2023.
Section 17 of this act provides that Section 13 is effective only with respect to corporations domesticating, transferring, or continuing pursuant to resolutions of the board of directors approving the action that are adopted on or after August 1, 2023.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the general corporation law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |
| STEVENS & LEE PUBLIC AFFAIRS LLC | Erick Ford | Aug 14, 2023 |

## SCR 114

EXTENDING THE DEADLINE OF THE ENHANCING LIFELONG COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FOR THE AGING, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THEIR FAMILY CAREGIVERS TASK FORCE.

This concurrent resolution extends the deadline for the task force to compile and submit a report from March 2, 2024, to May 31, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## SB 115

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION, REGULATION, OPERATION, AND DISSOLUTION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS AND THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS.

This Act continues the practice of amending periodically the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act (the “GP Act”) to keep it current and to maintain its national preeminence. The following is a section-by-section review of the proposed amendments to the GP Act:

Section 1 amends § 15-101 of the GP Act (i) to add a new definition of “foreign partnership,” which term appears in the GP Act, and (ii) to fix a typographical error.

Section 2 adds a new § 15-208 to the GP Act to clarify that a subscription for a partnership interest may be irrevocable if the subscription states it is irrevocable to the extent provided by the terms of the subscription.

Section 3 amends § 15-902(g) of the GP Act. Currently, § 15-902(g) of the GP Act permits a duly approved agreement of merger or consolidation or plan of merger to effect any amendment to the partnership agreement or effect the adoption of a new partnership agreement. This amendment to § 15-902(g) confirms that an amendment to a partnership agreement or adoption of a new partnership agreement effected under § 15-902(g) of the GP Act may be effected only with respect to the partnership agreement of the surviving or resulting partnership and not with respect to the partnership agreement of a constituent partnership that is not a surviving or resulting partnership.

Section 4 amends § 15-1003(b) of the GP Act to confirm that this section of the GP Act applies to foreign limited liability partnerships.

Section 5 provides that the amendments to the GP Act take effect August 1, 2023.

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | May 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | May 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 8, 2023 |

## SB 116

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS LICENSURE COMPACT.

This Act adopts the PA Licensure Compact, which is an interstate occupational licensure compact for physician assistants (PAs). The purpose of the Compact is to strengthen access to medical services and enhance the portability of a license to practice as a physician assistant while safeguarding the safety of patients and complementing the existing authority of state licensing boards to license and discipline physician assistants. Under the Compact, a physician assistant licensed in a Compact member state may obtain a privilege to practice in another Compact member state. Physician assistants using a Compact privilege to practice in another state must adhere to laws and regulations of practice in that state and are under the jurisdiction of the regulatory board of the state in which they are practicing.

The Compact contemplates the establishment of a PA Compact Commission, which will consist of one delegate from each member state and will administer the Compact, and a data system, for the purpose of maintaining a coordinated data and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on licensed physician assistants in participating states.

The Compact will take effect on the date of enactment by the seventh state. Currently, 1 state has enacted the Compact and at least 4 states, not including Delaware, are considering legislation to enact the Compact.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE ASSN. OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 10, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | May 10, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | May 10, 2023 |

## SCR 116

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 29, 2024, AS "RARE DISEASE DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes February 29, 2024, as "Rare Disease Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 14, 2024 |

## SB 117

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE MEDICAL CARE OF POLICE DOGS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

This Act authorizes paramedics and other EMS providers to provide medical care to police dogs injured at the scene of an emergency. This Act also grants civil immunity to paramedics and other EMS providers who provide medical services to police dogs, so long as their efforts to assist the police dog were in good faith. However, this Act clarifies that in a situation where a human and a police dog need emergency medical care at the same time, the medical services personnel are prohibited from providing care to the police dog over the human, if the care of the police dog would hinder the human’s care.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | May 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |

## SCR 117

ESTABLISHING THE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR AND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE TASK FORCE.

This concurrent resolution establishes the Classroom Behavior and School Discipline Task Force.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## SB 119

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 13 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP OF A CHILD.

This Act amends Chapter 23, Title 13 relating to guardianship and permanent guardianship of a child. The Act does all of the following:

1. Repeals § 351, Title 31, and embeds the requirement for assessments of non-relative guardianship petitioners in Chapter 23, Title 13, the statute for guardianship of a child.

2. Revises the definition of relative for Chapter 23, Title 13, to include the relationships outlined in § 351, Title 31 for whom assessment is not required. This revision also expands eligibility for relative permanent guardianship petitioners.

3. Clarifies that when a parent consents to guardianship, a reason for establishing the guardianship is still required.

4. Moves the parental consent provision previously in § 2353(c) to § 2353(a)(1).

5. Creates separate grounds for granting guardianship when parental rights have been terminated and are vested in DSCYF or a licensed agency.

6. Requires parental consent or a Court order for a guardian or permanent guardian to relocate a child if it will materially affect a parent's visitation. This provision mirrors the relocation provision in § 734, Title 13.

7. Adds an individual with whom a child in DSCYF custody is placed as a person eligible to serve as a permanent guardian.

8. Clarifies that either a TPR ground or a parent's consent is required to grant a permanent guardianship.

9. Clarifies that a permanent guardianship petitioner must have the child placed with them for 6 months immediately preceding the filing of the petition. This requirement is also expanded to include relatives, unless the court finds just cause to waive the requirement for a relative petitioner.

10. Provides judicial discretion, where extraordinary circumstances are found, to grant permanent guardianship to a foster parent or individual with whom a child in DSCYF custody is placed when none of the other exceptions apply.

11. Makes minor technical changes to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual, including replacing "and/or" with the appropriate conjunction and using gender silent language.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SB 120

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX PROCEEDS.

This bill adds workforce and affordable housing programs to the current list of realty transfer tax eligible expenditures for New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 10, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 10, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 10, 2023 |

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 10, 2023 |

## SCR 121

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024, AS "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" IN DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the month of June 2024, as "Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Month" in Delaware and encourages the Department of Health and Social Services to research methods to raise awareness of, prevent, and treat eating disorders.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 123

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PATIENT ABUSE.

This Act provides that any adult day care facility required to be licensed under Chapter 1 of Title 16 is subject to the existing reporting obligations for facilities under Subchapter III of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |

## SB 124

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

This Act clarifies when reports of child abuse or neglect, including suspected human trafficking of a child, are required to be made orally to the Department’s report line and when they may be made via the Department’s online reporting portal.  This Act also clarifies that licensed professionals who make reports may not remain anonymous.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |

## SCR 125

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024, AS “KIDNEY MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 2024, as "Kidney Month" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SB 126

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REFRIGERANTS.

This Act clarifies that State building code and other local codes must align with substitute standards for refrigerants as approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency through their federal listing requirements.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| THE CHEMOURS COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |

## SB 127

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PATIENT ABUSE.

This Act adds different levels of criminal liability based on the specifics of a case for directors or managers of facilities who fail to take corrective action to protect patients or residents from criminal activity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| MEADOWWOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | May 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | May 16, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| REBECCA BATSON KIDNER, P.A. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Mar 7, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | May 16, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | May 16, 2023 |

## SB 129

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL SHELTERS.

The Act updates the Delaware Code concerning animal shelter standards and treatment of animals in shelters to reflect best practices, which are currently already being followed by most shelters. The Act also fills in gaps in existing law, such as by requiring that animals be vaccinated against rabies before adoption or release and by setting standards for feeding and access to water, facilities and enclosures, and sanitation and disease control.

The Act also makes technical changes to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | May 25, 2023 |

## SCR 129

DESIGNATING MARCH 26, 2024, AS “EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY" IN DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution designates March 26, 2024, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Delaware and calls upon State agencies and the people of Delaware to undertake suitable efforts to increase epilepsy awareness.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SB 130

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS.

This Act prohibits restrictive covenants that prohibit or unreasonably restricts the owner of real property from installing or using a clothesline. The average electric dryer requires 2.1 kilowatt hours (kwh) to complete each load of laundry, although, depending on the settings, this may be as much as 6 kwh per load. This translates to significant CO2 emissions and costs. Seven states have enacted laws that protect the ability of a homeowner to use a clothesline.

This Act does not affect the enforceability of any conservation easement or historic preservation covenant or prevent reasonable restrictions on clotheslines if the restriction is necessary to protect any of the following:

1. Public health and safety, such as ensuring safe access to and rapid evacuation of a building.
2. Buildings from damage.
3. Historic or aesthetic values, when an alternative of reasonably comparable cost and convenience is available. This allows communities flexibility to adopt reasonable restrictions that fit the needs and characteristics of their neighborhoods, such as restricting clotheslines to private backyards or requiring them to be retracted when not in use.

This Act also revises the heading of § 318 of Title 25 to clarify that § 318 applies to restrictive covenants and roof mounted systems for obtaining solar energy.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 25, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |

## SB 132

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STUDENT LOAN BORROWER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.

Over the past decade, an increasing number of states have passed legislation establishing a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights. At least 18 states have passed such legislation. Of these 18 states, 12 states have a Student Loan Ombudsperson and 13 have a licensing program, with another two states having a registration program instead of a licensing program.

This Act enacts a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights for this State that does all of the following:
(1) Requires student loan servicers to engage in certain practices related to communications with student loan borrowers and cosigners of student education loans and handling of transactions by student loan borrowers and cosigners of student education loans.
(2) Prohibits student loan servicers from engaging in certain practices including unfair or deceptive practices or abusive practices.
(3) Requires student loan servicers to retain records related to student loan transactions for 7 years and to yearly report non-identifying information about student education loans serviced in this State, including default and delinquency rates, to the Student Loan Ombudsperson.
(4) Establishes the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsperson which shall, among other duties, receive, investigate, and attempt to resolve complaints from student loan borrowers.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 18, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | May 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | May 19, 2023 |

## SCR 133

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes March 2024 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SB 135

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

This Act relates to the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's ("Committee") review of the Provider Advisory Board ("Board"). As part of that review, the Committee approved a recommendation to consolidate the functions of the Board into the functions of the Delaware Early Childhood Council ("DECC"). The Board's review is held over to 2024, and Committee staff will monitor and report back to the Committee in 2024 on the implementation of the recommendation to consolidate these functions.

To ensure that the functions consolidated into the DECC remain accurate, this Act reflects the changes to the Board's functions under § 3007A, Title 14 that do not take effect until July 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |

## SCR 135

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 28, 2024, AS “NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims Monday, October 28, 2024, as “National First Responders Day” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SCR 136

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS "PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF THE DELAWARE.

This Resolution recognizes April 2024 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 137

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD.

This Act is a result of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's review of the Tourism Advisory Board ("Board"). First formed in 1981, the Board has served in an advisory role to the Delaware Tourism Office, Division of Small Business, and the Department of State. The Board's primary purpose is advocating for and promoting tourism in Delaware. Its duties include researching and studying matters appropriate to best support the Delaware Tourism Office functions.

The Board was once heavily involved in providing the Tourism Office with advice and support. By 2013, however, the Tourism Office's need for the Board's advice and support decreased, as the Tourism Office's staffing and funding structure were improved under the Delaware Economic Development Office. Now under the Division of Small Business, the work of the Tourism Office is captured in the Division's annual report, which has not referenced the Board for at least the last 5 years. The Board's only official act since 2018 was a letter to the General Assembly to support the inclusion of short-term rentals under the State's Public Accommodations Tax.

Over the last 10 years, the Tourism Office has run a successful tourism program without the advice or support of the Board, including winning prestigious industry awards, launching marketing initiatives, holding workshops to support the tourism industry, and releasing the latest Value of Tourism publication in 2019.

For these reasons, and with the support of the Tourism Office, the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee concluded that, although the Board once served an important role in tourism in Delaware, the Board is no longer meeting its statutory duties or fulfilling a state need, and that the Board should be terminated. This Act therefore terminates the Tourism Advisory Board.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |

## SB 139

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNDERINSURANCE MOTORIST COVERAGE.

This Act eliminates the need to file a lawsuit against a person, who has caused injury with the person's vehicle, when that person's liability insurer has offered the limits of liability coverage to the injured person and the injured person’s underinsured motorist insurer either consents to the settlement or fails to timely reply to the request for permission to settle. The goal of this Act is to have fewer lawsuits filed merely to obtain permission to accept liability insurers' offer to settle a claim. This Act is not intended to require any person to seek permission from an underinsured motorist insurer to resolve a bodily injury claim.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 19, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | May 22, 2023 |

## SB 141

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AUDIOLOGISTS, AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS.

This Act establishes updated, detailed standards for the practice of hearing aid dispensing. Definitions are added to specify that the standards and requirements pertaining hearing aid dispensing apply to prescription hearing aids only and not to over-the-counter hearing aids. Hearing aid dispenser licensure requirements consist of a high school diploma, six months of on-the-job training, and a national exam. Currently, hearing aid dispensers are expressly prohibited from making medical diagnoses or audiologic evaluations, as set forth in 24 Del. C. § 3702(7). Input from stakeholders demonstrated that HADs were practicing outside the permissible scope of practice. Impermissible activities include cerumen management (wax removal), which is considered invasive, and treating tinnitus (ringing in the ears), which can indicate more complex medical issues. These conditions are appropriately treated by a physician, preferably a hearing specialist. Further, HADs frequently use medical diagnosis codes to ensure payment from insurance carriers, which conflicts with the medical diagnosis prohibition in the current law. A new scope of practice definition delineates permissible and prohibited activities and identifies when referral to a physician is required. This Act also clarifies that a speech/language pathologist applicant must present a certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Audiologist applicants are not subject to this requirement. The distinction is that ASHA evaluates the speech/language pathologist's practicum and clinical fellowship, which are requirements for licensure. In contrast, an audiologist applicant is only required to establish receipt of a doctoral degree and successful completion of a national licensure examination. This Act clarifies that audiologists licensed prior to July 10, 2009 do not need to meet the educational requirement of a doctoral degree as long as they have maintained Delaware licensure. This Act further amends provisions relating to examinations to comport with current practice. This Act revises the reciprocity requirements in the interests of clarity. This Act sets forth requirements for licensure of applicants who were educated outside of the United States. This Act removes the definitions of audiology aide and speech pathology aide on the basis that the Board does not license aides.
This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| THE HEARING SOCIETY OF MARYLAND, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 7, 2023 |

## SB 143

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

This Act makes several changes intended to improve the claims payment process by health insurers. Specifically, the Act: (i) codifies the definition of "clean claim" adopted in Department of Insurance regulations; (ii) requires an insurer to treat erroneously denied claims as timely filed without the provider having to resubmit the claim; (iii) requires carriers that engaged in coordination of benefits verify an insured's other coverage is effective for the date and type of service associated with the applicable claim before taking any recovery action against a provider; (iv) requires that a carrier who recovers payment from a provider through coordination of benefits and thereafter receives reimbursement for the same claim from another insurer issue notice to the provider of the payment so that the provider may seek payment for the amount recovered; (v) allows a provider 12 months to submit a claim for reimbursement after a retroactive denial by a carrier; (vi) requires prompt payment of clean claims within 30 days and after a successful appeal by a provider from a carrier's denial of payment, with interest accruing on late payments. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Mar 15, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Mar 23, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SCR 144

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 2024 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## SB 145

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DAMAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION.

This Act increases the limits on the dollar amount of awards of compensatory or punitive damages, or both, in cases of employment discrimination, establishing specific caps based on the number of the respondent's employees. This Act also clarifies that the Superior Court may order equitable relief available under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as back pay and front pay, which is an award made for the period between the date of judgment and the date of reinstatement.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |

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| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 145

This Amendment revises the limits on damage awards by doing all of the following:

1. Keeps the limit for respondents with 4 to 14 employees the same as current law.
2. Establishes a new category of respondents with 15 through 100 employees.
3. Lowers the amount the limits are increased by this Act for respondents with more than 15 employees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 146

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.

Under current law, an individual can file a charge of employment discrimination by sending the verified charge to the Delaware Department of Labor (Department). This Act clarifies that a verified charge of discrimination is deemed to be filed on the date it is sent to the Department.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |

## SCR 146

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUSSEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the 80th Anniversary of the Sussex Conservation District and its commitment to provide technical guidance and financial assistance to enhance, maintain, protect, and improve land and water resources.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 147

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPUTER-RELATED OFFENSES.

The existing computer crimes of unauthorized access, theft of computer services, misuse of computer system, and destruction of computer equipment contain elements broad enough to include actions employees may take to investigate or document an employer’s violation of state or federal employment laws. In addition to criminal penalties, a civil action for treble damages may be brought against a person who violates these laws. Sometimes, when employees seek to investigate, explore, or pursue employment laws by providing evidence obtained from that employer’s computer systems, an employer will threaten to sue the employee because the employee’s possession of this evidence could be found to be a violation of these computer crimes. Because the potential damages for violating

the computer crimes exceeds the compensation the employee would receive if their claim under the employment law is successful, the employee does not pursue their claim.

This Act creates a narrow exception to these crimes so that a person is not guilty of a crime under §§ 932, 933, 935, or 936 of Title 11, if all of the following apply:
(1) The employee's actions were only for the purpose of investigating, exploring, or pursuing a claim by an employee that the employer violated a state or federal employment law protecting the rights of employees.
(2) Information obtained by the employee was only disclosed for the purpose of investigating, exploring, or pursuing a claim by an employee that the employer violated a state or federal employment law protecting the rights of employees.

This Act also clarifies that if an exemption under § 942 of Title 11 applies, a civil action under § 941 of Title 11 cannot be brought against a person for a violation of §§ 932, 933, 935, or 936 of Title 11.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| REHOBOTH-DEWEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 19, 2023 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 147

This Amendment replaces the word "filing" with "pursuing" to include all steps in a judicial or administrative proceeding regarding the employee's claim that the employer violated a state or federal employment law protecting the rights of employees.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Apr 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 147

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPUTER-RELATED OFFENSES.

This Act creates a narrow exception to the computer crimes under §§ 932, 933, and 935 of Title 11 because these crimes contain elements broad enough to include actions employees may take to document or report an employer's violation of state or federal employment laws protecting the rights of employees. In addition to criminal penalties, § 941 of Title 11 allows a civil action for treble damages against an employee for a violation of any provision of §§ 932,

933, or 935 of Title 11.

Like Senate Bill No. 147, Senate Substitute No. 1 for SB 147, does all of the following:
1. Provides that an employee is not guilty of a crime under §§ 932, 933, or 935 of Title 11 if the employee's actions were taken to pursue a claim by an employee that the employer violated a state or federal employment law protecting the rights of employees and the information obtained by the employee was only disclosed for this purpose.
2. Clarifies that if an exemption to a crime under §§ 932, 933, or 935 of Title 11 applies, an employer may not bring a civil action under § 941 of Title 11 against a current or former employee for a violation of §§ 932, 933, or 935 of Title 11.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for SB 147 differs from SB 147 by making the following revisions to clarify the narrow intent of this Act:
1. Does not include § 936 of Title 11, destruction of computer equipment, under this exemption.
2. Replaces the words "investigating, exploring, or pursuing" with "reporting or filing".
3. Requires that the employee accessed computer services or systems as authorized for the employee's use in the course of the employee's employment.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Apr 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| MICROSOFT CORPORATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## SB 148

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE TOPICAL MEDICAL WASTE REDUCTION ACT.

This Act allows a practitioner with the authority to prescribe medication to give the unused portion of topical medication used during treatment to a patient upon discharge or the conclusion of the visit. This Act is based on the Model Act created by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, which has been adopted in Illinois.

During a procedure, practitioners may use only a few drops or small amount of medication from a container. Because regulations governing the ability to dispense the remaining portion of stock-item medications can be unclear or appear overly burdensome, many facilities do not allow the practitioner to dispense that container to the patient to take home with them. Instead, the practitioner must write a prescription for the patient and the medication that remains in the container is discarded.

By allowing patients to take home provider-dispensed medication, this Act reduces waste and health-care costs and by eliminating the extra burden of going to the pharmacy to fill a prescription, this Act will better ensure medication compliance.

This Act is known as "The Topical Medical Waste Reduction Act".

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |

## SB 150

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act defines dementia care services and activity services, and it requires that all long-term care facilities that offer dementia care services have sufficient staff to meet the needs of each resident, including a sufficient number of dedicated activity staff. This Act also requires that the staff who work with residents receiving dementia care services complete dementia care services training and identifies certain requirements for such training.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN STAFFING ASSOCIATION | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Apr 20, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SS 2 for SB 150

This amendment clarifies the definition of secured memory care unit.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 150

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 150. Like Senate Bill No. 150, this Act requires included facilities have sufficient staff to meet the needs of each resident and requires dementia care services training for staff. This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 150 in the following ways: (1) it removes the definition of activity services; (2) it defines direct care, secured memory care unit, and memory care services; (3) it requires that assisted living facilities providing dementia care services to residents in a secured memory care unit create a staffing plan that ensures the facility has sufficient staff to meet the scheduled, reasonably foreseeable unscheduled, and evolving needs of residents and; (4) it charges the Department of Health and Social Services with reviewing the staffing plan during each annual inspection and during any other inspection in which the Department deems it relevant; (5) it revises initial dementia care services training requirement by limiting the requirement to individuals that provide care in a secured memory care unit of an assisted living facility, creating separate training requirements, both in terms of duration and content, for individuals that provide direct care and non-direct care to residents receiving dementia care services in secured memory care units of assisted living facilities; (6) it revises the annual dementia care services training requirement to mirror initial dementia services training requirements; (7) it establishes dementia care services training requirements for individuals employed by temporary staffing agencies; (8) it gives the Department of Health and Social Services the discretion to accept other required dementia care services training to satisfy the dementia care services training requirements; (9) it details the transferability of training between facilities and temporary staffing agencies; and (10) it narrows the scope from all long-term care facilities to only assisted living facilities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SS 2 for SB 150

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 150. Like Senate Bill No. 150, this Act requires included facilities have sufficient staff to meet the needs of each resident and requires dementia care services training for staff. This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 150 in the following ways: (1) it removes the definition of activity services; (2) it defines direct care, secured memory care unit, and memory care services; (3) it requires that assisted living facilities providing dementia care services to residents in a secured memory care unit create a staffing plan that ensures the facility has sufficient staff to meet the scheduled, reasonably foreseeable unscheduled, and evolving needs of residents and; (4) it charges the Department of Health and Social Services with reviewing the staffing plan during each annual inspection and during any other inspection in which the Department deems it relevant; (5) it revises initial dementia care services training requirement by limiting the requirement to individuals that provide care in a secured memory care unit of an assisted living facility, creating separate training requirements, both in terms of duration and content, for individuals that provide direct care and non-direct care to residents receiving dementia care services in secured memory care units of assisted living facilities; (6) it revises the annual dementia care services training requirement to mirror initial dementia services training requirements; (7) it establishes dementia care services training requirements for individuals employed by temporary staffing agencies; (8) it gives the Department of Health and Social Services the discretion to accept other required dementia care services training to satisfy the dementia care services training requirements; (9) it details the transferability of training between facilities and temporary staffing agencies; and (10) it narrows the scope from all long-term care facilities to only assisted living facilities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 151

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANDATORY DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES OFFERING DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES.

This Act requires that all long-term care facilities that advertise, market, or otherwise promote that the facility provides dementia care services must complete a written notice on a form prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services. The Act identifies the required content that must be included in the written notice, establishes required dissemination procedures of the written notice for long-term care facilities, and authorizes DHSS to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these provisions. Violations of this Act are Consumer Fraud violations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN STAFFING ASSOCIATION | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Apr 20, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 151

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANDATORY DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES OFFERING DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 151. Like Senate Bill No. 151, this Act requires included facilities to disclose information related dementia care services in the form determined by the Department of Health and Social Services, and it establishes requirements for the dissemination of that information. Like Senate Bill No. 151, any violation of this Act is an unlawful practice under § 2513 of Title 6 and a violation of subchapter II of Chapter 25 of Title 6 of the Delaware Code. This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 151 in the following ways: (1) it narrows the scope of the disclosure requirements to apply only to assisted living facilities that advertises, markets, or otherwise represents that the facility provides dementia care services; (2) it revises the definition of dementia care services, and defines direct care, memory care services, and secured memory care unit; (3) it replaces the term agent with the term authorized representative; (4) it revises the list of information that must be included in the disclosure form; (5) it clarifies the Department’s and the facility’s role in preparing and completing the disclosure; (6) it removes the requirement that an included facility must publish the disclosure on the facility’s website; and (7) it grants the Department of Health and Social Services the authority to investigate potential violations and refer cases to the Department of Justice.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 152

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

This Act expands the rights of long-term care facility residents by ensuring that long-term care facility residents are entitled to care that recognizes cultural differences and preferences and that long-term care facility residents are made aware of their rights in a language and format that is accessible to the resident. This Act also requires the Department of Health and Social Services to prepare a standardized notice listing all rights detailed in § 1121 of Title 16 in a language and format that is accessible to each resident or their authorized representative.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## SCR 152

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "HEALTHY VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of May 2024 as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ACADEMY OF OPHTHALOMOGY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 8, 2024 |

## SB 153

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 12, 14, 16, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

This Act makes changes to provisions related to behavioral health and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to reflect current practices.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| GAUDENZIA, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SB 154

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 211, VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM.

This Act repeals the sunset of the Focus on Alternative Skills Training Program, which provides tuition for an eligible individual to attend an approved nondegree credit certificate program that provides industry-accepted skill training and certification.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SB 155

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

This bill creates a special license plate for Plastic Free Delaware, Inc., a nonprofit whose mission is to reduce single-use plastic pollution and build a culture of zero waste in Delaware through educational programs, awareness building, and policy initiatives.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| PLASTIC FREE DELAWARE, INC. | Dee DURHAM | Jul 1, 2023 |

## SB 156

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Under the current salary scale for teachers, if a permitted paraprofessional in a school wishes to become a certified teacher in the same school, they may have to take a pay cut to do so.  This Act provides teachers who previously worked as paraprofessionals in the schools to receive partial credit towards their experience on the teacher salary scale for their time working within the schools as paraprofessionals.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 5, 2023 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SCR 156

REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ISSUE A REPORT ASSESSING HOME CARE IN DELAWARE.

This resolution requests the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance to study and issue a report assessing the home care industry in Delaware. The DMMA is requested to use specified home care codes for their report and conduct various analyses. The DMMA is requested to make their report available for the public.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 157

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.

This Act, the 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code, was drafted by the Uniform Law Commission in partnership with the American Law Institute. The Uniform Law Commission "provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law."

The Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") provides commercial law rules for broad categories of transactions: the sale or lease of goods, negotiable instruments, bank deposits and collections, funds transfers, letters of credit, documents of title, investment property, and secured transactions in personal property. Every state has adopted the UCC and, as a result, strong interstate markets have developed because the UCC provides the legal structure necessary to have confidence when transacting business with others.

The UCC has been revised over time as the United States' economy shifted from a goods-based economy toward one based on services, software, and information-based transactions. The 2022 Amendments to the UCC ("2022 Amendments") are yet another revision to address the changing economy. Specifically, the 2022 Amendments do all of the following:

(1) Provide updated rules for commercial transactions involving emerging technologies such as virtual currencies, non-fungible tokens (also known as NFTs), and distributed ledger technologies (also known as "blockchain").

(2) Create a new Article 12 addressing new types of property, or digital assets, defined as "controllable electronic records" ("CERs"). Examples of CERs include virtual currencies, non-fungible tokens, and electronic promises to pay.

(3) Provide new default rules to govern transactions involving these emerging technologies and clarify the UCC’s

applicability to mixed transactions involving both goods and services.
(4) Update the UCC to recognize that parties often do not use paper documents and, therefore, the UCC applies equally to electronic transactions.
(5) Make additional revisions to the UCC unrelated to technological developments but necessary to provide needed clarification of the UCC.
(6) Create a new Article A to provide transition rules designed to protect the expectations of parties to pre-effective-date transactions. For example, a secured lender who has a priority security interest in collateral under the current law will retain its priority through a transition period, giving parties to preexisting transactions plenty of time to revise their agreements to comply with this Act.

This Act amends the UCC and, as such, deals only with consensual commercial transactions. It does not regulate the use of these emerging technologies, including CERs, address taxation of CERs, alter the law governing money transmitters, or revise anti-money laundering laws.

As of the introduction of this Act, the 2022 Amendments have been introduced in 21 states and the District of Columbia and enacted in 5 states (Indiana, North Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, and Washington).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 5, 2023 |

## SCR 157

DESIGNATING MAY 5 – 11, 2024, AS “TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK” IN DELAWARE.

This resolution designates May 5-11, 2024, as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” and encourages anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements to consult their healthcare provider regarding their symptoms.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## SB 158

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY.

This Act permits an individual who is a reproductive health care services provider or employee to apply for participation in Delaware's Address Confidentiality Program, which allows participants to keep their actual address confidential by applying to the Department of Justice for a substitute address to which all mail will be delivered.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE NOW | Monica Nick Beard | Jun 6, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Matthew Bittle | Jun 13, 2023 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |

## SCR 158

PROCLAIMING MAY 16, 2024, AS “HOME CARE ADVOCACY DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution proclaims May 16, 2024, as "Home Care Advocacy Day" in Delaware to recognize the dedication and hard work of caregivers, to emphasize the critical importance of access to quality home care services for Delaware’s aging residents to live independently and age with dignity, and to advocate for policies and resources that support the delivery of high-quality, person-centered care in the home setting.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 159

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BLOOD BANK.

This Act removes membership with the Blood Bank of Delaware as a recognized benefit by the State due to changes in policies in how hospitals and insurance companies bill for blood replacement and blood replacement procedures.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 2, 2023 |

## SCR 159

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 "CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims the month of May 2024 "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## SB 160

A BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND CERTAIN OF ITS AUTHORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE DELAWARE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE; REPROGRAMMING CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE STATE; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2024 Bond and Capital Improvements Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

*Refer to CSV file for Budget DDS information.*

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| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ALLAN MYERS INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 14, 2023 |
| AT&T | A. Richard Heffron | Jul 8, 2023 |
| BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | John Armitage | Jul 5, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 3, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jan 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| FAME, INC. DELAWARE | George Williams | Jul 6, 2023 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jun 23, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 28, 2023 |
| KENT-SUSSEX INDUSTRIES, INC. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| MERAKEY | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SALESIANUM SCHOOL | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SALESIANUM SCHOOL | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| SALESIANUM SCHOOL | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE/TRINITY HEALTH | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 31, 2023 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| THE BONOMAN GROUP LLC | George Williams | Jul 6, 2023 |
| TODMORDEN FOUNDATION, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |

## SCR 160

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the month of May 2024 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## SB 161

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29, CHAPTER 90D OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

This Act does all of the following:
(1) Creates a Director of Classification/Compensation and Talent Acquisition and a Director of Training and Human Resource Solutions.
(2) Changes the name of the Director of Personnel Management to Director of Talent Management.
(3) Directs the Director of Talent Management to assume a central leadership role for the development and maintenance of the Department of Human Resources.
(4) Renames the Division of Diversity and Inclusion to the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
(5) Renames the Division of Labor Relations and Employment Practices to the Division of Employee and Labor Relations.
(6) Renames the Division of Statewide Benefits to The Division of Statewide Benefits and Insurance Coverage.
(7) Removes references to the Blood Bank due to lack of State participation with the program.
(8) Increases membership within the Commission for Women and the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame Committee.
(9) Expands the duties and role of the Delaware Commission for Women to subsume the responsibilities of the Delaware Women's Workforce Council.
(10) Removes the statutory language creating the Delaware Women's Workforce Council.
(11) Establishes The Division of Classification/Compensation and Talent Acquisition and the Division of Training and Human Resources Solutions with its associated powers, duties, and functions.
(12) Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| CIGNA CORPORATE SERVICES, LLC | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

## SB 162

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

This Act will establish the ability for contracted third-party agreements between select qualified private companies and the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles to process certain vehicle-related services. This will act as an additional resource if chosen by Delaware residents or their secured interests.

For years, Delaware’s Division of Motor Vehicles has struggled to conduct timely vehicle processing of residents’ titling and registrations, with an average wait time exceeding 4-8 weeks for in-state and out-of-state purchases. With the population now exceeding one million residents, allowing third parties to assist in vehicle processing will ensure timely processing of motor vehicles applications while alleviating the strain on DMV locations and personnel.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 5, 2023 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 6, 2023 |

## SB 163

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

This bill updates the State's charter school law to codify the original intent of charter school flexibility. More specifically, the bill provides charter schools the ability to hire the leaders they deem beneficial to the success of the school's educational program and the needs of students and staff. The bill creates new subsections in Section 507(c) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code to define the licensure and certification requirements more clearly within Chapter 5 of Title 14. Finally, the bill requires the Secretary of Education to work with the Delaware Charter Schools Network to create a qualified alternative licensure and certification pathway for charter school administrators engaged in the instruction of students (Instructional Administrators).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CAMPAIGN FOR ACHIEVEMENT NOW (DELAWARECAN) | Lincoln Willis | Jun 4, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 5, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 2, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 21, 2023 |

## SCR 163

DESIGNATING MAY 27, 2024, AS "BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Concurrent Resolution designates May 27, 2024, as "Brain Cancer Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware. "Brain Cancer Awareness Day" brings attention to the experiences of individuals affected by brain cancer and empowers them to share their stories, which helps overcome stigmas, corrects misconceptions, fosters a supportive community for patients and their families, and helps patients and caregivers to navigate their journey with greater knowledge and support by sharing resources, support networks, and information about available services. "Brain Cancer Awareness Day" is critical to educating the public about brain cancer and to supporting research funding for effective brain cancer treatments including targeted therapies, immunotherapies, and ultimately a cure.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 163

This amendment adds annual reporting requirements to the bill and provides a sunset date for the reporting requirements.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jul 17, 2023 |

## SS 1 for SB 163

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

This bill updates the State's charter school law to codify the original intent of charter schools to encourage the use of different and innovative or proven school environments and teaching and learning methods; provide parents and students with measures of improved school and student performance and greater opportunities in choosing public schools within and outside their school districts; and to provide for a well-educated community.

The substitute bill creates new subsections in Section 507(c) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code to define the licensure and certification requirements more clearly within Chapter 5 of Title 14 and provides for the ability to hire the leaders and staff that they deem beneficial to the success of the school's educational program and the needs of students and staff. There are multiple pathways that people can travel to get to their administrative positions and all of their experiences on their journey are beneficial to the education and success of Delaware's children. To that end, the substitute bill also defines "Instructional Administrator" at a charter school and the necessary experience and education required. It also directs the Department of Education to work with the Professional Standards Board and the Delaware Charter Schools Network to provide for the implementation of regulations for current and future Instructional Administrators in accordance with this bill. This will require modifications to Regulation 1596 Charter School Leader to make corresponding changes to align with the substitute bill if passed and signed into law. The Department of Education will also work with the Charter Schools Network to develop a "qualified alternative certification program" to provide flexibility for charter schools to hire Instructional Administrators working towards the required licensure and certification.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

## SB 164

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIVACY FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, PROBATION OFFICERS, AND PAROLE OFFICERS.

This Act would allow for correctional officers, probation officers, and parole officers employed with the Department of Correction to make a written request that their personal information not be published and remain confidential. The Act takes effect 180 days after its enactment to allow for implementation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jul 5, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 164

This Amendment specifies that a person shall not "knowingly" post personal information of a correctional officer or their family if the officer has made the appropriate written request.
This Amendment also removes criminal penalties as a remedy.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 164

This Amendment clarifies all of the following:
(1) The process for a correctional officer to submit a written request for government agencies or persons to remove or refrain from publicly posting or displaying the personal information of the correctional officer or the officer's family.
(2) The Department of Correction's responsibility for developing policies and procedures for when a correctional officer requests the Department to notify government agencies and persons of the correctional officer's written request and for enrolling the correctional officer in the services of an online privacy vendor.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 26, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 26, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 26, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 164

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIVACY FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, PROBATION OFFICERS, AND PAROLE OFFICERS.

This Act allows for correctional officers employed with the Department of Correction to make a written request that their personal information not be published and remain confidential. The Act takes effect 180 days following its enactment.
The substitute bill changes the following from the original bill:
(1) Adds an applicability section clarifying these privacy protections only apply for correctional officers who serve or have served with the Department of Correction on the enactment date.
(2) Retains the original language of "publicly posts" as opposed to "knowingly posts".
(3) Changes the duration period of the written request to two years.
(4) Clarifies that a correctional officer that is removed for cause or fired will have their written request immediately removed.
(5) Allows for renewal of written requests by correctional officers who remain employed with the Department of Correction.
(6) Allows for a correctional officer to revoke their written request.
(7) Allows for a correctional officer who retires or leaves the job in good standing to obtain a two-year extension of their written request from the date of their retirement or date of leave.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMCAST CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 23, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 23, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 23, 2024 |

## SB 165

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PHARMACY.

This Act amends Chapter 25, Title 24 of the Delaware Code relating to the Practice of Pharmacy. The amendments authorize pharmacists to engage in “collaborative pharmacy practice” with one or more “practitioners” meaning individuals who are authorized by law to prescribe drugs in the course of professional practice. Pharmacists may also do so pursuant to a “collaborative pharmacy practice agreement,” which means a written and signed agreement between one or more pharmacists and one or more practitioners that provides for a collaborative pharmacy practice.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2023 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Jun 16, 2023 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 8, 2023 |

## SB 166

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

This Act allows for the delivery of alcoholic liquors from a restaurant, brewpub, tavern, taproom, or other entity with a valid on-premise license. In addition, this Act provides that the acts of a licensed consumer delivery permittee or a delivery driver are not attributable to the retailer.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 8, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SMALL BEVERAGE LICENSE COUNCIL | Sean Finnigan | Jun 7, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| DOORDASH, INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 8, 2023 |
| DOORDASH, INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DOORDASH, INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 8, 2023 |

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| DOORDASH, INC. | Chad Horrell | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DOORDASH, INC. | Alex Mooney | Jul 11, 2024 |
| REBECCA BATSON KIDNER, P.A. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 13, 2023 |
| UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 14, 2023 |

## SB 167

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING FIRST RESPONDERS, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, OR THEIR FAMILIES.

This Act establishes a wellness program designed to improve the well-being of first responders and first responders' immediate family members, as well as civilian employees of police, fire, and emergency medical services agencies and their immediate family members, through the provision of wellness program services by trained peer support members. Wellness program services may include counseling, spiritual guidance, and education about financial resources, health resources, legal assistance, and stress management services.

This Act extends the confidentiality privileges to include communications made by a first responder, the first responder's immediate family member, a civilian employee, or a civilian employee's immediate family member, to a trained peer support member providing wellness program services though a state, county, or municipal law-enforcement, fire, or emergency medical agency's wellness program.

This Act adds chaplains to definition of "first responders". This Act defines "civilian employee".

This Act updates the definitions section to account for the creation of the wellness program.

This Act also revises the confidentiality exception in § 4319(d)(4) of Title 10. In current Code, the exception applies in certain instances where the first offender uses critical incident stress management (CISM) services to commit or attempt to commit "a crime or fraud or mental or physical injury to the first responder who received critical incident stress management services or another individual". This Act replaces the quoted phrase with "'crime', as defined under § 233 of Title 11, or fraud."

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual. The technical changes include combining the privileges to refuse to disclose any matter and refuse to produce any object or record that are covered in § 4319(b) and (c) of Title 11 in current Code into a single subsection, § 4319(b) of Title 10. This Act updates subsection (c) so that it only contains 1 subject: that the privileges in subsection (b) only apply if the proceedings, communications, or records, including information, are obtained during the provision of critical incident stress management (CISM) services or wellness program services.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SCR 167

ESTABLISHING A STUDY GROUP TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND COMPENSATORY PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE STATE.

This Act creates the Study Group to Review and Recommend Compensatory Payments for Certain Tax-Exempt Properties Owned by the State to review and evaluate § 8318 of Title 29 and make recommendations regarding the eligibility criteria that should be used to determine which municipalities to receive compensatory payments for tax-exempt property owned by this State ("compensatory payments"), the amount that should be appropriated for compensatory payments, the formulas used to calculate compensatory payments, and how to periodically review this appropriation, eligibility criteria, and formulas no less than every 10 years.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |

## SB 168

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

This Act does all of the following:

(1) Adds a requirement that, in order for a veterinarian to practice veterinary medicine, a relationship among the veterinarian, the client, and the patient must be established and maintained. The majority of states mandate the existence of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship as a prerequisite to treating an animal and such requirement is critical to the health of animals. This requirement is also consistent with Food and Drug Administration standards.

(2) Adds a licensure exemption for veterinarians and veterinary technicians who want to practice in Delaware in connection with a State emergency.

(3) Strikes a provision that allows issuance of a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine to an individual who has not passed the licensing examination and also requires compliance with reciprocity requirements. These two requirements, taken together, cannot be met, and consequently, the section is very confusing and misleading. Temporary licenses will still be available for veterinarians where the applicant is either being considered for licensure under the reciprocity provision or is eligible to take the licensure examination.

(4) Strikes the 7 year grandfathering provision, which was adopted when the Board first began to license veterinary technicians, and which is now expired.

(5) Allows veterinary technicians to obtain temporary licenses pending passing of the licensure examination.

(6) Gives the Board the authority to impose monetary penalties on licensees who are found to have committed regulatory or statutory violations.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act comes from the Division of Professional Regulation and has been approved by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 21, 2023 |

## SB 169

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WRONGFUL CONVICTION COMPENSATION AND SERVICES.

This Act creates a process for compensating individuals who have been wrongfully convicted in the State. To obtain compensation, a petitioner must show (i) that the petitioner was pardoned, or, after the conviction was overturned, the

charges were dismissed or the petitioner was acquitted on retrial; or (ii) that the petitioner entered an Alford plea after the conviction was overturned and that the petitioner was innocent of the crimes for which the petitioner was convicted. The prosecuting agency can prevent compensation by showing that petitioners were accomplices to the crimes at issue, or that petitioners intentionally “took the fall” for the true perpetrators. Successful petitioners are awarded damages based on the amount of time they served sentences of incarceration, parole, or registration on the sex offender registry solely as a result of the wrongful convictions, as well as reimbursement of fines, fees, and costs related to the wrongful conviction.
The Act also provides an emergency stipend and post-release services for individuals who are released from incarceration and who receive pardons or whose convictions are overturned, vacated, or reversed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AFTER INNOCENCE | Jon Eldan | Jun 13, 2023 |

## SS 2 for SB 169

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WRONGFUL CONVICTION COMPENSATION AND SERVICES.

This bill creates the Delaware Wrongful Conviction Compensation and Service Act. The Act provides compensation and reintegration services to individuals who have served sentences of incarceration, parole, probation, and sex offender registration in the State for crimes that they did not commit.

An individual claiming wrongful conviction or, if deceased, that individual's heirs, may bring a petition for compensation in Delaware Superior Court. A petitioner who makes the required showing is entitled to damages based on the type and period of wrongful incarceration, probation, parole, or registration, and other amounts, such as reasonable attorney fees in obtaining relief, subject to requirements of proof. However, a petitioner is not entitled to such compensation if the Department of Justice establishes that the petitioner was an accomplice in the commission of the crime or that the petitioner intentionally and voluntarily caused the conviction at issue by committing perjury or fabricating evidence at trial in order to prevent the conviction of the true perpetrator.

In addition, an individual released from incarceration as the result of the reversal, overturning, or vacation of a conviction, or a pardon granted, is entitled to emergency assistance and services.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## SS 3 for SB 169

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WRONGFUL CONVICTION COMPENSATION AND SERVICES.

This Act creates the Delaware Wrongful Conviction Compensation and Service Act. The Act provides compensation and reintegration services to individuals who have served sentences of incarceration, wrongful incarceration in a psychiatric institution, parole, probation, and sex offender registration in the State for crimes that they did not commit.
An individual claiming wrongful conviction or, if deceased, that individual's heirs, may bring a petition for compensation in Delaware Superior Court. A petitioner who makes the required showing is entitled to damages based on the type and period of wrongful incarceration, probation, parole, or registration, and other amounts, such as reasonable attorney fees in obtaining relief, subject to requirements of proof. However, a petitioner is not entitled to such

compensation if the Department of Justice establishes that the petitioner was an accomplice in the commission of the crime or that the petitioner intentionally and voluntarily caused the conviction at issue by committing perjury or fabricating evidence at trial in order to prevent the conviction of the true perpetrator. In addition, an individual released from incarceration as the result of the reversal, overturning, or vacation of a conviction is entitled to emergency assistance and services.

Senate Substitute 3 for SB 169 differs from SS 2 for SB 169 in that it provides that a petitioner who served time in a psychiatric institution is eligible to apply for relief.

Senate Substitute 3 for SB 169 also provides that in all cases, in order to be compensated, a petitioner must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner did not commit the crime that resulted in the conviction or that there was no crime committed. This provision differs from Senate Substitute 2, which required this showing only for a petitioner who entered a Robinson plea or entered a plea of no contest.

In addition, Senate Substitute 3 for SB 169 provides that persons who were pardoned are not eligible for post-release services under the Act.

Finally, Senate Substitute 3 for SB 169 provides that any award under the Act must be offset by any amounts the petitioner has recovered in a civil action or settlement of a civil action for wrongful conviction or imprisonment. If, after receiving an award under the Act, a petitioner subsequently recovers in such a civil action or settlement, the petitioner must reimburse the State to the extent of the amounts awarded in the civil action or settlement of the civil action.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 21, 2024 |

## SB 170

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.

This Act directs the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to work with PJM Interconnection, LLC to study the transmission impacts of offshore wind development, to work with neighboring states on offshore wind transmission, and to study and report back to the Governor and the General Assembly on a process for procuring offshore wind power.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 9, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE SIERRA CLUB | Dustyn Thompson | Nov 20, 2023 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Jun 19, 2023 |
| ORSTED | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ORSTED | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ORSTED | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| ORSTED | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 9, 2023 |

## SCR 170

COMMENDING THE FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE AND ITS NETWORK OF PROGRAM PARTNERS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution commends the Food Bank of Delaware for its contributions toward ending hunger and resolving the root causes of poverty in the State of Delaware through its increased statewide impact.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jun 6, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 170

This amendment requires the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to consult with all electric utilities in Delaware, in addition to consulting with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Division of the Public Advocate (DPA), in the analysis of the impacts of offshore wind transmission and procurement by Delaware of electricity from offshore wind projects. It also requires DNREC to report to all electric utilities in Delaware, in addition to the PSC and the DPA, about its efforts to consult with other state energy offices in states served by the PJM Interconnection to evaluate regional electric transmission cooperation. This amendment also deletes the provision in the Bill that mandates that DNREC study the impacts on capacity and energy markets in the course of the offshore wind procurement process.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| ORSTED | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 172

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND TENANTS' RECEIVERSHIP PETITIONS.

Section 1 of this Act makes a pattern or practice of violations by a landlord of a Manufactured Home Community of subchapters I through V of Chapter 70 of Title 25 of the Delaware Code, or a provision of a rental agreement, an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud Act, subchapter II, Chapter 70, of Title 25, under specified circumstances.

Section 2 of this Act authorizes the Attorney General to file a petition to establish a receivership of a Manufactured Home Community in a Justice of the Peace Court on specified grounds after notice to the landlord.

Section 3 of this Act requires the Justice of the Peace Court to send written notice to the Director of Consumer Protection at the Department of Justice within 10 days of its receipt of a petition for tenants' receivership under Title 25 of the Delaware Code, Sections 5901 or 7061, except in those cases where the Attorney General files the petition.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 10, 2023 |
| THE REYBOLD GROUP | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2023 |

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| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Jun 10, 2023 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Jun 10, 2023 |

## SCR 172

RECOGNIZING MAY 23, 2024, AS “STOP THE BLEED DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes May 23, 2024, as “Stop the Bleed Day” in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 24, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 172

This amendment removes that term “welfare” from line 21 of the bill.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 6, 2023 |

## SB 173

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

The General Assembly previously restricted municipal, town, and city police departments from operating speed enforcement equipment outside of its corporate limits. This Act completely restricts the ability of municipal, town, and city police departments to make arrests for speeding that occurs outside of the municipality, town, or city’s corporate limits. This Act also defines “corporate limits” for the purposes of 21 Del. C. § 701.

This Act requires a greater-than-majority vote for passage because Article IX, § 1 of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to enact or amend general incorporation laws and special acts of incorporation, including municipal charters.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 6, 2023 |

## SB 175

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

The Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund (OPEB Fund) is used to pay the State's benefits for post-retirement health insurance under the State employees' pension plan. This Act requires that every year, at least 1% of the grand total of all General Fund operating budget appropriations for the prior fiscal year is appropriated to the OPEB Fund. The total amount of the contributions to the OPEB Fund is not allowed to exceed the annual required contribution, which is actuarially determined by the Board of Pension Trustees.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 14, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 175

ESTABLISHING THE PROBATION SYSTEM TASK FORCE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution establishes the Probation System Task Force to study the probation system and make findings and recommendations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SCR 175

This Amendment makes the following changes to the membership of the Probation Task Force ("Task Force"):

(1) Removes the Chief Justice from the Task Force and replaces the Chief Justice with 2 judges from the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 1 judge from the Superior Court and 1 judge from the Court of Common Pleas.

(2) Adds the following members:

a. One individual who has been the victim of a crime in this State, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

b. The President of the Delaware Fraternal Order of Police.

c. The President of the Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police.

d. The Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

e. The Director of the Statistical Analysis Center.
f. The Chair of the Sex Offender Management Board.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Jun 14, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 176

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RETIRED LAW-ENFORCEMENT CANINES.

This Act requires that an owner be reimbursed up to $1,500 annually for veterinary care expenses paid by the owner for the care of a retired law-enforcement canine.

The Department of Safety and Homeland Security shall issue veterinary care reimbursements and promulgate regulations to create a reimbursement process for retired law-enforcement canines from the State Police and Capitol Police. The State Fire Prevention Commission shall issue veterinary care reimbursements and promulgate regulations to create a reimbursement process for retired law-enforcement canines from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Department of Correction and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control shall issue veterinary care reimbursements and promulgate regulations to create a reimbursement process for retired law-enforcement canines that assisted their respective divisions.

This Act is effective immediately and shall be implemented 6 months after enactment. This Act does not apply to law-enforcement canines that retire before the implementation date of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 178

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPARABLE PRIVATE PLANS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM.

Under § 3716(e) of Title 19, the Family and Medical Leave Program (FMLP) allows the Department of Labor (Department) to approve private benefits in existence on May 10, 2022, as a private plan under the FMLP, for applications submitted by January 1, 2024. This Act revises the appeal process when the Department denies an application under § 3716(e) so that the hearing is conducted by the Secretary of the Department instead of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Appeal Board (Appeals Board). The primary function of the Appeals Board is to conduct hearings on denials of individual claims for benefits under the FMLP, but individuals will not be eligible for these benefits until January 1, 2026. Thus, the Appeals Board does not otherwise need to be established in 2023, and the expertise members need is in areas other than those needed for appeals of decisions under § 3716(e) of Title 19.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 180

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO VOTING.

This Act is the first leg of an amendment to the Delaware Constitution that does all of the following:

(1) Under Section 1 of this Act, limits the disenfranchisement of an individual who is convicted of a felony to the period during which the individual is imprisoned due to the felony, or until the individual is pardoned, whichever comes first.

(2) Brings Section 1 of this Act into conformity with the United States Constitution and federal law.

Section 1 of this Act specifically does all of the following:

(1) Removes the ability of the General Assembly to impose the forfeiture of the right of suffrage as a punishment for a crime.

(2) Removes the list of felonies resulting in permanent disenfranchisement.

(3) Prohibits making the re-enfranchisement of an individual who is convicted of a felony contingent on the payment of a monetary payment of any kind.

(4) Makes a conforming change based on proposed changes in Section 2 of this Act.

(5) Updates the age at which a resident of this State is granted a right to vote to be 18 years or older, to conform the Delaware Constitution to the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(6) Removes the durational residency requirements necessary to qualify to vote in this State. Durational residency requirements have been found unconstitutional because these requirements infringe on both the constitutional right to vote and the constitutional right to travel. See Dunn v. Blumstein, 92 S. Ct. 995 (1972) (finding 1-year residency requirement in a state and 3-month residency requirement in a county unconstitutional) and Marston v. Lewis, 93 S. Ct. 1211 (1973). A voter will still be required to be a resident at the time the voter registers.

(7) Removes the literacy test requirement to qualify to vote in this State. Literacy tests have been used to disqualify Blacks and individuals who are immigrants or poor. Because of the discriminatory use of, and often subjective nature of, literacy tests, literacy tests are prohibited under federal law, see 52 U.S.C. § 10501, and likely unconstitutional under the 14th or 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution, see Oregon v. Mitchell, 91 S. Ct. 260 (1970).

(8) Makes a technical correction to remove an unnecessary comma.

Section 2 of this Act removes disenfranchisement as a punishment for violation of certain election offenses.

Amending the Delaware Constitution requires not only the passing of the changes in this Act, but also passage of the same changes after the next general election by the next General Assembly.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Claire Snyder-Hall | Jul 7, 2023 |
| NEW VENTURE FUND | Lisa Goodman | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEW VENTURE FUND | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 14, 2023 |

## SB 181

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT.

This Act provides that a contractor is jointly or severally liable for a violation of the Delaware Contractor Registration Act by a subcontractor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 181

RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2024, AS "DELAWARE ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY".

This resolution recognizes June 15, 2024, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 182

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT.

This Act does all of the following:

(1) Grants the Department discretion to reject or accept an application that is incomplete or contains inaccurate information.

(2) Permits a contractor to submit a new application for registration if the Department rejected the application because it was incomplete or contains inaccurate information.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 182

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JUNE 10-16, 2024, AS "NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the week of June 10-16, 2024, as "National Men's Health Week" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 182

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT.

This Act is a substitute for Senate Bill No. 182. Like Senate Bill No. 182, this act does all of the following:

(1) Grants the Department discretion to reject or accept an application that is incomplete or contains inaccurate information.

(2) Permits the contractor to submit a new application for registration if the Department rejected the application because it was incomplete or contains inaccurate information.

This Act differs from Senate Bill No. 182 in that it makes a technical correction to remove unnecessary language added to § 3607(b)(2) of Title 19 by Senate Bill No. 182.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 17, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 21, 2023 |

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

## SCR 183

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS "PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes September 2024 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 184

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO USE OF CERTAIN FACTORS IN UNDERWRITING PRIVATE INSURANCE.

Research has shown that certain underwriting factors used by insurers, while facially neutral, may have a disparate impact on protected classes. This bill seeks to address this disparate impact by prohibiting certain underwriting and rating factors, despite being correlative with loss, in homeowner's and private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies. This bill would specifically prohibit an insurer's consideration of an insured's or proposed insured's (i) non-pending arrests, charges and indictments that do not result in conviction, (ii) convictions unrelated to fraud or the risk being insured, or (iii) driver's license suspensions or revocations for non-driving related reasons. This bill also corrects an incorrect statutory reference in current law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jun 20, 2023 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 15, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE CO. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 185

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION.

This Act extends the date that the requirements created by Senate Bill 283 in the 151st become effective to allow the Division of Professional Regulation more time to implement these requirements.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 16, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 16, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 185

This Amendment clarifies the date for when the Act applies to doctors' licenses and changes the date for when the Act applies to nurses' licenses.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SB 186

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9, 14, AND 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

This Act enables Sussex County to use the Voluntary School Assessment (VSA) to address the impact of residential development on school capacity. The following is a summary of the Act's 3 sections:

Section 1 of the Act amends Chapter 69 of Title 9 of the Delaware code pertaining to zoning in Sussex County. It amends § 6961 of Title 9 to add a new subsection (d) that enables Sussex County to require residential developers to provide a certification from the Secretary of the Department of Education concerning school capacity prior to recording a major record subdivision plan; however, no certification is required where the proposed development is (i) restricted to providing housing predominantly for individuals 55 years of age or older; (ii) for low income housing; or (iii) the developer has pledged to pay a VSA.
Section 1 also amends § 6961 to provide that to the extent Sussex County has adopted or adopts any regulations linking or restricting residential developments to school capacity, such regulations are preempted.

Section 2 of the Act amends § 842 of Title 22 of the Delaware code, pertaining to school capacity for municipal corporations, to remove specific references to New Castle County. It also revises § 842 to provide that subsection (b) applies to all new residential subdivision plans over 5 units in size for lands located within or annexed into a municipality on or after July 1, 1992; previously, subsection (b) only applied to such lands annexed into a municipality after July 1, 1992.

Section 3 of the Act amends § 103 of Title 14 of the Delaware code to conform with the changes to the code contained in Section 1 of this Act, to provide that in calculating the VSA, the average cost per child shall take into account offsite roadway improvements required by the state transportation department, and to remove a specific reference to New Castle County.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 186

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND JUNE 10-14, 2024, AS "COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the importance of community health workers as well as “Community Health Improvement Week” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 187

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.

This Act ensures that educators hired after the effective date of this Act, who earned graduate degrees prior to becoming educators, receive credit on the salary schedule for those degrees regardless of the specific subject area of those degrees. Once an individual is employed as an educator, in order to receive credit for any graduate degrees earned after that time, such degree must be in the subject area in which the educator is employed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SCR 187

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE CEREBRAL PALSY REGISTRY.

This resolution raises awareness of cerebral palsy and highlights the need for a statewide cerebral palsy registry in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

# SB 188

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT.

This Act enacts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (ITMC). The Council of State Governments partnered with the Department of Defense and the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) to support the mobility of licensed teachers through the development of this new interstate compact. The ITMC will create reciprocity among participant states and reduce barriers to license portability and employment.

The Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (ITMC) is an interstate occupational licensure compact. Interstate compacts are constitutionally authorized, legislatively enacted, legally binding agreements among states. The ITMC will allow teachers to use an eligible license held in a compact member state to be granted an equivalent license in another compact member state, lowering barriers to teacher mobility and getting teachers back into the classroom more seamlessly.

The ITMC utilizes a different model than other interstate occupational licensure compacts. Compact member states submit licenses that are eligible for the compact and meet a set of criteria outlined in the legislation. To be eligible, a license must require a bachelor's degree and completion of a state-approved program for teacher licensure like a teacher preparation program at a college or university. Furthermore, for a license to be eligible under the ITMC, the license must be unencumbered, which means it is not restricted, probationary, provisional, substitute, or temporary. Teachers holding a compact-eligible license can apply for licensure in another member state and receive the closest equivalent license without submitting additional materials, taking state-specific exams or completing additional coursework. Special carveouts were created for some populations in the ITMC to support equitable access. Due to the mobility patterns of military spouses, the barriers to receiving a license that would be considered unencumbered under the compact are much higher. Teachers meeting the definition of an eligible military spouse will be able to use a temporary or provisional license for the purposes of the ITMC. Career and Technical Education Teaching Licenses often do not require a bachelor's degree as a requirement for licensure, so the compact allows these licenses to be considered eligible without that requirement.

The ITMC will not close any existing pathways to teacher licensure or teacher mobility. The ITMC aims to provide additional tools to state licensing authorities to more efficiently license out of state teachers and get them into the classroom. State licensing authorities will also appoint their state's representatives to the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission, which serves as the administrative body of the ITMC.

In addition to the NASDTEC, the following organizations contributed to the development process for the ITMC:
- National Association of Elementary School Principals.
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
- National Education Association.
- Council of Chief State School Officers.
- Education Commission of the States.
- Southern Regional Education Board.
- American Association of School Administrators.
- National Conference of State Legislatures.
- National Association of State Boards of Education.
- National Governors Association.
- National Council on Teacher Quality.

• National School Boards Association.

The ITMC must be enacted in 10 states to become effective. The ITMC has been enacted in 8 states and legislation to enact it is pending in 13 states.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 12, 2023 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INC.--EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 27, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 19, 2023 |

## SB 189

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AND DRUG TESTING STRIPS.

This Act adds xylazine and it isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers to Schedule III of the Delaware Uniform Controlled Substances Act and expands the authorization for the distribution of testing strips to determine the presence of controlled substances. According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the emergence of xylazine across the United States appears to be following the same path as fentanyl, starting in the Northeast and then spreading to the South and working its way into drug markets westward, and the low cost of xylazine contributes to xylazine's increased presence in the nation's illegal drug supply. Xylazine is approved only for veterinary use, xylazine is a non-opioid with increasing presence as an adulterant, often in conjunction with opioids, in the illicit drug supply. When used alone and in conjunction with other drugs, xylazine is implicated as a cause or contributing cause of death in the United States. When used in conjunction with an opioid, such as heroin or fentanyl, xylazine may worsen respiratory depression in the event of a drug overdose, and because xylazine is not an opioid, naloxone is not known to be effective at reversing overdoses, and there is no known antidote or reversal agent for xylazine overdose in humans. This Act also exempts testing strips from the drug paraphernalia statute and expands the limitations on liability for lay individuals and organizations that provide a drug testing strip to an individual who uses drugs to reduce the likelihood of the individual experiencing harm.

This Act becomes effective upon the expiration of the Emergency Order issued by the Secretary of State placing Xylazine in Schedule III of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act or November 29, 2023, whichever is earlier.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BRANDYWINE COUNSELING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Aug 1, 2023 |
| BYRDGOMES, LLC | Matthew Bodine | Jun 22, 2023 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 19, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 20, 2023 |
| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jun 22, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 21, 2023 |
| QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 21, 2023 |

## SCR 189

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JULY 2024 AS "AMERICAN PRIDE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates the month of July 2024 as "American Pride Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 189

This amendment provides that the Act sunsets on November 29, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SB 190

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WATER SUPPLY COORDINATING COUNCIL.

Since its creation the Water Supply Coordinating Council (the Council) has provided critical guidance to proactively address identified water supply issues. However, the actions of the Council have largely focused on recommendations and implementation associated with water supplies in the drought-prone portions of Northern New Castle County. While the water supplies in that area remain critical to the State, additional focus is needed on similar water supply coordination in other portions of the State as well. Many of the Council’s reports have made recommendations for other actions in these areas, however, it is critical that appropriate local/regional representation be included to receive the necessary input and feedback that made the New Castle County implementation successful. Therefore, this Act is intended to reconstitute the Council to provide for a smaller more consistent quorum for state-wide coordination while establishing the structure for direct regional (County-level) contributions and implementation. It is intended that the preliminary charge of each County-level subcommittee will be to establish the appropriate memberships to best address their prioritized concerns.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | W. Laird Stabler, III | Jun 27, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2023 |

## SCR 190

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2024 AS "AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes November 2024 as "Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 191

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE FAIRNESS IN GIRLS' SPORTS ACT.

This Act generally requires a student athlete to compete for athletic teams or in sports associated with their biological sex, as determined at or near birth and based on the student's birth certificate or other government record if a birth certificate is unobtainable. An exception is permitted to allow female athletes to compete in male sports if a corresponding female sport is not available.

To facilitate this Act, a school district, charter school, or Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association member school must designate an athletic team or sport sponsored by the school district, charter school, or Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association member school based on the biological sex of students.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Jun 26, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 194

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.

This Act allows pharmacists, under protocol approved by the Division of Public Health, to provide HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis treatments.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 27, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 27, 2023 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 2, 2023 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 15, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 15, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jul 11, 2023 |

## SA 1 to SB 194

This Amendment does the following:

1. It clarifies the requirement for training required prior to the first time a pharmacist initiates therapy under this Act.

2. It changes the language for the type of negative test required to make it a test that is approved by the U.S. FDA.
3. It clarifies the requirements for action to be taken if a patient tests positive and adds the requirement, if approved by the patient, to send the test results to a primary care provider if the patient has one.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |

## SB 195

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE MEDICAL ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT ACT.

The Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment “DMOST” was enacted in 2016 under HB 64 (148th). The DMOST form allows Delawareans to plan ahead for health-care decisions, express their wishes in writing, and both enable and obligate health care professionals to act in accordance with a patient’s expressed preferences. A DMOST form is different than an Advance Health-Care Directive because a DMOST form contains portable medical orders that respect the patient’s goals for care in regard to the use of CPR and other medical interventions.

Currently, DMOST is being underutilized, despite efforts by advocates and the creation of a statewide, electronic registry for DMOST forms hosted by the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN). This Act will improve the utilization of DMOST forms by health-care practitioners, health-care providers, emergency-care providers, and patients and their families by creating a DMOST Program at the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). This Act expands upon DHSS’ current responsibilities under DMOST by doing all of the following:
1. Providing ongoing education and training for health-care practitioners, health-care providers, emergency-care providers, and patients and their families.
2. Maintaining a website for information and education about DMOST.
3. Working with the DHIN to maintain the electronic registry.
4. Coordinating with the National POLST Collaborative regarding current best practices and research. (POLST, which stands for Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, was the name given to the first tool developed for honoring patients' wishes for end of life treatment in 1991.)
5. Creating a DMOST Steering Committee, consisting of a broad group of stakeholders, to evaluate and improve the DMOST Program and the use of DMOST forms. The DMOST Steering Committee must produce an annual report containing data about the use of DMOST forms, trainings, public education and outreach, and current challenges and recommendations to improve the DMOST Program.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 2, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |

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| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Jan 20, 2024 |

## SCR 195

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS "DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims the month of October 2024 as “Depression Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 196

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 24/7 EMERGENT PHYSICIAN CARE CENTERS.

This legislation establishes a voluntary certification program for 24/7 Emergent Physician Care Centers and is designed to help Delawareans chose the right level of walk-in, medical care. The importance of 24/7 Physician Care Centers in the delivery of urgent and emergent health care services in times of crisis was exhibited during the recent COVID-19 Pandemic. Currently, Delawareans have no assistance in determining the varying levels of services available at urgent care facilities. This legislation creates the category of and defines the minimum level of services necessary for 24/7 Emergent Physician Care Centers. The minimum requirements for 24/7 Emergent Physician Care Centers include being open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, having a Delaware licensed physician and registered nurse on site at all times, providing lab and diagnostic imaging services, providing on-site splinting, fracture care and suturing, and not refusing care to any person due to inability to pay or lack of identification.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jan 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jul 6, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 30, 2023 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| NEWARK 24/7 URGENT CARE CENTER | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 30, 2023 |

## SB 197

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 256, VOLUME 81 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NATIVE PLANTS.

This Act revises State procurement rules to require that beginning January 1, 2026, state agencies under Chapter 69 of Title 29 must purchase only native plants, including cultivars and hybrids of native plants, in the development of new landscaped areas and in the rehabilitation of exiting landscaped areas. Beginning January 1, 2025, the Department of Agriculture, with the advice of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Native Species Commission, must maintain a list of native plants that are generally available and appropriate for the needs of agencies.

This Act provides exceptions to the requirement to purchase native plants, if the plant is not invasive and is being

used for any of the following purposes:
1. Land purchased and managed as an historic property.
2. An appropriate habitat for zoo animals.
3. Agriculture.
4. Areas maintained as grass or turf, such as athletic fields, golf courses, lawns, and a right-of-way along a road.
5. Botanical gardens.
6. Ecological research.
7. Flowering annuals within landscape beds.
8. With the approval of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control or the Department of Agriculture: wildlife plantings, land where a native species cannot thrive, and when necessary for trees.

This Act also makes the Delaware Native Species Commission permanent.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Sep 14, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Sep 14, 2023 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Sep 14, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Sep 14, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Sep 14, 2023 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Sep 14, 2023 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Sep 14, 2023 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jan 22, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 197

This Amendment clarifies all of the following:
1. Agencies may purchase bulbs, in addition to flowering annuals, for use within landscape beds.
2. This Act applies to plants purchased after December 31, 2025, and applies to both new landscaped areas and the rehabilitation of existing landscaped areas.
3. Agencies may maintain plantings that cannot be purchased under this Act if the planting was established before January 1, 2026.

This Amendment also clarifies that if an agency cannot purchase a plant under this Act, the agency may not accept a donation of that plant, such as under an agreement between the Department of Transportation and a third party.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |

## SB 198

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL FIGHTING.

This Act revises existing animal cruelty laws to include people who knowingly possess, own, buy, sell, transfer, or manufacture animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in or otherwise promote or facilitate such fighting as guilty of a class E felony.
This Act defines “animal fighting paraphernalia” and creates a list of considerations a court may use when assessing whether an item or object qualifies as animal fighting paraphernalia.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |

## SCR 198

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024, AS "ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution recognizes June 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urges all Delawareans to wear purple to help spread awareness of Alzheimer's and all other dementias.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 199

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LARGE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

This Act further clarifies the application of the provisions of this chapter.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SCR 199

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 9-16, 2024, AS “DYSPRAXIA AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This resolution designates October 9-16, 2024, as “Dyspraxia Awareness Week" in the State of Delaware, affirming the importance of widespread awareness and support for individuals with dyspraxia, and encouraging expanded efforts to foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding in Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 200

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROPERTY INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

This bill provides important consumer protections for property insurance contracts by improving the reliability of mailed notifications of policy cancellation or renewal. Section 1 of this bill requires insurers to deliver any homeowners' notices of cancellation or nonrenewal by USPS certified mail or USPS Intelligent Mail barcode. Further, whereas currently an insurer can cancel or non-renew a policy because of two non-weather-related claims over the lifetime of the policy, this legislation provides a reasonable claims lookback period for non-weather-related claims, as is already the case for claims in other portions of this subsection of the Code. Section 2 of this bill precludes an insurance carrier

from refusing to renew a homeowners' policy based on non-weather claims unless 2 or more claims occur within the 36-month period immediately preceding the expiration of the current policy period.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 25, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Johnathan Savant | Jan 26, 2024 |
| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES (NAMIC) | Matt Overturf | Jan 16, 2024 |
| PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |

## SCR 200

REQUESTING A REPORT FROM THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FOLLOW UP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 154-PAGE DELAWARE DRUG PREVENTION CURRICULUM TASK FORCE REPORT.

Because of the serious consequences of the drug overdose epidemic, this Senate Concurrent Resolution respectfully requests a report from the Delaware Department of Education to follow up on the recommendations contained in the 154-page Delaware Drug Prevention Curriculum Task Force Report.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 200

This amendment revises Senate Bill No. 200 to remove the requirement that notices related to nonpayment of premium and offers to renew a homeowners policy be delivered by certified mail or USPS Intelligent Mail barcode. As amended, Senate Bill No. 200 will now require that only cancellation notices unrelated to nonpayment of premiums and notices of an insurer's intent not to renew be delivered by certified mail or USPS Intelligent Mail barcode. The amendment further clarifies that insurers are required to retain proof of mailing of all notices under Section 4122(b) and (c), regardless of the manner of delivery, for a period of not less than one year. Finally, this amendment extends the lookback period during which an insurer can consider nonweather related claims in determining whether to non-renew a policy to 60 months.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |

## SB 201

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXCLUSION OF MILITARY PENSIONS FROM TAXABLE INCOME.

Of the 41 states with a state income tax, 27 states fully exempt military retirement pay from state income taxes and 12 states partially exempt military retirement pay.

In 2022, Delaware increased the pension exclusion for military pensioners under 60 to $12,500. This Act phases in, over 3 years, an increased exemption for military pensions from state income taxation, regardless of age, so that in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the exemption will be $25,000 for all military pensioners.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 4, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 4, 2024 |

## SCR 201

ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION.

This Concurrent Resolution establishes the Public Education Funding Commission to continue the comprehensive review of public education funding for all students and populations served by district and charter schools, develop a roadmap of recommendations to implement improvements to the public education funding system, and serve as an ongoing body to review the funding annually and recommend updates and changes.

The Commission will hold its first meeting by October 1, 2024, and issue its first recommendations by October 1, 2025, so the recommendations may be considered for inclusion in the Governor’s recommended Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 203

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT.

Senate Bill 67, from the first session of the 152nd General Assembly, updated the crime of official misconduct. Senate Bill 67 intended to change the penalty for official misconduct from a class A misdemeanor to a graded system, where the penalty is commensurate to the gravity of the misconduct. This Act makes the following modifications to ensure legislative intent is achieved:

(1) The original penalty in § 1211 was not stricken by SB 67. Therefore, it remains in Code as an impermissible floating paragraph under paragraph (a)(5) of § 1211. Despite the addition of the new graded penalty system in SB 67, the floating paragraph states that official misconduct is punishable as a class A misdemeanor. This Act deletes the floating paragraph so that § 1211 is correctly interpreted as imposing a graded penalty system.

(2) Paragraph (b)(3) of § 1211 adds “but less than $50,000.” to the end of the description of what constitutes a class F felony. Otherwise, there would be overlap between what dollar amount of harm caused or value received constitutes a class F felony, a class D felony, and a class B felony.

(3) Restructures subsection (b) by adding introductory language to clarify when enhanced sentences apply.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting

Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Verity Watson | Jan 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL, INC | Kim Willson | Jan 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 10, 2024 |

## SB 204

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DENTAL CARE FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Before October 1, 2020, Delaware was 1 of only 3 states that did not offer some form of adult dental coverage through Medicaid. With the enactment of Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill 92 (150th General Assembly) (Chapter 187 of Volume 82 of the Laws of Delaware) and Senate Bill No. 237 (150th General Assembly) (Chapter 290 of Volume 82 of the Laws of Delaware), Delaware began providing dental care benefits to eligible Medicaid recipients in an amount not to exceed $1,000 per year, with the potential for an additional $1,500 per year for emergency care with the approval of the Department of Health and Social Services ("Department").

This Act streamlines the Medicaid Adult Dental benefit by consolidating the emergency and non-emergency benefits into a single benefit of $2,500.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 10, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 10, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 10, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S ASSOC | Joanne Finnigan | Jan 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 10, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SCR 204

DESIGNATING JULY 26, 2024, AS “AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Resolution designates July 26, 2024, as “Americans with Disabilities Act Day” in the State of Delaware.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 205

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE LOTTERY.

This Act promotes increased capital investment at Delaware casinos by restructuring the table games licensing fee reduction currently received by lottery agents to allow capital investments greater than the minimum amounts required under § 4815(b)(3)a. of Title 29 of the Delaware Code to count toward the allowable license fee reductions. For ease of administration, this Act also aligns time periods for both table games and video lottery calculations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Jan 12, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Jan 12, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jan 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK ASSOCIATION | Verity Watson | Jan 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES | Kim Willson | Jan 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STANDARDBRED OWNERS ASSN., INC. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |
| DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSN. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 23, 2024 |
| HARRINGTON RACEWAY, INC. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 13, 2024 |

## SCR 205

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DEVELOP A PLAN CONDUCTING A STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH CAMPAIGN RELATED TO ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE OR RELATED DEMENTIAS.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution directs the Delaware Division of Public Health to develop and release a strategic plan to implement a public health outreach campaign to assess trends, possible messaging, cost of messaging and delivery to communities of need, service needs, resources, and strategies to educate healthcare providers on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. In crafting the strategic plan, the Division of Public Health is directed to collaborate with various stakeholders, and the plan must include a strategy for identifying and pursuing federal funding opportunities. Finally, the Division of Public Health is directed to submit the strategic plan to the Governor, all members of the General Assembly, the Controller General, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget no later than November 1, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## SB 206

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES.

Senate Bill 89 from the first half of the 152nd General Assembly allowed for state owned-and-operated vehicles used for snow removal to operate with green revolving or flashing lights during winter weather operations. This Bill extends the same use of green lights on municipal owned-and-operated snow removal equipment and vehicles during winter weather operations. Studies have shown green lights are more visible to the traveling public during winter weather conditions. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |

## SB 207

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 170, VOLUME 84 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AND DRUG TESTING STRIPS.

This Act eliminates the sunset provision contained in Chapter 170, Volume 84 of the Laws of Delaware related to xylazine.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SB 208

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE INSURANCE AND LITIGATION.

This bill amends Chapter 68 of Title 18, related to medical negligence insurance and litigation, to repeal those provisions of the law that are expired or that are no longer used as a matter of practice in medical negligence litigation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jan 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Jan 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS SERVICE GROUP, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SB 209

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE AND THE DEFINITION OF NEXT OF KIN.

This act adds adult sibling of a decedent to the definition of next of kin in Chapter 47 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code relating to the Division of Forensic Science. This expansion of the definition of next of kin will, for example, allow the Medical Examiner to release the personal property of a decedent to an adult sibling of a decedent, when there is no other next of kin. It will also allow the Medical Examiner to provide a copy of a post mortem examination report to an adult sibling, upon written request, when there is no other next of kin.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |

## SB 210

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM SERVICE BOARD.

This Act establishes the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Technology and Information or their designee as a member of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Reporting System Service Board by virtue of their position. The Act clarifies the Chief Information Officer, or their designee serve on the board so long as they hold their position and do not require the advice and consent of the Senate.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 24, 2024 |

## SB 211

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JAVELIN AS AN EVENT IN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD.

This Act directs the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association to adopt javelin as an approved event for all DIAA sponsored track and field competitions.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SB 212

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF HEALTH EQUITY.

This Act codifies the Bureau of Health Equity (BHE) in the Division of Public Health, which includes the Office of Minority Health and the Office of Women’s Health. The purpose of the BHE is to ensure that everyone in Delaware will achieve their full health potential by eliminating health disparities, particularly among all racial and ethnic minority groups. The BHE works with communities to address social determinants health, focusing on prevention, health, and wellness in the broader population instead of treatment focused on individuals. Health disparities are population-specific differences by disease and health outcome between 2 or more groups, which also means there is a higher burden of illness, injury, disability, or mortality experienced by one population group in relation to a reference group, quantified as differences in coverage, access, or quality of care.

Delaware has been recognized nationally for successfully reducing some health disparities, including being the first state to virtually erase racial disparities in colorectal cancer screening and treatment, by combining individual patient assistance from nurse navigators and care coordinators with community-based outreach efforts that used trusted messengers, including leaders of faith-based communities.

However, 10 years after achieving this success with colorectal cancer screening and treatment, many health disparities remain in Delaware. Codifying the BHE ensures that this critical work continues.

This Act also makes technical corrections to § 7905 of Title 29, which contained these errors when the Office of Women's Health was transferred from § 7905A of Title 29 in 2009.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 212

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF HEALTH EQUITY.

Like Senate Bill No. 212, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 212 codifies the Bureau of Health Equity (BHE) in the Division of Public Health, which includes the Office of Minority Health and the Office of Women's Health. The purpose of the BHE is to ensure that everyone in Delaware will achieve their full health potential by eliminating health disparities, particularly among all racial and ethnic minority groups. The BHE works with communities to address social determinants of health, focusing on prevention, health, and wellness in the broader population instead of treatment focused on individuals. Health disparities are preventable differences in the quality of health or health care between 2 or more groups of people based on a shared characteristic of the individuals within each group, such as race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status and the differences between the groups regarding access to health care or burdens, prevalence, or incidence of disease or violence.

Delaware has been recognized nationally for successfully reducing some health disparities, including being the first state to virtually erase racial disparities in colorectal cancer screening and treatment, by combining individual patient assistance from nurse navigators and care coordinators with community-based outreach efforts that used trusted messengers, including leaders of faith-based communities.

However, 10 years after achieving this success with colorectal cancer screening and treatment, many health disparities remain in Delaware. Codifying the BHE ensures that this critical work continues. In addition, this Act identifies the Primary Care Reform Collaborative and the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery as state entities that the BHE should collaborate with because these entities are addressing health disparities through insurance payments to providers.

This Act also makes technical corrections to § 7905 of Title 29.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 212 differs from Senate Bill No. 212 as follows:

• Changes the Delaware Code designation for the BHE to § 7905B to avoid confusion with § 7905A in Chapter 79A of

Title 29.

• Revises the definition of “health disparity”.

• Adds that a purpose of the BHE is to promote conditions that are vital to promote health and well-being.

• Removes the requirement that the BHE provide training on cultural competency because this is no longer a function that the BHE has the expertise or staff to provide.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## SB 213

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE RELATING TO THE POWER TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT A LODGING TAX.

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Millville to restore the authority of the Town Council to impose and collect a lodging tax. This authority to impose and collect a lodging tax was enacted under Senate Bill No. 162 (150th) in 2019 but was inadvertently repealed under House Bill No. 138 (151st) in 2021.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend a charter issued to a municipal corporation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 214

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MILLSBORO RELATING TO THE POWER TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT A LODGING TAX.

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Millsboro to give the Town Council the authority to impose and collect a lodging tax.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend a charter issued to a municipal corporation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 215

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE INSPECTIONS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

This Act requires the Department of Health and Social Services to inspect long-term care facilities on an annual basis.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| STONINGTON GLOBAL | Wayne Smith | Apr 24, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 215

This amendment changes the effective date provision in Section 2 of the Bill to make the Act effective 90 days after its enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SA 2 to SB 215

This amendment changes the inspection requirements for long-term care facilities in Senate Bill 215 to mirror the inspection requirements in federal regulations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SB 216

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

This Act increases the civil penalties for violations of the statutes in Title 16, Chapter 11 related to Long Term Care Facilities and the regulations adopted pursuant to it. For violations that the Department determines pose a serious threat to the health and safety of a resident, the minimum penalty in Section 1109 of Title 16 is increased from $1,000 per violation to $2,000, and the maximum penalty is increased from $10,000 to $20,000 per violation. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation. For violations that do not constitute a serious threat to the health and safety of a resident, the maximum penalty is increased from $5,000 to $10,000 per violation. The civil penalties in Section 1109(a)(2) for violations that pose a serious threat to the health and safety of a resident were established in 1998 and have not been increased since then. The maximum civil penalty in Section 1109(c) for violations that do not

constitute a serious threat to the health and safety of a resident was set at $10,000 in 1998, but was later reduced to $5,000 in 2000, and has not been increased since then. This Act also repeals the provision which places a cap on the civil penalties for continuing violations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 4, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 4, 2024 |
| STONINGTON GLOBAL | Wayne Smith | Apr 24, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 216

This amendment restores the language in the existing Delaware Code, at lines 38 to 40 of the bill, about civil penalties for continuing violations and increases the civil penalties in the existing Delaware Code for continuing violations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 27, 2024 |

## SB 217

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION.

This Act creates a professional loan-to-grant incentive program to encourage Delawareans to pursue careers in nursing at long-term care facilities. Funding for the incentive program is to be appropriated annually by the General Assembly, in an amount not less than $1 million. Qualifying nursing students who agree to fulfill a 4-year service obligation at a long-term care facility may apply for loans to assist with expenses associated with (a) prelicensure education at a (i) State Board of Nursing approved nursing education program that is authorized to prepare persons for licensure as a registered nurse or a (ii) State Board of Nursing approved practical nursing education program, or (b) a graduate-level education at an advanced practice registered nurse program accredited by a national accrediting body.

Individuals who have been employed for at least 1 year as a nurse in a Delaware long-term care facility and who have obtained qualified educational loans are eligible to apply for loan repayment under this Act. Loan repayment will be subject to the availability of funds and will be allocated at the discretion of the Delaware Higher Education Office. An applicant may receive only 1 loan payment per year, not to exceed $5,000, and may not receive more than 4 loan repayments under this program.

The program will be administered by the Delaware Higher Education Office.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Mar 27, 2024 |
| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 27, 2024 |
| STONINGTON GLOBAL | Wayne Smith | Apr 24, 2024 |

## SB 218

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE STATE TO IMPOSE TAXES UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

This Act is the first leg of a constitutional amendment that states that the power to tax should be limited and reserved solely for the purpose of financing necessary and essential governmental programs and operations and for no other purpose. The unlimited power to tax constitutes the inherent power to coerce and destroy. Such use of the government's power to tax is an abuse of power never intended or authorized by the people of the State of Delaware. This constitutional amendment is intended to protect the people of the State of Delaware from abusive, coercive, and destructive taxing schemes.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article XVI of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the Delaware Constitution. Amending the Delaware Constitution requires not only the passing of the changes in this Act, but also passage of the same changes after the next general election by the next General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 219

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE MISREPRESENTATION OF SERVICE ANIMALS AND ASSISTANCE ANIMALS.

This Act creates penalties for misrepresentation of a service animal under the Delaware Equal Accommodations Law and misrepresentation of an assistance animal under the Delaware Fair Housing Act. The language of these penalties is different because under both federal and State law, a broader range of animals must be allowed as a reasonable accommodation in housing to an individual with a disability and more disability-related information may be requested, than in places of public accommodation. However, the penalties are the same: a first violation is a civil penalty in the amount of $500 and each subsequent offense is an unclassified misdemeanor.

In addition, this Act updates the terms, definitions, and requirements for assistance animals under the Delaware Fair Housing Act to align with federal law and makes corresponding changes to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code.

This Act also makes corresponding changes and technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act does not require a greater than majority vote for passage because Superior Court already has jurisdictions over all criminal violations under Chapter 46 of Title 6.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Apr 23, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 220

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN AND PERSONS ON MEDICAID.

Medicaid is generally the “payer of last resort,” meaning that Medicaid only pays claims for covered items and services if there are no other liable third-party payers for the same items and services. When Medicaid beneficiaries have one or more additional sources of coverage for health care services, third-party liability (TPL) rules govern the legal obligation of such third parties. Section 1902(a)(25)(A) of the Social Security Act defines third-party payers as health insurers, managed care organizations, and group health plans, among others.

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 (CAA 2022), enacted March 15, 2022, increased state flexibility with respect to TPL. Section 202 of the CAA, 2022 amended section 1902(a)(25)(I) of the Act to require a state plan for medical assistance to provide assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that the state has state laws in place that bar responsible third-party payers (other than Medicare plans) from refusing payment for an item or service solely on the basis that such item or service did not receive prior authorization under the third-party payer’s rules. Specifically, if the responsible third party requires prior authorization for an item or service furnished to a Medicaid-eligible individual, the responsible third party must accept the authorization provided by the state that the item or service is covered under the state plan (or waiver of such plan) for such individual, as if such authorization was made by the third party for such item or service. Authorization by the state means that the item or service an individual received (and for which third-party reimbursement is being sought) is a covered service or item under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan) for that individual. The effective date for this new federal provision is January 1, 2024, with an exception for states that first need to pass state legislation to comply with the change in law.

This bill is intended to update the provisions of Title 18, § 4003 to make them consistent with federal law contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 221

This amendment changes the agency responsible for providing flags from the Department of State to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SS 1 for SB 221

This Amendment names the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission as the entity that provides flags for volunteer or paid members of a fire department. The Amendment also corrects a technical error.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 221

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF A FLAG TO NEXT OF KIN.

This Act provides that the next of kin of a deceased police officer, member of a fire department, or member of the Delaware National Guard is entitled to a Delaware state flag if the deceased person served in at least 1 qualifying entity for at least 10 years and died in the line of duty or while an active member.

This Act is a substitute for and differs from Senate Bill No. 221 in the following ways:

- Applies to Delaware state flags only.
- Removes language that referenced draping a flag over a casket at the deceased person's funeral service.
- Removes auxiliary members of a volunteer fire department or a member of service organization providing volunteer ambulance services from list of individuals who qualify for a flag.
- Uses the broader term "law-enforcement officer" and clarifies the definition.
- Clarifies that a firefighter may be either paid or volunteer to qualify for a flag.
- Names the following entities as responsible for providing flags: the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association for firefighters, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for police officers, and the Delaware National Guard for their members.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |

## SB 222

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS.

This legislation closes a loophole in the current law which allows 100% of the work being completed on a jobsite to be done by workers only possessing an apprentice license.  Currently, under Delaware law, an apprentice license can be acquired with little or no experience in the electrical trade. Recently the State discovered that construction on Delaware’s largest building, measuring more than 3.7 million square feet, that houses over 500 workers and received $3 million in State taxpayer dollars was being built with electrical workers not possessing the necessary licenses. When the job was shut down, the contractor had all the electrical workers acquire apprentice licenses rather than hire experienced, properly trained electricians. A similar violation was discovered at the construction site of an elementary school here in Delaware.

The current law only holds the worker responsible and allows the contractor to avoid any fines. This legislation corrects that inequity by also holding the contractor responsible and subject to fines.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | Mar 19, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## SB 223

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 AND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PARAMEDIC SERVICES.

This Act is the product of the work of stakeholders who, with the encouragement of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50 (152nd General Assembly), met to examine how to integrate mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine into existing regulatory structures in this State.

Mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine are innovative patient-centered models for the delivery of health care services that utilize mobile resources to deliver care and services to patients in an out-of-hospital environment in coordination with healthcare facilities or other healthcare providers.

As part of mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs, emergency medical services provider agencies across the country of all sizes and types are partnering with hospitals, primary care physicians, nurses, and mental health and social services providers on innovative programs that both navigate patients to the right level of care as well as achieve goals of improved care and lower costs.

Clinical research studies comparing patients in traditional hospitals with patients who received hospital-level care at home through mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs have found that those who received in-home care experienced fewer readmissions, lower mortality rates, reduced falls, and higher patient satisfaction rates.

Based on temporary federal law enacted to relieve strain on healthcare systems caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals in this State developed relationships with emergency medical services provider agencies to implement mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs. However, this temporary federal authorization will end on December 31, 2024. Many states have acted ahead of the expiration of this federal authorization to incorporate mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs into existing regulatory structures.

This Act integrates mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs into existing regulatory structures in this State by authorizing the establishment of mobile-integrated healthcare and community paramedicine programs in this State through the Office of Emergency Medical Services (“Office”) in the Department of Health and Social Service’s Division of Public Health (“Division”). Specifically, this Act does the following:

(1) Authorizes an organization licensed as or actively seeking licensure as an emergency medical services provider agency to apply to the Office to establish a mobile-integrated healthcare or community paramedicine program.

(2) Requires the Office to review applications to establish mobile-integrated healthcare or community paramedicine programs and make recommendations to the Director of the Division, who is required to approve applications that meet the requirements established by this Act and regulations adopted by the Office.

(3) The Office is required to establish standards, approved by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, for the establishment and operation of mobile-integrated healthcare or community paramedicine programs

This Act takes effect immediately for purposes of the Office of Emergency Medical Services preparing to implement this Act, but is not implemented until the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services that the Office is prepared to implement this Act.

The changes to the definition section, § 9802 of Title 16 of the Delaware Code, in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act are identical. These changes had to be made twice as § 9802 of Title 16 currently has 2 versions, one effective until July 17, 2028, and one effect as of July 17, 2028.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and, in Section 5 of this Act, to correct an internal reference in § 6701B of Title 18 of the Delaware Code affected by changes in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 5, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| NEMOURS A.I. DUPONT HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN | Kristin Dwyer | Apr 8, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## SB 224

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN A SAFE SCHOOL ZONE.

This Act removes private schools from the Safe School Zone law enacted last year, Chapter 175 of Volume 84 of the Laws of Delaware (House Bill No. 201, 152nd General Assembly).

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Joanne Finnigan | Mar 6, 2024 |
| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 3, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |

## SB 225

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN PERTINENT

STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| 302 STRATEGIES, LLC | Quinn Johnson | Apr 9, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 17, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 17, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 17, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Jeffrey Taschner | Apr 2, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| KIND TO KIDS FOUNDATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Feb 7, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Feb 16, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | Feb 19, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE/TRINITY HEALTH | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Apr 3, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SB 226

AN ACT MAKING A ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

This Act appropriates $91,776,567 to provide one-time funded projects through the Office of Management and Budget.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Mar 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Feb 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Feb 13, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jan 30, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | Apr 2, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jan 25, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jan 25, 2024 |

## SB 227

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF IN SCHOOLS.

This Act creates dedicated information technology units for Delaware public schools. Currently, the State does not provide funding units for information technology employees, leaving districts and charter schools to finance these positions from a variety of funding streams. Information technology personnel are paid across various scales, including the salary scales for educators, custodians, and paraprofessionals. This creates inconsistency and impacts schools' ability to hire other personnel such as teachers and counselors. For example, if a school or district funds an information technology position using the same unit that funds teacher salaries, that is one less teacher that the

district or school can hire. This Act, which stems from the Public Education Compensation Committee's October 2023 recommendations, prevents this scenario and ensures consistent funding for information technology staff at salary levels that are competitive regionally. This Act is effective July 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | Mar 21, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Mar 12, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |

## SB 228

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS.

This act changes the definition of "copycat weapon" so that small caliber rimfire pistols which are primarily or solely used in competitive target shooting are not made unlawful. to purchase, own, possess, or transfer. This change would make this section of the Delaware Code consistent with the stated intent of the General Assembly in 11 Delaware Code, Section 1464, which states that it is not the intent of the General Assembly to place restrictions on the use of firearms which are primarily designed and intended for legitimate sports or recreational purposes. Currently, the definition of "copycat weapon" that is in the code renders numerous common and popular target pistols unlawful.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| GIFFORDS | Dennis Greenhouse | Mar 19, 2024 |
| NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |

## SB 229

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AN EMPLOYEE'S RIGHT TO INSPECT PERSONNEL FILES.

This Act extends the right of employees to inspect their own personnel files to former employees. Under this Act, an employer must permit a former employee to inspect the employee's own personnel files that exist at the time of the request. This Act does not create or change any requirements regarding the length of time that an employer must retain personnel files of former employees.

This Act also updates the specific information included in personnel files that an employee may inspect and makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 4, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

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| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 2, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 2, 2024 |
| STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. | W. Laird Stabler, III | Mar 26, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |

## SB 230

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMUNITY CANVASSING.

This Act clarifies that elected officials may not be prevented from engaging in constituent relations and that candidates for public office or staff or volunteers may not be prevented from engaging in election-related or similar activities in residential communities.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | John Reynolds | Apr 5, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Apr 16, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMON CAUSE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |

## SB 231

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 453, VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, AND TITLE 18 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROVIDING FOR DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING, A DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN OR HAS EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE IN DELAWARE.

This Act removes the sunset provision in Chapter 453, Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware relating to the program established under §9011A of Title 29 to assist individuals who are in or have experienced foster care in Delaware with driver education, driver licensing, and motor vehicle insurance and associated barriers and costs. The Act also amends §9011A of Title 29 to clarify the scope and administration of the program, and amends the definition of “youth in foster care” under §3921 of Title 18 to maintain consistency with 29 Del. C. §9011A(g)(1).

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 10, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 10, 2024 |
| PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |

## SB 232

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES.

In light of the Federal Drug Administration’s recent approval of over-the-counter non-emergency contraceptive pills, this bill expands the contraceptive coverage laws to include over-the-counter non-emergency contraceptive pills.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DELAWARE | Pamela Price | Mar 15, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Mar 24, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Mara Gorman | Apr 2, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | April Thomas-Jones | Apr 9, 2024 |

## SB 233

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SERVICE WORKER PROTECTION ACT.

This Act establishes employment protections for certain service employees during changes of ownership by requiring all of the following:

1. Notice to affected service employees at covered locations at least 15 days before a service contract is terminated, services are contracted out, or the property where they are employed is sold or transferred. This notice must state the event triggering the notice, information about the new awardee, purchaser, or transferee, and the service employee’s rights under this Act.
2. The successor employer must retain all affected service employees at a covered location for a 90-day transition period. The successor employer may not reduce any affected service employee's work hours in order to circumvent the protections under this Act and requires that a successor employer give an affected service employee a written offer of employment in English, Spanish, and in any language that is the first language spoken by at least 5% of the affected service employees.
3. Copies of the required notice and offer of employment must also be sent to the employee's collective bargaining representative, if any.

This Act applies as follows:

1. To contractors who enter into a service contract for a covered location, if the contractor employs more than 4 service employees anywhere in the United States.
2. To service employees at covered locations. "Service employees" are individuals employed or assigned to a covered location on a full or part-time basis for at least 60 days in connection with the care or maintenance of a building or

property, specific services at an airport, or food preparation services at a school that is an agency under § 6902 of Title 29. Service employees do not include managerial or professional employees, employees regularly scheduled to work less than 16 hours per week, or individuals who work on structural, electric, HVAC, or plumbing projects that require a permit.

3. To service contracts at the following locations:

• A multi-family residential building with more than 50 units.
• A commercial center, commercial or office complex, or office building occupying more than 100,000 square feet.
• A cultural center or complex, including museums, convention centers, arenas, or performance halls.
• An industrial site.
• A pharmaceutical lab.
• An airport or train station.
• A health care facility that provides long-term, acute, or outpatient health-care services as these services are defined in § 7971 of Title 29.
• A warehouse or distribution center.
• A building operated by a State agency subject to the procurement requirements under Chapter 69 of Title 29.

A successor employer may only retain fewer than all of the affected service employees during the transition period if the successor employer:

1. Finds that fewer service employees are required to perform the work than the predecessor employer had employed.
2. Retains service employees by seniority within each job classification.
3. Maintains a preferential hiring list of those service employees not retained.
4. Hires any additional service employees from the preferential hiring list, in order of seniority, until all affected service employees have been offered employment.

A service employee who has been discharged or otherwise not retained in violation of the requirements under this Act may bring an action against a successor employer or an awarding authority and these violations are subject to punitive damages as follows:

1. For a first violation, an amount not exceeding $2,500.
2. For a second or subsequent violation, an amount not exceeding $5,000.
3. Each work week during which there is a day when a violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.
4. A court may also order back pay, compensatory damages, issue injunctive relief requiring that the successor employer comply with requirements under this Act, and award the service employee reasonable attorney fees and costs.

This Act takes effect 90 days after enactment and applies to all contracts entered into or renewed after its enactment into law and is known as “The Service Worker Protection Act”.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CHEMICAL COUNCIL | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BALLY'S DOVER CASINO RESORT | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |

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| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | May 21, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Mar 14, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Mar 14, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| LEADINGAGE NJ & DE | Kimberly B. Gomes | Mar 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| UNITED HEALTH SERVICES | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 233

This Amendment clarifies when individuals performing work on building, structural, electric, HVAC, or plumbing projects are excluded from the definition of “service employee” by including work that requires a license under Title 24.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## SB 235

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE ACT.

This Act brings the State in compliance with the federal regulation published by FMCSA on October 7, 2021, to establish a national drug and alcohol clearinghouse as mandated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). This act established requirements for Division access to and use of driver-specific drug and alcohol program violation information contained in the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The Act prohibits the Division from issuing, renewing, upgrading, or transferring a commercial driver license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP), as applicable, for any individual prohibited under FMCSA regulations from driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to one or more drug and alcohol program violations. In addition, the Division must, upon notification that a driver is prohibited from operating a CMV due to a drug and alcohol program violation, initiate the downgrade process to remove the CLP or CDL privilege from the driver’s license within 60 days. This Federal requirement must be enacted by states by November 18, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Mar 18, 2024 |

## SB 236

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES AND PARKING PERMITS.

This bill: (a) extends the expiration date for any new issuance or renewal of an ADA placard from 3 years to 8 years for a specific person with a diagnosis of a permanent disability and changing the minimum age from 85 to 80 years or older, (b) extends the validity for a temporary disability from 5 weeks to 180 days, and (c) defines additional medical professionals acceptable to certify a disability application.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |

## HA 1 to SB 236

This amendment corrects a technical error that would have changed the eligibility for a temporary disability placard.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 237

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9 AND 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING.

This Act amends the provisions in Title 9 of the Delaware Code relating to the county comprehensive plans for Sussex, Kent, and New Castle Counties, and Title 22 of the Delaware Code relating to municipal comprehensive plans for municipalities with populations greater than 2,000, to require that their comprehensive plans increase community resiliency and address the impacts of climate change.

The Delaware Code provisions regarding county comprehensive plans are being amended to require that future land use plans reflect strategies that consider community resiliency and reduce the vulnerability of property, agriculture, infrastructure, and cultural and natural resources from the impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events, and that those strategies be informed by the Delaware Climate Action Plan and Implementation Plans as amended, and in consultation with the Office of State Planning and Coordination. The new provisions add “walking trails” to the mobility element to be considered, and require that consideration be given to alternatives to auto-centric development patterns, including transit services. County comprehensive plans must be consistent with the State Implementation Plan and consider designated State evacuation routes. The county comprehensive plans must also consider forests, habitat areas, and wildlife corridors. The housing element for county comprehensive plans must consider anticipated growth areas and be in conformance with the strategies reflected in future land use plans and

encourage the development of new housing growth away from areas vulnerable to inland and coastal flooding.

This Act will not take effect until November 15, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COS. | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| KENT SUSSEX LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 13, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 13, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | Mar 12, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SB 240

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOME CARE DATA.

This Act requires the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (“Division”) to produce a report by March 31, 2025, that documents home care services as measured using the most common billing codes for the home care industry. The Act identifies the specific billing codes which are defined as “qualified home care codes.”

The Act creates a duty for the Division to provide an annual report on March 31 of every year to document the use of home care services in the State by tracking the use of qualified home care codes. Additionally, an independent, third-party organization will be identified to create an annual report.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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|---|---|---|
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 20, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 20, 2024 |
| HEARTS FOR HOMECARE | Robert Lattin | Apr 19, 2024 |

## SB 244

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTY TAXES.

This Act allows a county that imposes a lodging tax to spend money from that tax on workforce and affordable housing programs.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting

Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Mar 28, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | Mar 28, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Anna Quisel | May 8, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 27, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 28, 2024 |

## SB 245

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND THE OFFICE OF FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION.

The Office of Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Education and the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program were created in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure or already navigating the foreclosure process. Originally intended as temporary programs, the need for these programs is as critical as ever for those facing the loss of their homes. The programs have proven to be important resources in preserving home ownership and educating homeowners on their rights and responsibilities in times of economic contraction and in times of economic expansion. As a result of their successes, the General Assembly has extended the program multiple times. It is clear that the need for these programs will continue for the foreseeable future. In recognition of this reality, this Act removes the expiration dates from the programs.

This Act also updates the Delaware Code by replacing references to the Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (“DEMAP”) and an associated website with updated information. The Delaware State Housing Authority terminated DEMAP in May 2020.

Finally, the Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 245

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 10 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND THE OFFICE OF FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION.

The Office of Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Education and the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program were created in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure or already navigating the foreclosure process. Originally intended as temporary programs, the need for these programs is as critical as ever for those facing the loss of their homes. The programs have proven to be important resources in preserving home ownership and educating homeowners on their rights and responsibilities in times of economic contraction and in times of economic expansion. As a result of their successes, the General Assembly has extended the programs multiple times. It is clear that the need for these programs will continue for the foreseeable future. In recognition of this reality, this Act removes the expiration dates from the programs.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 245 makes the following substantive changes:
(1) It adds a requirement that the notice of intent to foreclose include the phone number for the Delaware Attorney General's Foreclosure Hotline and the contact information for Delaware State Housing Authority's foreclosure prevention programs.
(2) The required notice of intent to foreclose now directs homeowners to U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department Certified Housing Counselors for assistance.

Like Senate Bill No. 245, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 245 also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |

## SB 246

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE HOUSING REPAIR AND MODIFICATION FUND.

For over 30 years, the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) has invested in home repair programs that make necessary repairs to improve the health and safety conditions in the homes of Delawareans.

This Act codifies a "Housing Repair and Modification Fund," which will be administered by DSHA and serve low- and

very-low income homeowners in need of home repair assistance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Apr 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SB 247

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

This Act creates a clearer and workable system for ensuring that manufactured home communities with health and safety violations and conditions that threaten the health and safety of people in the community cannot continue to raise rents on residents without fixing the conditions and providing a safe community for its residents.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Cristofer Scott Kidner | Mar 27, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Apr 10, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 247

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

This Act creates a clearer and workable system for ensuring that manufactured home communities with health and safety violations and conditions that threaten the health and safety of people in the community cannot continue to raise rents on residents without fixing the conditions and providing a safe community for its residents.

This substitute differs from the original bill in that it does the following:

(1) Adds definitions to § 7003 for the whole chapter.

(2) Creates a section that provides requirements for what a community owner must do when it receives a citation or experiences a failure of services related to water, sewer, or utilities distributed by the community owner, including having to fix the problem within 10 days or give detailed reasons why it cannot be completed in that timeframe as well

as provide a surety bond for 150% of the estimated cost if it cannot be done in that timeframe.
(3) Specifies that a community owner cannot impose a rent increase if it does not comply with the requirements of new section governing such repairs.
(4) Changes the court in which community owners may dispute a citation for purposes of receiving a rent increase from Superior Court to the Justice of the Peace Court.
This Substitute also makes the new version of § 7051A sunset on July 1, 2026. It reinserts the current version of § 7051A into the code on July 1, 2026, when the new version sunsets.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Jennifer Allen | Jul 1, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 248

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

This Act clarifies that for purposes of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, where an employee is co-employed by an employee leasing company or a professional employment organization, "employer" refers to the employer client of the employee leasing company or professional employment organization, and not to the employee leasing company or professional employment organization. This Act also defines "collective bargaining agreement" for purposes of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and excludes from the definition of "employee" individuals who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement as a member of a labor organization, who receive employment benefits through the labor organization, and who, due to the nature of the industry in which they work, may never qualify as a covered individual under the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.
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Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 248

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

This Act clarifies that for purposes of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, where an employee is leased by an employee leasing company or a professional employment organization, "employer" refers to the employer client of the employee leasing company or professional employment organization, and not to the employee leasing company or professional employment organization.

This Act is a substitute for and differs from Senate Bill No. 248 by omitting language concerning whether individuals covered by certain collective bargaining agreements are "employees" for purposes of the Program.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ARTESIAN RESOURCES AND ITS AFFLILIATES | Virginia Eisenbrey | Jul 3, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS (NAPEO) | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |

## SB 249

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE.

This bill amends Chapter 69 of Title 18 relating to captive insurance to provide the Commissioner with additional flexibility to approve those types of financial institutions that would be authorized to hold required capital and surplus of captive insurance companies. This change would recognize the current financial environment and practices of financial institutions and captive insurers. Assets can be safely held in financial institutions other than banks and do not need to be held in Delaware in many circumstances where the type of risk does not require it, and the Commissioner will be authorized to impose additional conditions on captives related to capital and surplus to ensure the solvency and efficient operations of captives.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| BRIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| MET LIFE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |

## SB 252

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

This Act requires that the Department of Education (Department) perform audits of educator preparation programs (program) to assess compliance with the evidence-based reading instruction requirements, known as the "science of reading", that were enacted on June 30, 2021, by Senate Bill No. 133 (151st). If a program is not compliant with these requirements, the audit findings must specifically identify each area in which the program is not compliant, and the Department must require that the program take corrective action for each non-compliant area. If a program is complaint with all of the science of reading requirements, the Department shall award the program a specific distinction.

This Act also requires that the Department use these audits to identify how teacher preparation in reading instruction can be improved and that the audit findings be included in the reports the Department already publishes about educator preparation programs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Mar 19, 2024 |
| EXCELINED IN ACTION | Ashley Mullins | Apr 8, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 19, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 252

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 252 is identical to Senate Bill No. 252 except that SS 1 for SB 252 corrects a spelling error in the synopsis to avoid confusion.

This Act requires that the Department of Education (Department) perform audits of educator preparation programs (program) to assess compliance with the evidence-based reading instruction requirements, known as the "science of reading", that were enacted on June 30, 2021, by Senate Bill No. 133 (151st). If a program is not compliant with these requirements, the audit findings must specifically identify each area in which the program is not compliant, and the Department must require that the program take corrective action for each non-compliant area. If a program is compliant with all of the science of reading requirements, the Department shall award the program a specific distinction.

This Act also requires that the Department use these audits to identify how teacher preparation in reading instruction can be improved and that the audit findings be included in the reports the Department already publishes about educator preparation programs.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| EXCELINED IN ACTION | Ashley Mullins | Jul 9, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## SB 253

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON RELATING TO ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITORS.

This Act amends Section 3-701 of the City of Wilmington’s Charter to provide that, with the exception of the City Solicitor, all persons appointed to serve as attorneys in the law department shall attain tenure upon 3 years of continuous satisfactory full-time service and may not be removed from their positions except for just cause. The Wilmington Charter is also being amended to provide tenure status to attorneys who have already served 3 years of continuous satisfactory full-time service.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CITY OF WILMINGTON | Sean Finnigan | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SB 254

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FOOD DESERTS.

This Act creates the Delaware Grocery Initiative. It directs the Office of State Planning Coordination (“Office”) to study food insecurity in urban and rural food deserts. The Act defines a food desert and directs the Office to expand access to healthy foods in food deserts by providing financial assistance to grocery stores, independently owned for-profit grocery stores, cooperative grocery stores, non-profit grocery stores as well as grocery stores owned and operated by local governmental units.

The Act provides the Office with authority to enter into contracts, grants, or other agreements to administer grants and other financial support, including technical assistance. It further authorizes the Office to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement and administer this initiative.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Mar 22, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jun 6, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 254

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FOOD DESERTS.

This Act creates the Delaware Grocery Initiative.

The Delaware Grocery Initiative is a healthy foods initiative that seeks to provide financial assistance to eligible food resources as designated by the bill. The Act defines food deserts and eligibility requirements for the initiative. The Act authorizes the Division of Small Business to implement the grant and financial support system.

This substitute bill does the following:

1. Adds the following terms in the definition section of the Act: Council, food resource, Healthy Foods Retail Initiative, Program, and specialty grocer.
2. Modifies the definition of food desert.
3. Removes terms of grocery store, rural tract, and urban tract in lieu of the new definitions of food resource and food desert.
4. Designates the Division of Small Business, instead of the Office of State Planning, as theagency authorized to implement the Delaware Grocery Initiative and authorizes the Division of Small Business to adopt rules.
5. Replaces the grocery and food desert study with a food access strategy.
6. Subject to appropriation, creates a food access strategy to address food insecurity and requires submission of a report to the General Assembly and the Governor by June 1, 2025.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| WALMART | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |

## SB 255

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LABOR.

This Act does the following:

(1) Provides that a prime general contractor is jointly and severally liable for a violation of the Wage Payment and Collection Act that is committed by a subcontractor, regardless of whether the subcontractor is in a direct contractual relationship with the prime general contractor.

(2) Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action to collect wages under the Wage Payment and Collection Act.

(3) Provides that a prime general contractor is jointly or severally liable for a violation of the Delaware Contractor Registration Act by a subcontractor.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS OF DE | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Apr 11, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Mar 22, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Mar 22, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 9, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 255

This Amendment removes the authorization of the Attorney General to bring an action to collect wages under the Wage Payment and Collection Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SB 256

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

This Act clarifies the Attorney General's existing authority to enforce the State's consumer protection laws, specifically the Attorney General's ability to pursue non-penalty civil remedies, such as damages and restitution, without having to show that a person's violation of a law or regulation enforced by the Department of Justice's Division of Consumer Protection was wilful. This Act does not change the requirement that the Attorney General show that such a violation was wilful in order to obtain civil penalties from a court or hearing officer. Every other state that has a similar state of mind requirement in their consumer fraud law does not impose that state of mind requirement for non-penalty civil remedies. By harmonizing the language in the Consumer Fraud Act (Subchapter II, Chapter 25, Title 6 of the Code) and the Division of Consumer Protection's enabling statute (Subchapter II, Chapter 25, Title 29 of the Code), this Act

clarifies that Delaware is line with the other states.

This Act also strikes outdated language in the Consumer Fraud Act requiring cases to be filed in specific counties, as the Superior Court and the Court of Chancery have both eliminated their historical county filing requirement.

Additionally, this Act fixes inconsistencies with the Summary Cease and Desist Order process, by clarifying that an alleged violator must request a hearing in order to trigger the Division of Consumer Protection's obligation to hold a hearing. This Act further clarifies the Summary Cease and Desist Order process, such as by making explicit the alleged violator's right to postpone a hearing and final order, changing the various 10 day requirements to 15 business days, and removing the requirement for a complaint to accompany the original summary cease and desist order.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSN. | Rebecca Batson Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Mar 25, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| FIRST STATE MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION | Cristofer Scott Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 25, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |

## SB 257

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RENTAL CAR INSURANCE COVERAGE.

This Act changes Delaware's law related to liability insurance for rental vehicles. Under the Act, the minimum level of coverage required for a vehicle owner's policy of liability insurance under § 2902 of this title is also required for a vehicle owner's rental of a vehicle.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |
| TURO, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Mar 28, 2024 |

## SB 258

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

This Act prohibits any autonomous vehicle with a gross weight of 10,001 pounds or more from being operated on a Delaware highway for testing purposes, transporting good, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator being physically present within the autonomous vehicle. A two-thirds vote requirement is required under Section 28 of Article IV of the Delaware Constitution.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Renee Gibson | Apr 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Kathryn Marshall Timmons | May 3, 2024 |
| GENERAL TEAMSTER LOCAL 326, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | Paul Thornburg | Jul 2, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Apr 8, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 2, 2024 |
| WAYMO | Matt Walsh | Jun 3, 2024 |

## SA 2 to SB 258

This Amendment clarifies that the person subject to the fines of this Act are presumed to be the vehicle's registered owner.

This Amendment directs the Department of Transportation to submit a report evaluating the performance of autonomous vehicle technology to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2029. The Amendment directs the Department of Transportation to consult with other departments and independent experts for their report.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 258

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

This Act prohibits any autonomous vehicle with a gross weight of 10,001 pounds or more from being operated on a Delaware highway for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator being physically present within the autonomous vehicle. A two-thirds vote requirement is required under Section 28 of Article IV of the Delaware Constitution.

This Act is a substitute for and differs from Senate Bill No. 258 in the following ways:

1. The substitute requires a human safety operator to hold a commercial driver license that is valid for the vehicle being driven.
2. The substitute clarifies that the person subject to the fines of this Act is presumed to be the vehicle's registered owner.
3. The substitute directs to the Department of Transportation to submit a report evaluating the performance of autonomous vehicle technology to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2029.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Robert L. Byrd | Jun 30, 2024 |
| AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOC. | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 30, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | May 17, 2024 |
| TECHNET | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| WAYMO | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 23, 2024 |

## SB 259

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

This Act is a result of the Delaware Interscholastic Association ("DIAA") Task Force. Based on the findings of the task force, this Act updates and modernizes the DIAA Board of Directors' composition. This Act also makes technical corrections that conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## SB 260

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

This Act is a result of the work of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") Task Force. The current process for promulgating DIAA-related regulations grants the regulatory authority to the Department of Education ("Department") which is, in turn, required to delegate its authority to the DIAA. The current process also requires steps in addition to the regulatory process already required under the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 101 of Title 29. The additional process encumbers the DIAA's ability to make changes to regulations with the speed and flexibility often needed in the regulation of interscholastic athletics.

Language in Section 1 of this Act, in the second half of § 122(b)(15), Title 14, starting with "The Department shall not approve any rule or regulation that denies a student the right..." is removed from that paragraph. However, the language remains in Section 2 of this Act, in the already-existing § 303(b)(2), Title 14.

This Act removes the requirements that the Secretary of the Department propose DIAA-related regulations and the State Board of Education approve the proposed regulations. It also removes the requirement that DIAA and Department collaborate to develop regulations. This Act grants directly to the DIAA the authority to promulgate regulations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |

## SB 261

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

This Act amends Delaware Code provisions which govern the Delaware Health Facilities Authority (DFHA).

The changes to Sections 9203(6) and 9205 confirm that the DHFA's purpose and authority is to finance projects in the State of Delaware and not elsewhere.

The change to Section 9204(a) confirms that appointed members of the DHFA "hold over" following the expiration of their terms until their successors have been appointed and accepted appointment, addressing a practical issue that has arisen previously.

The change to Section 9204(b) cures an arguable ambiguity, clarifying that appointed members of the DHFA also may hold positions as DHFA officers.

The change to Section 9208 corrects a minor technical error.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| BAYHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |

## SB 262

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND LOADS.

This Act permits trucks having 5 or more axles that are hauling farm produce grown in this State and traveling from the farm on which the farm produce is grown to a location at which the farm produce is to be processed or stored, or from a location at which the farm produce is processed or stored to an export facility within this State, to weigh up to 90,000 pounds or combined manufacturer's gross combined weight rating (GCWR), whichever is less, before a penalty is assessed for exceeding weight restrictions.

A truck hauling farm produce is granted this increased weight limit if the truck complies with several conditions aimed at ensuring public safety. Surrounding states have similar increased weight limits for hauling farm produce.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |

## SB 263

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE RECYCLING.

This Act limits the use of plastic and other beverage container rings, as well as plastic shrink wraps and plastic tops used to connect beverages, by expanding the definitions of "beverage" and "beverage container" and prohibiting beverages from being sold in containers connected to each other with plastic, ring, or ring-like connectors. Juice

boxes and other aseptic containers are not defined as beverage containers and are not included in the ban.

By prohibiting the use of rings or plastic connectors to package or connect beverage containers, this Act reduces waste and furthers the State's sustainability goals. It also supports the use of beverage packaging alternatives, which are already being used widely. This Act also updates the findings of the General Assembly to reflect the importance of aluminum and glass as recyclables and the need for increased rates of reuse, circularity, and recycling of these valuable materials.

This Act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

This Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Rebecca Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Robert L. Byrd | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV | Kimberly B. Gomes | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF DELAWARE, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE SOFT DRINK ASSOCIATION | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | Apr 20, 2024 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| DOGFISH CRAFT BREWERY LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| HI-CONE USA C/O MS ASSOC. LLC | William McCall | Apr 29, 2024 |
| HI-CONE USA C/O MS ASSOC. LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 29, 2024 |
| HI-CONE USA C/O MS ASSOC. LLC | Verity Watson | Apr 29, 2024 |
| HI-CONE USA C/O MS ASSOC. LLC | Kim Willson | Apr 29, 2024 |
| PAK TECH | Patrick Allen | Apr 30, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 14, 2024 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 14, 2024 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Verity Watson | Apr 14, 2024 |
| TOTAL WINE & MORE | Kim Willson | Apr 14, 2024 |

## SB 264

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

This Act removes the sunset provision under § 315 of Title 26, relating to the electrical and natural gas utility distribution system improvement charge. By doing so, the Act leaves the current version of § 315 in effect.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 17, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Lisa Oberdorf | Apr 17, 2024 |

# SB 265

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 17, 26, AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE ENERGY SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2024.

The Delaware Energy Solutions Act of 2024 authorizes processes necessary to help meet the net zero goals of the Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023. The bill facilitates a transition to carbon-free energy sources by (i) preparing for offshore wind to be a significant element of Delaware's energy future, if cost is competitive with other potential sources, and (ii) increasing options for interconnecting renewable energy resources to the transmission grid.

The bill authorizes the State Energy Office (SEO), with the approval of the Public Service Commission (PSC), to issue solicitations to procure offshore wind. A solicitation can be for a project that serves only Delaware, or in coordination with other states, and authorizes procurement of at least 800 megawatts but not more than 1,200 megawatts of power to Delaware, in a single or multiple solicitations.

Solicitations proceed through the following steps:

The SEO drafts a solicitation for wind energy if it believes market conditions would result in a bid of no more than 110 percent of the "Delaware Benchmark Price," defined as the average price that Delmarva Power has paid for power and renewable energy compliance over the prior three years.

The Renewable Energy Task Force, an existing public body, must be consulted on the structure and factors of the proposed solicitation.

The PSC evaluates the proposed solicitation and determines in a public process, with public comment, if issuing the solicitation would be in the public interest. If so, PSC issues a Preliminary Order allowing the solicitation to proceed.

Municipal utilities and rural electric cooperatives are provided an option to participate in the potential project. Third-party "Qualified Purchasers," such as those that currently purchase electricity for Delaware industries and utilities, could also participate.

After preliminary PSC approval, SEO issues the solicitation. Pricing is the key factor, and the returned bids will also include information about avoided greenhouse gas emissions as well as environmental, economic, health and electric grid benefits to Delaware.

The SEO cannot proceed to negotiate a contract unless a bid comes back with a price at or below 110 percent of the Delaware Benchmark Price. If contract negotiations occur, SEO confers with PSC staff in finalizing the terms of the contract.

PSC reviews the proposed purchase contract to verify that the bid meets all statutory and solicitation requirements, including the examination of the bid price to ensure it is no more than 110 percent of the Delaware Benchmark Price, and is competitive with other new renewable or carbon-free energy projects in the region.

If PSC approval is granted, Delmarva Power and any public utility that elected to participate would amend their rates to pass on the costs or savings of the project to their customers.

In addition to allowing offshore wind procurement, the bill enhances the PSC's current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) process by giving the Commission authority to issue a CPCN in connection with renewable energy interconnection facilities, such as the transmission lines from an offshore wind project to a nearby substation, or the lines connecting a utility scale solar project (over 30 MW) to a nearby substation. The bill outlines the factors PSC should consider when granting a CPCN for renewable energy interconnection facilities. Additionally, the bill provides separate authority to the Delaware Department of Transportation to permit such facilities in a State-owned Right of Way under Title 17, once a CPCN is issued by the PSC.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ASSOCIATION OF COASTAL TOWNS | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 18, 2024 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION | Charles Garlow | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |
| FREEPOINT SOLAR LLC | Rebecca Batson Kidner | May 7, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC RENEWABLE ENERGY COALITION | Lauren Alexandra Shull | Apr 22, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Apr 26, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ORSTED | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| US WIND, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 18, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 265

This amendment:

1. Eliminates the requirement that the State Energy Office secure “at least” 800 megawatts of wind energy. The amendment leaves in place the upper limit of 1,200 megawatts for total procurements.
2. Requires that for both Delaware Solicitations and for Coordinated Solicitations, the State Energy Office will ensure that the ratepayers of one utility never bear the costs of any project alone, either by using a Coordinated Solicitation, or by including at least one additional offtaker for any Delaware Solicitation.
3. Clarifies that both Coordinated Solicitations and Delaware Solicitations are subject to the Delaware Benchmark Price, and that Delaware Solicitations are also subject to all of the other OSW Solicitation Requirements.
4. Establishes that the State of Delaware can contract for energy supply from a project resulting from either a Delaware Solicitation or a Coordinated Solicitation, for any portion of the power supply needs of the State.
5. Requires that municipal electric companies or rural electric cooperatives in the State that elect to exempt themselves from Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards submit a report, beginning in 2025, that details its approach to transitioning to increased renewable energy purchases, including a long-term plan detailing how such entity will contribute to helping the State achieve the carbon reduction goals set forth in Chapter 100 of Title 7. The report shall also explain why the entity declined to participate in any solicitation for offshore wind, where there was an opportunity to do so in the reporting period.
6. Adds an additional criteria to be evaluated by the State Energy Office in connection with any Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to be issued to any offshore wind interconnection facilities: whether the proposed facilities detrimentally impact the ability of the State to procure and transmit renewable energy resources to the citizens of Delaware.
7. Adds language indicating that any offshore wind project which has submitted a request for a Federal Consistency Determination from the Coastal Management Program as of April 18, 2024 need not secure a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 203F of Title 26, so long as the project does not travel horizontally along a State of Delaware owned right of way.
8. Adds language indicating that a Renewable Energy Entity may pledge its interest in a use and occupancy agreement issued by the Delaware Department of Transportation in connection with project financing, but also that no entity may take possession of the renewable energy interconnection facilities in a public right of way, and no entity may receive any interest under a use and occupancy agreement, unless and until the Department has provided its consent to such a transfer under the provisions of section 2005(c).

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SA 2 to SB 265

This amendment requires the use of project labor agreements in Delaware Solicitations for Offshore Wind Contracts and in State Energy Office Offshore Wind Contracts.

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 266

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

This Act removes the ability for persons to bring an action under the Delaware False Claims and Reporting Act (DFCRA) for failures to comply with reporting requirements of the Delaware Unclaimed Property Law (UPL). It leaves untouched the ability of the government (through the Attorney General) to bring such an action after a 90-day period during which the State Escheator may initiate an examination, against a holder who is not otherwise engaged in a voluntary disclosure agreement or under examination, compliance review, or verified report review. The Act also defines what payment a whistleblower may receive, in the event the whistleblower provides information concerning the failure of a holder to comply with the UPL’s reporting requirements and the State receives a payment as a result.

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 15, 2024 |
| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | May 12, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Charles Garlow | Apr 19, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 266

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Senate Substitute 1 for SB 266 clarifies the process and roles of the Attorney General, State Escheator, and Secretary of State in actions under the Delaware False Claims and Reporting Act (DFCRA) for failure to comply with reporting requirements of the Delaware Unclaimed Property Law (UPL). The government, through the Attorney General, may bring such an action after a 120-day period during which the State Escheator may initiate an examination or within the 120-day period, with the State Escheator's consent.

In addition, SS 1 clarifies how a whistleblower may submit information regarding a violation of the reporting requirements of the UPL and defines what payment a whistleblower may receive, in the event the State receives payment as a result of the whistleblower's information.

SS 1 differs from SB 266 in that it sets forth specific criteria that must be satisfied in order for the Attorney General to bring an action for violation of the reporting requirements of the UPL.

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |

## SB 267

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

This Act clarifies various aspects of the State's unclaimed property laws, specifically:

Section 1 clarifies and confirms current practice regarding the definition of "foreign country" or "foreign jurisdiction."

Section 2 clarifies and confirms current practice regarding the definition of "owner." This section is not intended to limit holder reimbursement claims, where a holder seeks to claim from the state previously reported property that the holder returned to the owner subsequent to the filing of the report.

Section 3 conforms Delaware's unclaimed property statute more closely to the 2016 Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (RUUPA), clarifying that foreign-addressed property that is reportable to (or specifically exempted by) a foreign country is not reportable to Delaware. This section applies to reports filed and property remitted after the effective date of this Act. This Section shall not be construed to allow for holder refunds under 12 Del. C. § 1144 for reports filed or property remitted prior to the effective date of this Act.

Section 4 limits the filing of amended reports by holders seeking a refund of property when claims have been filed and paid on the property; when the original report was filed in conjunction with an examination or voluntary disclosure agreement submission; or after 3 years, when the holder seeks a refund due to an error in a cost of goods sold (COGS) calculation, as it usually pertains to the reporting of gift card property. This section is not intended to limit holder reimbursement claims, where a holder seeks to claim from the state previously reported property that the holder has since returned to the owner.

Section 5 clarifies when the owner notice requirements enacted on February 2, 2017, took effect.

Section 6 clarifies and confirms current practice that holders must pay and deliver property at the same time they file their report.

Section 7 section enacts provisions that have allowed Texas to successfully pursue claims in bankruptcy for unclaimed property reported, but not paid to the state, prior to a bankruptcy, should Delaware pursue similar claims in the future.

Section 8 clarifies the state's indemnification obligations and definition of good faith generally and specifically for property reported "early" (before the full dormancy period has run). This section also establishes that the State Escheator may enter into written indemnification agreements with holders requesting to report and remit property "early" (before the full dormancy period has run). The amendment of this section to clarify the State Escheator's complete discretion to grant or deny early escheatment requests under § 1155(b) merely recognizes the unreviewable discretion already provided under that section.

Section 9 clarifies and confirms current practice, allowing the State Escheator to decline to take custody of physical

property, including savings and bearer bonds, any property that may present a future litigation risk to the state, worthless or nonfreely transferable securities, and virtual currency for which no ready public market exists.

Section 10 clarifies and confirms current practice, allowing the State Escheator to submit an affidavit after a review of business records and procedures as evidence of owner notice and publication.

Section 11 eliminates inefficient administrative processes and ensures that unclaimed property reported as owned by state agencies and discretely presented component units included in the state's annual comprehensive financial report of the state remains in the state's General Fund to be allocated only via the conventional legislative budget process. This section is similar to a statute adopted by Illinois.

Section 12 clarifies and confirms current practice that during an examination, the State Escheator may send or direct a holder or agent to send an owner notice letter (commonly called a "due diligence letter") in the format specified by the State for any item identified as potential unclaimed property, including items that may be part of a sample population in conjunction with estimation, extrapolation, and statistical sampling, even if the item is not or would not be reportable to Delaware.

Section 13 clarifies that requests to the Secretary of Finance to review certain discretionary determinations of the State Escheator during expedited examinations must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the State Escheator's determination.

Section 14 clarifies and confirms current practice that Voluntary Disclosure Agreements administered by the Secretary of State must comply with all provisions of this title.

Section 15 states that Sections 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of this Act take effect on enactment.

Section 16 states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Sections 5, 10, 12, 13, and 14 of this Act take effect upon enactment and also apply retroactively to any claims, examinations, voluntary disclosure agreements, or litigation pending as of the effective date of this Act.

Section 17 states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Sections 2, 4, and 11 of this Act take effect upon enactment and also apply retroactively to reports filed or property remitted prior the effective date of this Act.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 18, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |
| SECURITIES INDUSTRY FINANCIAL MARKETS ASSOCIATION (SIFMA) | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 17, 2024 |

## SB 268

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DECEDENTS' ESTATES AND FIDUCIARY RELATIONS.

Sections 1 and 2 of this Act update Chapter 8 of Title 12, the Uniform TOD Security Registration Act. Section 1 of this Act does the following:

(1) Adds a new definition to § 801 of Title 12 to define “cash equivalents”.
(2) Amends the definition of “registering entity” in § 801 of Title 12 to confirm that registering entities may include securities dealers, banks, savings banks, trust companies, investment advisers, and other financial institutions that maintain securities accounts for customers.
(3) Amends the definition of “security” in § 801 of Title 12 to confirm that interests in or obligations of a corporation; a limited liability company or any series of a limited liability company; a partnership, whether general or limited, or any series of a partnership; and a trust, including a common law trust, a voting trust, a business trust, or a statutory trust, or any series of a trust, constitute a “security” for purposes of the Unform TOD Security Registration Act.
(4) Amends the definition of “security account” in § 801 of Title 12 to make ministerial changes to the language of the definition and to expand the definition to include investment management accounts, securities accounts, custody accounts, or other agency accounts for the investment or custody of securities maintained with a bank, a savings bank, a trust company, a securities dealer, an investment adviser, or other financial institution.

Section 2 of this Act amends § 805 of Title 12 to confirm that registration in beneficiary form with respect to an uncertificated security or a security account need not include the names of beneficiaries if the names of all beneficiaries are otherwise maintained by the registering entity. This avoids, for example, any requirement for the book entry of an uncertificated security or the name of a security account to include the names of all beneficiaries, so long as the registering entity otherwise maintains the names of such beneficiaries.

Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are not intended to override provisions of an entity’s operating agreement or governing provisions, and will take effect subject to any implementing requirements of the agreement or governing provisions, such as transfer or ownership restrictions.

Sections 3 and 4 of this Act pertain to “letters of wishes” by trustors and add a new definition to § 3301 of Title 12 and a new subsection to § 3315 of Title 12. Letters of wishes have long been created by trustors as a means of assisting fiduciaries to understand the discretionary terms of the trust’s governing instrument, to understand the application of those terms as intended by trustors, and to assist fiduciaries to exercise distribution discretion. Accordingly, Sections 3 and 4 of this Act acknowledge existing and common practice by affirming that the standard of review of a fiduciary’s decision to consider or not to consider a letter of wishes is the same “abuse of discretion” (within the meaning of § 187 of the Restatement (Second) of Trusts, not §§ 50 and 60 of the Restatement (Third) of Trusts) standard described in § 3315 of Title 12. The new provisions recognize that a letter of wishes is a non-binding document intended to provide guidance and insight into the trustor’s intent relevant to a particular trust. New subsection (c) of § 3315 of Title 12 specifically provides 3 safe harbors for determining that a fiduciary has not abused its discretion, by stating that the following do not constitute an abuse of that fiduciary’s discretion: (1) the fiduciary’s decision not to consider a letter of wishes with respect to an unambiguous provision of the trust’s governing instrument; (2) the fiduciary’s decision not to consider a letter of wishes not meeting the criteria of the new subsection (c) of § 3315 of Title 12; and (3) the fiduciary’s decision to consider a letter of wishes meeting the criteria of the new subsection (c) of § 3315 of Title 12, with respect to an ambiguous provision of a trust’s governing instrument. In addition, the new subsection (c) of § 3315 of Title 12 provides that the letter of wishes is not binding on the fiduciary, that the fiduciary has no duty to follow the letter of wishes, and that the fiduciary’s exercise or non-exercise of a discretionary power does not create an inference that the fiduciary improperly exercised such power or abused the fiduciary’s discretion under § 3315(a) of Title 12.

Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, however, are not intended to override the Court of Chancery’s decision in Bishop v. McNeil, 1999 Del. Ch. LEXIS 186, 1999 WL 743489 (Del. Ch. 1999), in which the Court declined to take into account a letter to construe the provisions of an unambiguous governing instrument for a trust because the letter was extrinsic evidence of trustor intent. Thus, Sections 3 and 4 of this Act are not intended to affect the law regarding the Court’s interpretation of unambiguous governing instruments for trusts, for which the Court may not consider extrinsic evidence, or to affect the law regarding the Court’s interpretation of ambiguous governing instruments for trusts, for

which the Court may consider extrinsic evidence, including any such letter of wishes.

Section 5 of this Act adds new paragraph (32) to § 3325 of Title 12 to provide trustees of trusts with a statutory power to hire, retain, and compensate providers of programs and education for trust beneficiaries that may help prepare the beneficiaries for inheriting wealth, by helping to develop wealth-management skills, enhance beneficiary mental health and well-being, particularly as those areas may be impacted by the trust itself, and to reduce the potential for the trust to disincentivize the beneficiaries' productivity or impact their mental health or well-being. The trustee may provide these programs and services or may hire and pay third parties or affiliates from the trust estate to provide these services and, in each case, without diminution of the trustee's regular compensation to which the trustee would otherwise be entitled to receive for serving as trustee.

Section 6 of this Act amends § 3339 of Title 12, regarding designated representatives, to do all of the following:
(1) Provide specifically that when a trustor appoints a designated representative for beneficiaries, the appointment may be with respect to beneficiaries who are minors, who are incapacitated, who are unborn, or whose identities or locations are not known and not reasonably ascertainable.
(2) Make clearer that when notice of the appointment is required to be given to parents of the represented person or to a guardian of the property of the represented person, the requirement applies only to those beneficiaries who are minors or who are incapacitated.

Section 7 of this Act adds new § 3345 of Title 12 to enable trustors to create what is to be known as a "Beneficiary Well-Being Trust" by expressly referencing § 3345 of Title 12 in the trust's governing instrument. Section 3345 of Title 12 recognizes a growing concern of trustors that while there are many advantages to passing wealth through generations in trust, such as tax savings, creditor protection, consolidated investment and management, and protection of assets from imprudent waste, trusts may grow in value so that considerable wealth may become available to the beneficiaries, sometimes before beneficiaries have had an opportunity to learn and know the value of money and the personal and social responsibilities that access to wealth entails. The purpose of the Beneficiary Well-Being Trust is to provide wealth management training and services for the beneficiaries' mental health and well-being and to educate beneficiaries about their family history and legacy, family values and dynamics, family governance, and philanthropy, all as more fully described in § 3345 of Title 12. The governing instrument of a Beneficiary Well-Being Trust may provide for additional powers, duties, rights, and interests of the beneficiaries, trustees, and advisers to the fullest extent permissible under § 3303 of Title 12. The trustees and advisers of a Beneficiary Well-Being Trust may provide beneficiary well-being programs or may hire and pay third parties or affiliates from the trust estate to provide beneficiary well-being programs and, in each case, without diminution of the trustee's or adviser's regular compensation to which the trustee or adviser would otherwise be entitled to receive for serving as trustee or adviser.

Section 8 of this Act amends § 3547 of Title 12, regarding virtual representation, to extend the principles of the section by allowing a designated representative of a beneficiary under § 3339 of Title 12 to represent virtually those whom the beneficiary could virtually represent, including, under the circumstances already permitted under § 3547 of Title 12, someone who is a minor, is incapacitated, is unborn, or whose identity or location is not known and not reasonably ascertainable; a presumptive remainder beneficiary of a trust; a contingent successor remainder beneficiary of a trust; the holder of a power of appointment over a trust; or the beneficiaries of a trust that is itself the beneficiary of another trust, if there is not a material conflict of interest between the designated representative and those who are to be virtually represented.

Section 9 of this Act provides an effective date for this Act and makes clear that this Act applies to trusts created before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Apr 25, 2024 |
| DELAWARE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSN. | Mary Davis | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SB 270

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BUDGET AND FISCAL REGULATIONS, ESTABLISHING A BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND, DEFINING DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL STANDARDS FOR THE FUND, AND IMPOSING DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL NORMS THROUGHOUT THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET PROCESS.

This Act is the statutory recognition of the recommendations set forth in the June 2, 2023, report of the DEFAC Benchmark Evaluation and Review Panel.

This Act builds on the State's existing appropriation limit methodology by formalizing and maintaining the flexibility inherent in the Budget Stabilization Fund process currently enabled by Executive Order No. 21, approved on June 30, 2018, and the last 6 operating budget acts, including § 65 of the fiscal year 2024 Operating Budget Act.

Acknowledging this process in statute includes defining rules for deposits to and withdrawals from the Budget Stabilization Fund and adding an objective and stable measure of sustainable budget growth through an advisory index comprised of certain State economic indicators.

This Act requires that only the Governor's recommended Budget Appropriation Bill consider this methodology and detail proposed plans, if any, deemed necessary or desirable in relation to state revenues or reserve funding.

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Apr 22, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 19, 2024 |

## SB 271

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMERCE AND TRADE.

This Act clarifies portions of Chapter 49 of Title 6 and Chapter 63 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code pertaining to motor vehicle dealers. These additions and modifications are intended to further improve our State's franchise laws and ensure that Delaware consumers have a stable, reliable, convenient, and competitive retail network for automobile sales and service. This Act is an effort to continue to ensure that the relationship between dealers and the manufacturers and distributors is as fair and equitable as possible and provides the highest level of consumer protection. The Act includes the following provisions:

Definition Clarifications.

The Act clarifies the definitions of "motor vehicle", "new motor vehicle" and "dealer" to reflect technological advances and changes in industry business practices in the state. The Act also recognizes the limited circumstances issuance of a dealer license to a direct-selling electric motor vehicle manufacturer in 2023. Further, the Act defines motor vehicle selling activities that require licensing and regulation by the state.

Fair Compensation for Required Repairs.

Dealers are required by contract to perform warranty work for manufacturers. The Act ensures that dealers are fairly paid for performing manufacturer-directed repairs related to warranty repairs, maintenance programs and recall work.

Intrusive Audits.
Dealers are required by existing law to wait up to 30 days for payment for motor vehicle warranty repairs in order to allow the manufacturer to review and approve payment submissions. Manufacturers are also allowed to later audit such repairs and payments. The Act affords manufacturers a full 6 months to audit warranty claims but will reasonably prevent intrusive and time-consuming audits after 180 days, unless the audit involves cases of alleged fraud.

Franchise Termination Compensation.
Under existing law, manufacturers must repurchase certain motor vehicles, parts and special tools in the event of the termination of the dealer's franchise agreement. The Act specifies a 90-day timeframe for payment and clarifies that it is the manufacturer's responsibility to cover the cost of returns.

Return of Unnecessary Tools & Equipment.
The Act allows a dealer a limited opportunity to return and be reimbursed for the cost of certain tools and equipment that were required as a part of an electric vehicle program or agreement between that dealer and the manufacturer, if the dealer determines within two years after receipt that such tools and equipment are unnecessary or that sales volume and utilization are low enough to prevent the dealer from realizing a reasonable return on those forced investments.

Sale & Subscription of Over-the-Air Features.
The Act allows manufacturers to directly sell options, add-ons, features, improvements and upgrades by remote transmission to consumers, provided that the dealers are afforded an equal opportunity to sell the same products and services, and further provided that the manufacturer reasonably compensates the dealer for direct sales or subscriptions to the dealer's customers for a specified period of time.

Association Standing.
Franchise laws have been enacted in all 50 states to recognize compelling state interests in protecting consumers and in regulating the disparity in bargaining power between motor vehicle manufacturers and their franchised dealers. Since dealers have a single source for their new motor vehicles, parts and accessories, many are reluctant to raise a single voice to object to unlawful activity by their manufacturer. The Act grants statutory standing to a large association of dealers to bring a legal action, in very limited circumstances, to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Licensing.
The Act provides that a manufacturer or distributor who was licensed as a motor vehicle dealer on or before May 15, 2023 is not eligible to receive any additional licenses.

The Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

The Act is supported by the Delaware Automobile and Truck Dealers' Association, Inc.

## Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE FOR AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION | Josh Fisher | Apr 24, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 18, 2024 |
| FORD MOTOR CO., INC. | Mary Davis | May 7, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 18, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Apr 22, 2024 |

## SB 272

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 18 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE, AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PHARMACIST CARE.

Pharmacists in Delaware provide some of the same medical services as physicians, advance practice registered nurses, and physician assistants, including immunizations. The General Assembly has recently added to the services that pharmacists may provide, including prescribing birth control, testing and treating for a variety of conditions, and prescribing pre-exposure and post-exposure HIV prophylaxis. However, health insurance plans do not currently recognize pharmacists as a provider type that may seek reimbursement for these services, despite already providing coverage for the same services if they were obtained from other providers. This could lead to many pharmacists not providing such expanded services due to the lack of insurance coverage.

This Act requires health insurance providers to provide the same reimbursement to pharmacists that is already provided other providers performing the same services at the same rates as advance practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

This bill also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Apr 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Apr 24, 2024 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Apr 26, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 272

This amendment (1) adds a definition of the term “carrier”;  (2) deletes the language on lines 24-25, 40-41, and 54-55 which provided that when payment is made for health care services performed by a licensed pharmacist, no payment or reimbursement may be paid to a physician or osteopath for the services performed by the licensed pharmacist; and (3) expands upon the circumstances where a service is performed by a licensed pharmacist and reimbursed by a carrier, the licensed pharmacist must be granted such rights of participation, plan admission, and registration as may be granted by the carrier to include a physician, advance practice registered nurse, or physician assistant performing such a service.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## SB 273

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

This Act legalizes the sale and distribution of raw milk and products derived from raw milk by dairy producers directly to consumers for human consumption. This Act also removes the unused definitions of “Delaware fresh milk” and “northeastern fresh milk” from Subchapter VI of Title 3. The definition of “fresh milk” under current § 3175 of Title 3 is retained.

The sale of raw milk, which is unprocessed, unpasteurized, and unhomogenized, is currently prohibited by Section 9 of the current United States Department of Health and Human Services' Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, as amended, which the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services adopted by regulation. However, consumers are increasingly demanding the opportunity to purchase raw milk in Delaware, rather than traveling to other states that permit raw milk sales. Allowing raw milk and products derived from raw milk to be sold in Delaware will respond to that demand while also providing new economic opportunities for Delaware dairy producers. These economic benefits can be significant; the Raw Milk Institute estimates that raw milk producers can earn a profit that is nearly 10 times what they earn for regular milk sales.

To achieve these benefits and meet consumer demand, this Act creates a raw milk permit to be issued and enforced by the Department of Agriculture, and exempts raw milk permit holders from the State of Delaware Milk Code provided they comply with all requirements of the Act. This Act provides that no raw milk or product derived from raw milk may be sold in Delaware other than by a raw milk permit holder or an individual under the direct supervision of a raw milk permit holder, such as an employee. The sale or distribution of raw milk and products derived from raw milk must be made directly by the permit holder or individual under the supervision of the permit holder to the consumer and not for purposes of resale. This Act also establishes requirements for signage and labeling informing consumers that raw milk is unprocessed, unpasteurized, and unhomogenized and may contain harmful bacteria. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Services, is responsible for promulgating regulations to administer the raw milk permit program and for ensuring compliance with this Act.

This Act goes into effect on enactment and is to be implemented the earlier of the following:
(1) 1 year from the date of the Act’s enactment.
(2) Notice by the Secretary of Agriculture published in the Register of Regulations that final regulations to implement this Act have been adopted.

This Act may be cited as “The Consumer Choice Milk Act“.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 274

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ACCESS TO STATE-MAINTAINED HIGHWAYS.

Affordable housing is key to building strong communities and neighborhoods. This act provides that the developer of a residential subdivision is provided a percentage credit towards the expense of offsite improvements to state-maintained highways consistent with the percentage of units set aside for affordable housing in a residential subdivision project.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SB 275

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DRIVING ON A ROADWAY.

The purpose of this Act is to combat aggressive driving and dangerous speed differentials on targeted roadways. This Act prohibits vehicles from traveling in the left lane on the portions of State Route 1 or Interstate 495 that are an express highway, as defined in § 101 of Title 17, or a controlled access facility, as defined in § 172 of Title 17, except in any of the following circumstances:

(1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing overtaking and passing another vehicle.

(2) When necessary to enter, leave, or continue on the roadway.

(3) When necessary due to an obstruction.

(4) When necessary in response to emergency conditions.

(5) When necessary due to traffic conditions or congestion.

(6) To comply with other law or regulation.

In addition to being prohibited from traveling in the left lane, a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of more than 26,000 pounds is further restricted to traveling only in the right-hand lane except in the same circumstances as when a vehicle may travel in the left lane.

An operator who refuses, fails, or neglects to comply with § 4114A is subject to a civil penalty as follows:

(1) For a first occurrence, a civil penalty of not less than $25 nor more than $75.

(2) For a subsequent occurrence, a civil penalty of not less than $57.50 nor more than $95.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AAA MID-ATLANTIC | Christine P. Schiltz | May 6, 2024 |

## SB 277

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 53, TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MASSAGE AND BODYWORK.

Under this bill, the Board of Massage and Bodywork may not issue initial certifications to practice as a certified massage technician for applications received after December 31, 2024.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOC. | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |

## SB 278

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMERCE AND TRADE.

This Act clarifies portions of Chapter 49 of Title 6 and Chapter 63 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code pertaining to motor vehicle dealers. These additions and modifications are intended to further improve our State's franchise laws and ensure that Delaware consumers have a stable, reliable, convenient, and competitive retail network for automobile sales and service. This Act is an effort to continue to ensure that the relationship between dealers and the manufacturers and distributors is as fair and equitable as possible and provides the highest level of consumer protection. The Act includes the following provisions:

Definition Clarifications.

The Act clarifies the definitions of "motor vehicle" and "new motor vehicle" to reflect technological advances and changes in industry business practices in the state. The Act also recognizes the limited circumstances issuance of a dealer license to a direct-selling electric motor vehicle manufacturer in 2023. Further, the Act defines motor vehicle selling activities that require licensing and regulation by the state.

Fair Compensation for Required Repairs.

Dealers are required by contract to perform warranty work for manufacturers. The Act ensures that dealers are fairly paid for performing manufacturer-directed repairs related to warranty repairs, maintenance programs and recall work.

Intrusive Audits.

Dealers are required by existing law to wait up to 30 days for payment for motor vehicle warranty repairs in order to allow the manufacturer to review and approve payment submissions. Manufacturers are also allowed to later audit such repairs and payments. The Act affords manufacturers a full 6 months to audit warranty claims but will reasonably prevent intrusive and time-consuming audits after 180 days, unless the audit involves cases of alleged fraud.

Franchise Termination Compensation.

Under existing law, manufacturers must repurchase certain motor vehicles, parts and special tools in the event of the termination of the dealer's franchise agreement. The Act specifies a 90-day timeframe for payment and clarifies that it is the manufacturer's responsibility to cover the cost of returns.

Return of Unnecessary Tools & Equipment.

The Act allows a dealer a limited opportunity to return and be reimbursed for the cost of certain tools and equipment that were required as a part of an electric vehicle program or agreement between that dealer and the manufacturer, if the dealer determines within two years after receipt that such tools and equipment are unnecessary or that sales volume and utilization are low enough to prevent the dealer from realizing a reasonable return on those forced investments.

Sale & Subscription of Over-the-Air Features.

The Act allows manufacturers to directly sell options, add-ons, features, improvements and upgrades by remote transmission to consumers, provided that the dealers are afforded an equal opportunity to sell the same products and services, and further provided that the manufacturer reasonably compensates the dealer for direct sales or subscriptions to the dealer's customers for a specified period of time.

Association Standing.

Franchise laws have been enacted in all 50 states to recognize compelling state interests in protecting consumers and in regulating the disparity in bargaining power between motor vehicle manufacturers and their franchised dealers. Since dealers have a single source for their new motor vehicles, parts and accessories, many are reluctant to raise a single voice to object to unlawful activity by their manufacturer. The Act grants statutory standing to a large association of dealers to bring a legal action, in very limited circumstances, to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Licensing.

The Act provides that a manufacturer or distributor who was licensed as a motor vehicle dealer on or before May 15, 2023 is not eligible to receive any additional licenses.

The Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

The Act is supported by the Delaware Automobile and Truck Dealers' Association, Inc.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE FOR AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION | Josh Fisher | May 8, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Apr 25, 2024 |
| AMERICAN LUNG ASSN. OF THE MID-ATLANTIC | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |
| FORD MOTOR CO., INC. | Mary Davis | May 7, 2024 |
| GM GENERAL MOTORS LLC | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |

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| RIVIAN, LLC | Mary McLaughlin | Jun 5, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Apr 25, 2024 |
| TECHNET | Margaret Durkin | Apr 25, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Lisa Goodman | May 26, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Apr 30, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 278

This Amendment makes a number of changes to SB 278:

The Amendment provides that "new motor vehicle dealer" or "dealer" includes manufacturers who are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles to sell or lease new motor vehicles directly to customers. This revises SB 278, which included in the definition of "new motor vehicle dealer" or "dealer" only those manufacturers who were licensed by the DMV prior to August 1, 2023.

The Amendment provides that a manufacturer violates Chapter 49 by refusing to accept the return of or fully reimburse the dealer for the cost of parts, tools, and other equipment or infrastructure required under the franchise agreement or as part of a policy or program related to the sale or service of electric motor vehicles, if the dealer can demonstrate that the volume of electric motor vehicle sales is inadequate to allow the dealer to realize a reasonable return on the investment over the useful life of the part, tool, or other equipment or infrastructure. SB 278 did not require the dealer to make this demonstration.

The Amendment reduces, from 20% to 8% of the percent of gross revenue from the manufacturer or distributor's sale directly to a retail customer of a motor vehicle accessory, option, or similar, that the manufacturer or distributor is required to pay to a franchised new motor vehicle dealer for cars sold within the 5-year period preceding the sale of the accessory or option.

In addition, the Amendment reduces the number of new motor vehicle dealers or motorcycle dealers required to be members of an association in order for the association to have standing to pursue collective action and removes language concerning what constitutes a cognizable injury for purposes of collective action.

The Amendment provides that a manufacturer or distributor is not considered a "dealer" or "motor vehicle dealer" for purposes of Title 21, unless the manufacturer or distributor is licensed as a motor vehicle dealer. This revises SB 278, which provided that only a manufacturer or distributor licensed before May 15, 2023 would be considered a "dealer" or "motor vehicle dealer."

The also Amendment prohibits manufacturers, importers, and distributors from owning a dealership in Delaware if the manufacturer, importer, or distributor has manufactured, imported, or distributed motor vehicles of any line make that have been or are offered for sale within the state under a franchise agreement with an independent person.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| GM GENERAL MOTORS LLC | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |
| TESLA, INC. | Lisa Goodman | May 26, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 278

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMERCE AND TRADE.

This Act clarifies portions of Chapter 49 of Title 6 and Chapter 63 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code pertaining to motor vehicle dealers. These additions and modifications are intended to further improve our State’s franchise laws and ensure that Delaware consumers have a stable, reliable, convenient, and competitive retail network for automobile sales and service. This Act is an effort to continue to ensure that the relationship between dealers and the manufacturers and distributors is as fair and equitable as possible and provides the highest level of consumer protection. The Act includes the following provisions:

Definitions.

The Act amends § 4902 of Title 6 and clarifies the definitions of “motor vehicle” and “new motor vehicle” to reflect technological advances and changes in industry business practices in the state, and adds a definition of “electric motor vehicle”. The Act defines the new terms “sell,” "selling," "sold," "exchange," "retail sales," and "leases".

Warranty and Predelivery Obligations to New Motor Vehicle Dealers.

Dealers are required by contract to perform warranty work for manufacturers. The Act amends § 4903 of Title 6 in order to ensure that dealers are fairly paid for performing manufacturer-directed repairs related to warranty repairs, maintenance programs and recall work.

Intrusive Audits.

Dealers are required by existing law to wait up to 30 days for payment for motor vehicle warranty repairs in order to allow the manufacturer to review and approve payment submissions. Manufacturers are also allowed to later audit such repairs and payments. The Act affords manufacturers a full 6 months to audit warranty claims but will reasonably prevent intrusive and time-consuming audits after 180 days, unless the audit involves cases of alleged fraud.

Franchise Termination Compensation.

Under existing law, manufacturers must repurchase certain motor vehicles, parts and special tools in the event of the termination of the dealer’s franchise agreement. The Act amends § 4907 of Title 6 and specifies a 90-day timeframe for payment and clarifies that it is the manufacturer’s responsibility to cover the cost of returns.

Return of Unnecessary Tools & Equipment.

The Act allows a dealer a limited opportunity to return and be reimbursed for the cost of certain tools and equipment that were required as a part of an electric vehicle program or agreement between that dealer and the manufacturer, if the dealer determines within two years after receipt that such tools and equipment are unnecessary or that sales volume and utilization are low enough to prevent the dealer from realizing a reasonable return on those forced investments.

Failure or Refusal of Manufacturer to Accept Returns.

The Act amends § 4913 of Title 6 by providing that it violates Chapter 49 for a manufacturer to fail or refuse to accept the return or to fully reimburse a dealer for the cost of parts, tools, equipment, chargers and other infrastructure required under the franchise agreement, or as part of a program, policy, or other initiative related to the sale or service of electric motor vehicles.

Sale & Subscription of Over-the-Air Features.

The Act allows manufacturers to directly sell options, add-ons, features, improvements and upgrades by remote transmission to consumers, provided that the dealers are afforded an equal opportunity to sell the same products and services, and further provided that the manufacturer reasonably compensates the dealer for direct sales or subscriptions to the dealer’s customers for a specified period of time.

Association Standing.

The Act adds a new § 4920 to Title 6 on the subject of Association Standing. Franchise laws have been enacted in all 50 states to recognize compelling state interests in protecting consumers and in regulating the disparity in bargaining power between motor vehicle manufacturers and their franchised dealers. Because dealers have a single source for their new motor vehicles, parts and accessories, many are reluctant to raise a single voice to object to unlawful activity by their manufacturer. The Act grants statutory standing to a large association of dealers to bring a legal action, in very limited circumstances, to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Licensing.

The Act amends provisions of §§ 6301 and 6302 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code related to the Sale of Motor Vehicles. The Act adds definitions of “new motor vehicle,” “new motor vehicle dealer,” “used motor vehicle,” and “used motor vehicle dealer” to § 6301. Section 6302 is amended to provide that a manufacturer, importer, or distributor who was licensed as a motor vehicle dealer is not eligible to receive any additional licenses.

The Act is supported by the Delaware Automobile and Truck Dealers’ Association, Inc.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SS 2 for SB 278

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMERCE AND TRADE.

This Act clarifies portions of Chapter 49 of Title 6 and Chapter 63 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code pertaining to motor vehicle dealers. These additions and modifications are intended to further improve our State’s franchise laws and ensure that Delaware consumers have a stable, reliable, convenient, and competitive retail network for automobile sales and service. This Act is an effort to continue to ensure that the relationship between dealers and the manufacturers and distributors is as fair and equitable as possible and provides the highest level of consumer protection. The Act includes the following provisions:

Definitions.

The Act amends § 4902 of Title 6 and clarifies the definitions of “motor vehicle” and “new motor vehicle” to reflect technological advances and changes in industry business practices in the state, and adds a definition of “electric motor vehicle”. The Act defines the new terms “sell,” "selling," "sold," "exchange," "retail sales," and "leases".

Warranty and Predelivery Obligations to New Motor Vehicle Dealers.

Dealers are required by contract to perform warranty work for manufacturers. The Act amends § 4903 of Title 6 in order to ensure that dealers are fairly paid for performing manufacturer-directed repairs related to warranty repairs, maintenance programs and recall work.

Intrusive Audits.

Dealers are required by existing law to wait up to 30 days for payment for motor vehicle warranty repairs in order to allow the manufacturer to review and approve payment submissions. Manufacturers are also allowed to later audit such repairs and payments. The Act affords manufacturers a full 6 months to audit warranty claims but will reasonably

prevent intrusive and time-consuming audits after 180 days, unless the audit involves cases of alleged fraud.

Franchise Termination Compensation.
Under existing law, manufacturers must repurchase certain motor vehicles, parts and special tools in the event of the termination of the dealer's franchise agreement. The Act amends § 4907 of Title 6 and specifies a 90-day timeframe for payment and clarifies that it is the manufacturer's responsibility to cover the cost of returns.

Return of Unnecessary Tools & Equipment.
The Act allows a dealer a limited opportunity to return and be reimbursed for the cost of certain tools and equipment that were required as a part of an electric vehicle program or agreement between that dealer and the manufacturer, if the dealer determines within two years after receipt that such tools and equipment are unnecessary or that sales volume and utilization are low enough to prevent the dealer from realizing a reasonable return on those forced investments.

Failure or Refusal of Manufacturer to Accept Returns.
The Act amends § 4913 of Title 6 by providing that it violates Chapter 49 for a manufacturer to fail or refuse to accept the return or to fully reimburse a dealer for the cost of parts, tools, equipment, chargers and other infrastructure required under the franchise agreement, or as part of a program, policy, or other initiative related to the sale or service of electric motor vehicles.

Sale & Subscription of Over-the-Air Features.
The Act allows manufacturers to directly sell options, add-ons, features, improvements and upgrades by remote transmission to consumers, provided that the dealers are afforded an equal opportunity to sell the same products and services, and further provided that the manufacturer reasonably compensates the dealer for direct sales or subscriptions to the dealer's customers for a specified period of time.

Association Standing.
The Act adds a new § 4920 to Title 6 on the subject of Association Standing. Franchise laws have been enacted in all 50 states to recognize compelling state interests in protecting consumers and in regulating the disparity in bargaining power between motor vehicle manufacturers and their franchised dealers. Because dealers have a single source for their new motor vehicles, parts and accessories, many are reluctant to raise a single voice to object to unlawful activity by their manufacturer. The Act grants statutory standing to a large association of dealers to bring a legal action, in very limited circumstances, to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Licensing.
The Act amends provisions of §§ 6301 and 6302 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code related to the Sale of Motor Vehicles. The Act adds definitions of "new motor vehicle," "new motor vehicle dealer," "used motor vehicle," and "used motor vehicle dealer" to § 6301. Section 6302 is amended to provide that a manufacturer, importer, or distributor who was licensed as a motor vehicle dealer is not eligible to receive any additional licenses.

The Act is supported by the Delaware Automobile and Truck Dealers' Association, Inc.

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| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, INC. | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| GM GENERAL MOTORS LLC | James DeChene | Jun 17, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 280

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

This Act is a result of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") Task Force. Based on the findings of the task force, this Act updates the DIAA's Executive Director from an education associate level position in the Department of Education to a director level position in the Department.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |

## SB 281

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

This Act is a result of the work of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”) Task Force (“Task Force”). The 152nd Delaware General Assembly passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 establishing the Task Force to study and make findings and recommendations to best address the needs of student athletes and ensure DIAA’s effective and efficient functioning. The Task Force met over 8 months to discuss the most pressing issues facing DIAA. This Act addresses one of the identified issues: the waiver process when a student transfers from one school to another and wishes to play interscholastic athletics.

Under current regulations, a student who transfers schools and wishes to participate in sports must complete a period of ineligibility unless the student meets certain conditions or qualifies for an exception. In order to meet the conditions or exception or otherwise request a waiver of ineligibility, the student must go through a waiver process. The student applies for a waiver, DIAA’s Executive Director makes an interim decision on the waiver, and the DIAA Board of Directors (“Board”) ratifies or rejects the Executive Director’s interim decision. If the Board has any questions about any part of the waiver application or interim decision, they reject the interim decision and schedule a hearing for the student to testify to answer the additional questions. By the time the Board issues a final decision on the waiver, the student has lost time to play sports and the Board has spend a great deal of its meeting time on the hearing, including going into executive session to maintain a student’s privacy.

Among other matters relating to the waiver process, the Task Force discussed the amount of time that the waiver process takes, both from the students’ and Task Force’s perspective, and how to make the process more efficient and more equitable for the students. The Task Force concluded that moving the waiver process out of regulations and into the Delaware Code is the most efficient way to streamline the process, thereby benefitting student athletes and allowing the Board more time to focus on its other work. This Act is a combination of existing regulations, regulations that the Board proposed but were not enacted during the 8 months that the Task Force met, and the Task Force’s discussions on how to best improve the waiver process.

Under this Act, the Executive Director makes the final decision on a waiver, subject to an appeal of a 3-member panel comprised of Board members. Shifting the final decision-making to the Executive Director removes duplicative steps, and specifying deadlines are to ensure as speedy a conclusion as possible. The Executive Director must issue their decision within 15 days of receiving a waiver, and a student may appeal the decision to the appeals panel within 15

days of receiving the decision. The appeals panel must issue its decision within 30 days of receiving an appeal. The appeals panel may not hold a hearing on an appeal or otherwise ask questions of a student who seeks an appeal; the panel must make its decision based on the documentation that the Executive Director used to make their decision.

This Act organizes the process into the following categories:

- Immediate eligibility applies to circumstances under which a student is immediately eligible to participate in sports at the school into which the student transfers ("receiving school"). A waiver is not required for immediate eligibility. Immediate eligibility applies if the student has not previously played the sport the student seeks to play at the receiving school, if the student has been placed in the custody of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, or it is the student's first transfer and the student did not play the sport during the 180 days prior to transferring. The receiving school of a student who qualifies for immediate eligibility must initiate the completion of a tracking form, to document the transfer and reason for immediate eligibility.

- Periods of ineligibility apply to a student's subsequent transfer. A student is subject to a period of ineligibility of 30 days or ½ of the maximum number of contests, whichever is less. A student may seek a waiver of the period of ineligibility.

- Exceptions to periods of ineligibility are provided in this Act. A student who meets an exception is not required to seek a waiver, but must provide documentation relevant to the exception. Seven types of exceptions are available, including transferring schools due to homelessness, court action, or a change in the student's residence due to military assignment. Each exception has its own requirements.

- Defining the waiver process, including deadlines, required documentation, and the factors required for granting a waiver. To approve a waiver, the Executive Director must consider the 4 factors under § 315(a), Title 14. The 4 factors do not include "hardship," which has been a factor under the current regulations. The Task Force discussed that the hardship factor was too often an unreasonably difficult standard for a student to meet, resulting in a large percentage of the waivers sought and failing to meet the purpose of the ineligibility and waiver process, which is to discourage transfers for athletic reasons, multiple transfers, or transfers after a sports season has begun. The remaining 4 factor do meet this purpose.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 3, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 3, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 3, 2024 |

## SB 282

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN FEES.

This Act repeals the Senior Trust Fund Fee, the Interstate Compact Fee, and the Substance Abuse, Rehabilitation, Treatment, Education and Prevention Fund Fee imposed on criminal defendants. The elimination of these fees was recommended by the Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group created by House Bill 244, as amended by House Amendment No 2, of the 151st General Assembly, in its December 7, 2023 report. The Criminal Legal System

Imposed Debt Study Group also recommended replacement of lost revenue for affected agencies as needed with General Funds. In repealing these fees, the General Assembly also intends to eliminate any outstanding balances owed on these fees.

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| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 14, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 15, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## SB 283

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELJIS FUND.

This Act repeals the DELJIS Fund fee imposed on criminal defendants. The elimination of this fee was recommended by the Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group created by House Bill 244, as amended by House Amendment No 2, of the 151st General Assembly, in its December 7, 2023 report. Any outstanding balances owed for this fee shall be discharged upon the Act's effective date. Per the Study Group's recommendation, the Act will become effective upon the specific appropriation of General Fund monies to replace DELJIS's full spending authority of the repealed fee.

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| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 14, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 15, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## SB 284

AN ACT TO DISCHARGE OUTSTANDING BALANCES OWED BY INDIVIDUALS FOR FEES REPEALED BY CHAPTER 441 OF VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE.

This Act discharges balances owed by individuals ordered to pay a probation supervision fee under § 6504(14) of Title 11 of the Delaware Code or a Public Defender fee under § 4607 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code. The probation supervision fee and Public Defender fee were repealed by Chapter 441 of Volume 83 of the Laws of Delaware, House Bill No. 244, as amended by House Amendment No. 2 (151st General Assembly).

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| INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE | Alasdair Whitney | Jun 14, 2024 |
| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 15, 2024 |
| TIDE SHIFT JUSTICE, INC. | Meryem Dede | Jul 11, 2024 |

## SB 288

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COUNTIES.

The Act allows the Kent County Levy Court to impose a lodging tax not greater than 3% in Kent County.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HOTEL LODGING ASSN. | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## SB 289

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION.

This Act amends Title 16, Chapter 76 of the Delaware Code relating to energy conservation identified in county and municipal building and plumbing codes. Consistent with codes in other States, including New York, Rhode Island, and Washington, among others, this Act requires as a threshold that counties and municipalities must, at minimum, meet the threshold adopted by the Delaware Energy Office (“DEO”). The Act authorizes counties and municipalities to go above the threshold adopted by the DEO.

This Act also amends Title 29, Chapter 80 of the Delaware Code by charging the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council and the Sustainable Energy Utility to collaborate to design programs to promote and support the development and construction of energy efficient housing, including programs to alleviate the potential increased upfront costs caused by the adoption of local stretch codes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 17, 2024 |
| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | James Nutter, Esq. | Jun 28, 2024 |
| CITY OF NEWARK | James DeChene | Jun 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC. | Jason Gonzalez | May 21, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS' ASSN. | Ellen Valentino-Benitez | May 13, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 289

This amendment provides that local jurisdictions may not adopt a stretch code that would replace or supersede, in its entirety, the most recent energy code adopted by the Delaware Energy Office unless the local jurisdiction initiates a formal administrative or regulatory process under the guidance of the Delaware Energy Office at least 6 months prior to adoption.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT CO. | Anne Farley | Jul 12, 2024 |

## SB 290

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS.

This Bill institutes a State nontidal wetlands program and leaves intact the current State tidal wetlands program under Chapter 66 of Title 7. Prior to these amendments, the only regulatory protection of the State's nontidal wetlands was through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal Clean Water Act ("CWA"). Nontidal (freshwater) wetlands are valuable resources that contribute to the quality of life for all Delawareans and deserve a local program of protection. The State nontidal wetlands program will be more efficient and more responsive than the federal program. The State nontidal wetlands program will cover gaps in federal jurisdiction under the CWA and mitigate the uncertainty

surrounding the limits to federal jurisdiction. The bill also makes technical revisions and conforms certain language to existing language in 7 Del. C. Ch. 60, for consistency.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION | Steven Baccino | Jul 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Jamie Clough | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CITY REFINING COMPANY | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | James Nutter, Esq. | May 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FARM BUREAU | WILLIAM Clifton | Jul 5, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. OF TOWNS | James Nutter, Esq. | May 17, 2024 |
| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Jul 9, 2024 |
| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Jul 22, 2024 |
| VEOLIA | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 5, 2024 |
| VEOLIA | Rebecca Byrd | Jun 6, 2024 |
| VEOLIA | Kimberly B. Gomes | Jun 6, 2024 |
| VERIZON | Robert McGuckin | Jul 17, 2024 |
| WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE | William McMurray | Jul 1, 2024 |

## SB 292

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF PUPILS' SCHOOL RECORDS.

This Act updates the statute on disclosure of pupil records to ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and improve information sharing between educational institutions and programs operating in this State, including local postsecondary institutions and programs and local education agencies, and the Department of Education (“Department”). Specifically, the Act does the following:

(1) Provides that educational records of students, and personally identifiable information contained therein, may only be disclosed or redisclosed in accordance with FERPA and its implementing regulations.

(2) Allows local education agencies and educational institutions and programs who outsource their data exchange and compliance with reporting requirements to the Department to consider the Department a school official as defined by FERPA regulations. This allows educational institutions and programs to disclose to the Department, without parental consent, information necessary for federal and state reporting when there is a legitimate educational interest.

(3) Gives the Department authority to redisclose educational records for the purposes of ensuring the effectiveness of publicly funded programs and improving educational outcomes for students. Like initial disclosures, redisclosures must comply with FERPA and its implementing regulations.

The Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 28, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jun 13, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jun 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## SB 293

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING.

The Delaware Fair Housing Act, Chapter 46 of Title 6, and Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, Chapter 51 of Title 25, both prohibit discrimination based on source of income, which is defined as including rental payments from any government program. However, both laws also provide that a landlord's nonparticipation in a government-sponsored rental assistance, voucher, or certificate system cannot be the basis for an administrative or judicial proceeding.

This Act revises both the Delaware Fair Housing Act and Residential Landlord-Tenant Code to repeal the exemption to discrimination based on source of income that allows a landlord to discriminate against tenants who participate in government-sponsored rental assistance programs because this exemption contributes to a lack of affordable housing in this State. There is currently a severe shortage of affordable housing for extremely low-income households in Delaware, with only 38 affordable rental units available for every 100 extremely low-income households. In addition, studies have shown that people who use government subsidies to move from high-poverty neighborhoods to communities with more opportunity have measurable health improvements and the children in these families earn more in adulthood than children who remain in high-poverty neighborhoods.

This Act delays the effective date of this Act to allow the opportunity for all of the following to occur:
1. Conduct outreach and education to landlords about how this Act changes the law. This outreach will include information explaining that while the law prohibits a landlord from having a blanket policy of not accepting government assistance to pay rent, it does not require a landlord to accept all applicants who receive rental assistance, such as applicants who have a history of evictions or not paying utility bills.
2. Explore opportunities to streamline and standardize the processes used by government assistance.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jun 14, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | May 17, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| HOME BUILDER ASSN. OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |

## HA 1 to SS 1 for SB 293

This Amendment revises this Act to reflect the Delaware State Housing Authority's receipt of the third-party consultant's recommendation report in May 2024 and makes the following changes based on those recommendations:
1. Requires that the public housing authorities adopt and implement the recommended standardized sequence of

processing a Request for Tenancy Approval and that a landlord may deny a rental application if a public housing authority fails to comply with this process.
2. Makes this Act effective immediately but implemented the later of when the public housing authorities have implemented all of the short-term recommendations in the consultant's May 2024 report or January 1, 2026.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 29, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 293

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FAIR HOUSING.

The Delaware Fair Housing Act, Chapter 46 of Title 6, and Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, Chapter 51 of Title 25, both prohibit discrimination based on source of income, which is defined as including rental payments from any government program. However, both laws also provide that a landlord's nonparticipation in a government-sponsored rental assistance, voucher, or certificate system cannot be the basis for an administrative or judicial proceeding.

Like Senate Bill No. 293, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 293 revises both the Delaware Fair Housing Act and Residential Landlord-Tenant Code to repeal the exemption to discrimination based on source of income that allows a landlord to discriminate against tenants who participate in government-sponsored rental assistance programs because this exemption contributes to a lack of affordable housing in this State. There is currently a severe shortage of affordable housing for extremely low-income households in Delaware, with only 38 affordable rental units available for every 100 extremely low-income households. In addition, studies have shown that people who use government subsidies to move from high-poverty neighborhoods to communities with more opportunity have measurable health improvements and the children in these families earn more in adulthood than children who remain in high-poverty neighborhoods.

Also like SB 293, SS 1 for SB 293 delays the effective date of this Act to allow the opportunity for Delaware's 5 public housing authorities (PHAs) to do all of the following:
1. Streamline their procedures associated with housing vouchers.
2. Conduct outreach and education to landlords about how this Act changes the law. This outreach will include information explaining that while the law prohibits a landlord from having a blanket policy of not accepting government assistance to pay rent, it does not require a landlord to accept all applicants who receive rental assistance, such as applicants who have a history of evictions or not paying utility bills.

SS 1 for SB 293 differs from SB 93 by as follows:
• Adds whereas clauses that provide an expanded explanation of current law.
• Adds whereas clauses that explain the process Delaware’s 5 PHAs are undertaking to streamline the procedures required when landlords accept housing vouchers.
• Requires that the Delaware State Housing Authority provide a report by March 1, 2028, that contains the status of each streamlining recommendation and data comparing the utilization of vouchers before and after the effective date of this Act.
• Provides a specific effective date of January 1, 2026.
• Provides a sunset date, December 31, 2028, unless repealed or extended by a subsequent act of the General Assembly.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Sean Finnigan | Jun 10, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 29, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Verity Watson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY | Kim Willson | Jun 29, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## SB 295

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

This Act strengthens the current practice of obtaining service letters for employment in child care facilities to protect children from workers who have engaged in prior acts that are prohibited by the Office of Child Care Licensing. The Act does all of the following:

1. Requires service letters used for child care facilities ask previous employers whether they would have any concerns about the employee providing care to children.
2. Requires service letters used for child care facilities ask previous employers whether the employee was ever warned, reprimanded, suspended, or discharged for any violations found in the Department of Education's Regulations for Early Care and Education and School-Age Centers.
3. Requires the Office of Child Care Licensing to report any suspected failure of an employer to adhere to the requirements of a service letter to the Department of Labor for review and possible civil penalties.
4. Clarifies the Department of Labor is the only party that can seek civil enforcement under this section.
5. Makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## SB 296

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANTITRUST.

This Act amends the Delaware Antitrust Act (“DAA”) (Chapter 21, Title 6 of the Code) to provide indirect purchasers who have been harmed by violations of the Delaware Antitrust Act the ability to sue for damages. Indirect purchasers of a product or service in the chain of distribution are often the ones who bear the burden of any overcharges from antitrust violations such as price-fixing. Direct purchasers and others in the chain of distribution of the affected product or service often have the ability to pass the overcharge through the chain of distribution to end users. This will align Delaware with at least 36 other states which currently allow for a cause of action for damages for indirect purchasers. Often, end users who make purchases in Delaware, primarily Delaware residents and businesses, are excluded from making claims against multimillion dollar settlement funds set up to compensate indirect purchasers for transactions made in other states that do authorize lawsuits for damages for indirect purchasers.

To avoid complicated proof issues related to the pass through of any overcharge through the chain of distribution of a product or service, the Act creates a presumption that any overcharge paid by the first purchaser as a result of a violation of the DAA is passed through to the end user. Also, to simplify issues of proof, the Act provides a plaintiff may elect 25% of the consideration paid for the goods or services in connection with the transaction affected by an

illegal restraint of trade as an alternative liquidated damage amount to actual harm.

To allow Delaware consumers and businesses to fully take advantage of the remedies provided by this Act, the Act creates a private right of action. Delaware is one of only 2 states that do not provide for a private right of action under their state antitrust law of general applicability. Currently, only the Attorney General has a right to bring actions under the DAA and the Attorney General does not have the resources to review or participate in every national antitrust action. This will ensure Delaware indirect purchasers receive the benefits of private enforcement of the DAA.

Section 2 of the Act creates a Delaware state law equivalent to Section 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act, the federal antitrust statute, which establishes three offenses commonly termed “monopolization,” “attempted monopolization,” and “conspiracy to monopolize.” Delaware is only 1 of 9 states that does not have a state law equivalent to Section 2 of the Sherman Act and its addition to the DAA is needed to ensure the remedies under the DAA including a right of recovery for indirect purchasers are available to the Attorney General and to Delaware consumers and businesses.

Section 3 of the Act modifies the confidentiality restrictions of materials produced to the Attorney General pursuant to an investigative demand. It would allow for the materials to be shared with the Attorney General’s agents such as consultants, experts, electronic discovery platform vendors and economists which would be necessary for the Attorney General to decide on whether the law has been violated and how best to remedy the violation. The Act would also allow the Attorney General to share materials produced pursuant to an investigative demand with federal or state law enforcement officers that agree to keep the information confidential and use it only for official law enforcement purposes. Likewise, the Act requires the Attorney General to keep materials provided by other law enforcement officers received under similar process confidential. These provisions will make it easier for the Attorney General to work together with other federal and state law enforcers in enforcing state and federal antitrust laws.

Section 4 of the Act provides an alternative calculation for civil penalties for violations of the Delaware Antitrust Act. Under certain facts and circumstances, the current maximum penalty for a violation of the DAA may be lower than the amount of the gain a violator may obtain by violating the DAA making any penalty a cost of doing business and an insufficient deterrent to violate the law. The alternative calculation provides for an assessment of a civil penalty of up to twice the gross gain or loss associated with the violation. This is like the alternative method for calculating federal criminal fines for the same conduct. Section 4 also authorizes a Court to award investigative costs, expert witness fees, and attorneys’ fees to the Attorney General when the Attorney General successfully brings a law enforcement action to enforce the DAA. Currently, a Court may only award attorney’s fees and expert costs to the Attorney General when the Attorney General brings an action on behalf of a public body or natural persons.

Section 5 of the Act creates a right for indirect purchasers who have been harmed by violations of the DAA to sue for damages. It creates a presumption that overcharges paid by the first purchaser as a result of such violations are passed to the end user, and allows a plaintiff to seek liquidated damages in the amount of 25% of the consideration paid, as an alternative to seeking damages for actual harm incurred.

Section 6 of the Act clarifies that the Court of Chancery has exclusive jurisdiction of all state court actions or proceedings under the DAA.

The Act also makes several clarifications throughout the DAA to recognize it is often federal courts exercising supplemental jurisdiction deciding claims arising under the DAA.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AT&T | Christine P. Schiltz | May 13, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |

## HA 1 to SB 296

This amendment makes technical corrections to Senate Bill No. 296.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |

## SB 297

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN EDUCATION.

This Act acknowledges the importance of diversity and inclusivity in education by requiring the Department of Education to update content standards and regulations using a non-exhaustive list of racial, ethnic, and cultural groups.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Amelia Hodges | May 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 16, 2024 |

## SB 298

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT.

This Act amends the Charter of the Town of Newport in the following ways:

Section 1 of the Act amends Article III of the Charter pertaining to the Mayor and Commissioners. It provides that the Mayor and Commissioners may discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of Town administrative officers or employees with the Town Manager in Executive Session. In addition, the Charter currently provides that the Mayor and Commissioners may deal with Town officers and employees directly for the purposes of inquiries and investigations; Section 1 eliminates this exception and requires the Mayor and Commissioners to deal with such officers and employees through the Town Manager for all purposes. Section 1 also modifies the criteria for which a Mayor or Commissioner forfeits office based on attendance of meetings: while currently the Charter provides that a Mayor or Commissioner forfeits office for failure to attend 3 successive monthly meetings or 4 regular meetings in a 12-month period, Section 1 provides only that failure to attend 4 regular meetings in a 12-month period will result in forfeiture. Finally, Section 1 eliminates the requirement for the Mayor and Commissioners to meet in July and August.

Section 2 of the Act amends Article IV of the Charter pertaining to assessment of property and taxes. It streamlines the procedures for how the Town may use property assessments performed by New Castle County.

Section 3 of the Act amends Article VI of the Charter pertaining to finances and indebtedness. It eliminates certain requirements for a capital improvement plan submitted by the Town Manager to the Commissioners.
Section 4 of the Act amends Article VI of the Charter pertaining to Town Appointive Offices. It eliminates certain actions required to be taken by the Mayor in the event that the Town chooses not to use property assessments

performed by the county. In addition, Section 4 provides that the Town Manager, rather than the Mayor, may appoint a Town Building Inspector, and eliminates the separate position of "Town Plumbing Inspector."

Section 5 of the Act amends Article VIII of the Charter pertaining to Election rules and Procedure. It provides that the Town Clerk or Town Manager must give notice of any election or referendum. Section 5 also requires a criminal background check of all candidates seeking election as Commissioner, at the candidates' expense; a successful candidate may be reimbursed for the cost of the background check up to $75. Finally, Section 5 provides that the Town will use the State's voter registration rolls and eliminates any provision for absentee voting.

Section 6 of the Act amends Article IX of the Charter pertaining to the Town Manager. Consistent with the changes made in Section 3 of the Act, Section 6 eliminates the requirement that the Town Manager submit a capital plan to the Commissioners.

Section 7 of the Act amends Article X of the Charter pertaining to Town Administration. It provides that the Chief of Police, rather than the Commissioners, will have the power to implement policies for governing the Police Department. Section 7 also provides that the Police Department will have statewide police arrest and enforcement powers equivalent to those held by a member of the Delaware State Police, subject to certain terms.

In addition, Section 7 removes the provisions for a Town Board of Health.

Section 8 of the Act amends Article XI of the Charter pertaining to Planning. It removes the provisions for a Town Planning Commission and provides that the Commissioners must adopt a comprehensive development plan at least every 10 years.

Section 9 of the Act amends Article XII of the Charter pertaining to General Provisions and, specifically, to Charter Amendments. It eliminates the requirement for a Town referendum on amendments to the Charter.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Andrew Bernstein | Jul 1, 2024 |
| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |

## SB 300

### AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS.

This Act requires crisis pregnancy centers in this state to provide notice if the center is not licensed by this state as a medical facility and does not have a licensed medical provider who provides or directly supervises, in person, the provision of services. A violation of this Act is an unlawful practice under § 2513 of Title 6 and a violation of Subchapter II, Chapter 25 of Title 6.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) (DELAWARE) | Javonne Rich | Jun 13, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Sarah Stowens | Jul 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 4, 2024 |

## SB 301

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROVIDING MEDICATION ABORTION PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.

This Act requires public universities in this state to provide access to medication for the termination of pregnancy and emergency contraception. The medication and contraception must be provided on-site, but consultation to provide them may be performed by a provider at the student health center, through telehealth services, or by a provider who is associated with a university-contracted external agency. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |
| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 15, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 15, 2024 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND OF DELAWARE, INC. | Lisa Goodman | Jun 4, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | May 14, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Lauren Vella | May 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | May 14, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | May 14, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 301

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROVIDING MEDICATION ABORTION PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.

Like Senate Bill No. 301, this Act, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 301 requires public universities in this state to provide access to medication for the termination of pregnancy and emergency contraception. The medication and contraception must be provided on-site, but consultation to provide them may be performed by a provider at the student health center or by a provider who is associated with a university-contracted external agency. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 301 differs from SB 301 as follows:

- Defines the term "student."

- Provides an exception for a university that does not have a student health center, including requirements that the university provide information and referral services to students and ensure that the university's health services website provides specified information relating to reproductive services.
- Adds a requirement that universities maintain confidentiality of information a student provides relating to a request for a referral.
- Removes references to private institutions of postsecondary education.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jun 13, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Caitlin Olsen | Jul 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Evan Park | Jul 20, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Albert Shields | Jul 2, 2024 |

## SB 302

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BREWERY-PUBS.

This Act allows a licensed brewery-pub located within the premises of a public golf courses to apply to the Commissioner for a license to sell alcoholic beverages to patrons of the golf course if the brewery-pub and public golf course share common ownership.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Rhett Ruggerio | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Verity Watson | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BREWERS GUILD | Kim Willson | May 16, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 16, 2024 |

## SB 304

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGULATORY PROVISIONS FOR NONACADEMIC TRAINING AND RELATED RESOURCES.

This Act makes changes to nonacademic training requirements for school district and charter school personnel to help ensure that mandatory trainings are relevant to student needs and based on best practices. While nonacademic mandatory trainings are essential to addressing critical issues facing Delaware students, school personnel have expressed concerns related to the time burden and relevance of required trainings. Streamlining and modernizing such trainings could enhance their effectiveness and allow school personnel to spend more time meeting the needs of students. To that end, this Act makes the following changes to nonacademic training requirements for school district and charter school personnel:

(1) School bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training hours are reduced from 3 hours every 3 years to 1 hour every 3 years, and new employees must complete 1 hour of training within 1 year of employment.
(2) Suicide prevention training hours are reduced from 4½ hours every 3 years to 3 hours every 3 years, and new employees must complete 1 hour of training within 1 year of employment.
(3) Teen dating violence and sexual assault training hours for school administrators, nurses, and counselors serving

students in grades 7 through 12 are reduced from 2 hours every 3 years to 1 hour every 3 years, and new employees must complete 1 hour of training within 1 year of employment.

This Act also directs the Department of Education, in consultation with other relevant entities, to review its mandatory training programs every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the programs as necessary to ensure that they are relevant to student needs and consistent with best practices. The Department of Education is also responsible under the Act for developing regulations that create a schedule for all trainings under § 4162 of Title 14.

Finally, this Act makes a minor technical correction to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| DELAWARE STATE EDUCATION ASSN. | Taylor Hawk | May 16, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 304

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(3) Teen dating violence and sexual assault training hours for school administrators, nurses, and counselors serving students in grades 7 through 12 are reduced from 2 hours every 3 years to 1 hour every 3 years, and new employees must complete 1 hour of training within 1 year of employment.

This Act also directs the entities that developed these trainings to work in collaboration with the Department of Education (“the Department”) to review mandatory training programs every 3 years, at a minimum, and update the programs as necessary to ensure that they are relevant to student needs and consistent with best practices. The Department is also responsible under the Act for developing regulations that create a schedule for all trainings under § 4162 of Title 14.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 304 differs from Senate Bill No. 304 in that it requires the entities that developed the trainings to work in collaboration with the Department to review and potentially update the trainings. In contrast, Senate Bill. No. 304 would require the Department to take the lead in revising and updating trainings in consultation with these other entities. Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 304 also adds an effective date for § 4163 of Title 14 at line 31, to reflect a recent change to the effective date of the statute.

Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 304 makes minor technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 305

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

This Act streamlines and modernizes the State Early Childhood Education Program in § 3001 of Title 14, also referred to as State-funded early care and education, as follows:

(1) Adds definitions.

(2) Provides the Department of Education (Department) with a general grant of authority to provide early childhood educational services.

(3) Subject to available appropriations, § 3001(c) of this Act requires the Department to provide free, full-day early childhood educational services for preschool-age children who satisfy eligibility requirements developed by the Department. This provision incorporates elements of epilogue language from the FY 2024 Annual Appropriation Act regarding the Redding Consortium and the Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP).

(4) Allows for common standards and processes across programs.

(5) Requires the early childhood educational services under § 3001(c) to align with quality standards in the categories of learning environment and curriculum, qualifications and professional development, family and community partnerships, and management and administration.

(6) Aligns the length of contracts with the Head Start program, while clarifying that contracts under this section must comply with State procurement standards under Chapter 69 of Title 29.

(7) Updates the Code to reflect that the Department uses a quality improvement system instead of Delaware Stars for Early Success.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual and for clarity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 305

To provide flexibility for the Department of Education (Department) to expand access to free, high quality early childhood educational services, this Amendment removes the requirement that the Department provide early childhood educational services that are full day in favor of allowing the Department to identify priorities for which programs to provide, including the consideration of the number of hours per day a program offers.

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| YMCA OF DELAWARE, INC. | Nicole Freedman | Jul 15, 2024 |

## SB 306

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAM.

This Act makes technical changes and updates to the Delaware workplace safety program. Under current law, qualifying employers who pay $3,161 or more in annual workers' compensation premiums may be eligible for lower

insurance premiums under the workplace safety program. The Act changes that criteria to employers who currently qualify for the uniform experience rating plan as approved by the Insurance Commissioner or who otherwise qualify for the program pursuant to parameters set by the Insurance Commissioner by regulation. In addition, the Act provides that in determining safety credits for a qualified employer that was not experience-rated in the policy period expiring immediately prior to application of the safety credit, the formula for calculating safety credits will incorporate amounts determined by the Insurance Commissioner by regulation.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, INC. | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, INC. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, INC. | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, INC. | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |

## SA 2 to SB 306

This amendment adds an effective date of 6 months after enactment into law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 307

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 AND TITLE 29 RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGE AND CUSTOM FABRICATION.

This Act clarifies the meaning of custom fabrication as first defined in Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill No. 102 in the 152nd General Assembly. That substitute bill modified the relationship between custom fabrication and the prevailing wage.

The Act also removes custom fabrication as a term in Title 19 to avoid confusion of the term being defined differently in two different titles.

This Act becomes effective January 1, 2025.

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| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |

## SS 1 for SB 307

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 AND TITLE 29 RELATING TO PREVAILING WAGE AND CUSTOM FABRICATION.

This substitute bill for Senate Bill No. 307 clarifies the meaning of custom fabrication as first defined in Senate

Substitute 1 for Senate Bill No. 102 in the 152nd General Assembly. That substitute bill modified the relationship between custom fabrication and the prevailing wage.
This substitute removes custom fabrication as a term in Title 19 to avoid confusion of the term being defined differently in two different titles.
Section 3 of this substitute bill becomes effective immediately.
Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this substitute bill become effective January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DIAMOND MATERIALS, LLC | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 24, 2024 |

## SB 308

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 5 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT.

This Act adopts the Uniform Special Deposits Act (“the Act”) authored by the Uniform Law Commission. The Uniform Law Commission “provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law.” The Act was adopted by the Uniform Law Commission in October 2023 and has been adopted in 2 states and introduced in 3 other states.

The Act addresses deposits at a bank where the identity of the person entitled to payment is not determined until the occurrence of a contingency identified at the time that the deposit is created. An example of such an account is an escrow account holding funds that will be paid to one of two potential beneficiaries depending on the outcome of a contingency. Although such accounts are commonly used, the legal protections afforded them are uncertain. The fundamental purpose of the Uniform Special Deposits Act is to provide a vehicle that banks and their customers can elect to use providing greater legal certainty that the expectations of users will be respected. The Act provides a mechanism those that elect to be covered by the Act can use to avoid case law applied to special deposits that is murky and in some ways outdated in the context of modern banking.

In determining whether a person is engaged in the business of banking to be considered a bank for purposes of the Act, the business of banking is intended to be construed broadly to include persons that may engage in limited functions that are part of or incidental to the business of banking, such as a trust company that engages in fiduciary and agency activities and has the power and authority to accept a special deposit.

This Act takes effect on January 1, 2025.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| BANK OF AMERICA, NA AND ITS AFFILIATES (HDQTRS) | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |
| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | May 21, 2024 |
| MID-ATLANTIC FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION | Christopher V. DiPietro | May 16, 2024 |

## SB 309

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS.

This Act adopts the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act of 2023 (UHCDA 2023) to supersede the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act of 1993, which Delaware enacted in 1996. The UHCDA 2023 was authored by the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) and was developed in a multiyear collaborative and non-partisan process to modernize and expand on the 1993 version of the act.

The UHCDA 2023 maintains processes to address how health-care decisions can be made by or on behalf of individuals who lack capacity, including:

(1) Allowing individuals to appoint agents to make health-care decisions for them should they become unable to make those decisions for themselves.

(2) Allowing individuals to provide their health-care professionals and agents with instructions about their values and priorities regarding their health care and to indicate medical treatment they do or do not wish to receive.

(3) Authorizing certain people to make health-care decisions for individuals incapable of making their own decisions, but who have not appointed agents.

(4) Setting forth agent, default surrogate, and health-care professional rights and duties.

The UHCDA 2023 reflects substantial changes in how health care is delivered, increases in non-traditional familial relationships and living arrangements, the proliferation of the use of electronic documents, the growing use of separate advance directives exclusively for mental health care, and other recent developments. Some updates to the Act include:

(1) Removal of administrative barriers that make the creation of an advance health-care directive more difficult.

(2) Addition of provisions to guide determinations of incapacity, which is important because an agent's or default surrogate's (surrogate's) authority to make health-care decisions for a patient typically commences when the patient lacks capacity to make decisions. The Act modernizes the definition of capacity so that it accounts for the functional abilities of an individual and clarifies that the individual may lack capacity to make one decision but retains capacity to make other decisions.

(3) Authorizing the use of advance directives exclusively for mental health care.

(4) Modernizing default surrogate provisions that allow family members and certain other people close to a patient to make decisions in the event the patient lacks capacity and has not appointed a health-care agent. The new default surrogate provisions update the priority list in the 1993 Act to reflect a broader array of relationships and family structures. They also provide additional options to address disagreements among default surrogates who have equal priority.

(5) Clarifying the duties and powers of surrogates. For example, to reduce the likelihood that an individual's health-care needs will go unmet due to financial barriers, the Act authorizes a surrogate to apply for health insurance for a patient who does not have another fiduciary authorized to do so.

(6) Modernizing the optional model form to be readily understandable and accessible to diverse populations. The form gives individuals the opportunity to readily share information about their values and goals for medical care. Thus, it addresses a common concern raised by health-care professionals in the context of advance planning: that instructions included in advance directives often focus exclusively on preferences for particular treatments, and do not provide health-care professionals or surrogates with the type of information about patients' goals and values that could be used to make value-congruent decisions when novel or unexpected situations arise. The form addresses these concerns by providing options for individuals to indicate goals and values, in addition to specific treatment preferences.

This Act also adopts some of the optional provisions suggested by the ULC, including that an agent or surrogate has limited ability to consent to the long-term placement of an individual in a nursing home without express authorization. Specifically, without express authorization, the agent or surrogate may not consent to the placement for more than

100 days over the individual's contemporaneous objection unless (1) no alternative living arrangement is reasonably feasible or (2) the individual is terminally ill. The ULC suggested 100 days in recognition that the federal Medicare program covers up to 100 days of nursing home care for qualified beneficiaries.

This Act does not authorize mercy killing, assisted suicide, or euthanasia.

In addition to style changes throughout, this Act makes some modifications to the UHCDA 2023 that are consistent with Act and should not disrupt uniform interpretation. These modifications include:
(1) Revising language to conform to Delaware court practices.
(2) Providing surrogates with the authority to file insurance or benefit claims on behalf of the individual and to appeal such outcomes, in addition to the UHCDA 2023 allowance for a surrogate to apply for insurance or benefits on behalf of the individual. As under the UHCDA 2023, a surrogate does not have the duty to perform these actions and may only do so if no other fiduciary is authorized to do so.
(3) Creating an additional disqualification that disallows a potential surrogate from serving if the individual has a pending Protection From Abuse petition against the potential surrogate, the individual has a Protection From Abuse order against the potential surrogate, or the potential surrogate is the subject of a civil or criminal order prohibiting or limiting contact with the individual.

Section 2 of this Act adds a new Chapter 25B to the Delaware Code. Chapter 25B will contain Delaware-specific supplements to the UHCDA 2023. These Delaware-specific additions are being placed within their own chapter to promote uniform interpretation of the UHCDA 2023. Chapter 25B includes § 2502B, which relates to health-care institution authorization to petition for guardianship for an individual to whom the institution is providing care. Section 2502B reinforces the work of the Non-Acute Medical Guardianship Task Force, created by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30 by the 150th General Assembly. That task force's work resulted in the current § 2519 of Title 16, which offers a process and timeline whereby health-care institutions can take steps to help obtain a guardianship for patients who no longer require acute care and can be transferred to another type of health-care setting. While § 2502B retains the ability for a health-care institution to address the discharge of long-term stay patients without an authorized decisionmaker, it modifies the powers in the current § 2519 by doing all of the following:
(1) Allowing health-care institutions to petition of the appointment of a guardian in instances beyond where an individual no longer needs acute care.
(2) Reiterating that the health-care institution may only petition if they believe there is no less restrictive alternative that will meet the individual's needs.
(3) Streamlining notice requirements and changing who must receive these notices so that a health-care institution does not send a notice if there is a reasonably available surrogate. If there is a reasonably available surrogate and there is a dispute between the surrogate and the health-care institution about the treatment or level of care needed by an individual, then the parties should seek judicial relief under § 2526 of the UHCDA 2023 as opposed to using the guardianship process.

The new Chapter 25B also contains a provision to encourage public awareness and use of advance mental health-care directives.

Sections 3 through 11 of this Act update the Delaware Code in light of the adoption of the UHCDA 2023 by updating internal citations, updating terms to match the terms used in the UHCDA 2023, and ensuring a consistent list of default surrogate decisionmakers.

This Act is effective immediately and is to be implemented 1 year from the date of enactment.

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 8, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | May 21, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | May 21, 2024 |
| GIFT OF LIFE DONOR PROGRAM | Mary McLaughlin | Jul 8, 2024 |

## SB 310

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOME TITLE TRANSFERS.

This Act updates the procedures governing the transfer of a manufactured home located in a manufactured home community in order to provide a clearer process and reduce ambiguities that allowed some community owners to prevent the transfer of a lease or a home as well as prevent family members from inheriting the investment made by a deceased family member in a home.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Sarah Rhine | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | May 21, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Richard Bayard | Jun 14, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Rhett Ruggerio | May 21, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Verity Watson | May 21, 2024 |
| TUNNELL COMPANIES L. P. | Kim Willson | May 21, 2024 |

## SB 311

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION.

This bill creates new subsections in Section 507(c) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code to define the licensure and certification requirements more clearly within Chapter 5 of Title 14 and provides the ability for charter schools to hire the administrators that they deem beneficial to the success of the school's education program and the needs of students and staff. To that end, the bill defines "Instructional Administrator" and "Non-instructional Administrator" at a charter school. The bill clarifies that all Instructional Administrators at charter schools must be licensed and certified as administrators while Non-instructional Administrators do not. The bill also exempts the charter school administrator who reports directly to the Charter Board of Directors from the licensure and certification requirement and allows a charter school to request permission from the charter authorizer to hire an additional unlicensed and uncertified administrator.

Section 2 requires that the Professional Standards Board work with the Delaware Charter Schools Network and the Department of Education to provide for any regulatory changes necessary to implement the legislation.

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | May 24, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | May 24, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 8, 2024 |

## HA 1 to SB 311

This Synopsis makes technical corrections by deleting the reference to repealed paragraphs in this section and correcting a referenced Code title.

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |

## SB 313

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW.

Section 1. Section 1 of this Act amends § 122. New § 122(18) sets forth certain types of provisions that may be included in contracts between a corporation and its current or prospective stockholders or beneficial owners of its stock, even if those provisions are not set forth in, or referenced as a fact ascertainable in, the certificate of incorporation pursuant to § 141(a). The Court of Chancery recently observed that "[t]he expansive use of stockholder agreements suggests that greater statutory guidance may be beneficial[.]" West Palm Beach Firefighters' Pension Fund v. Moelis & Company, 2024 WL 747180 (Del. Ch. Feb. 23, 2024) at n.272. Accordingly, new § 122(18) specifically authorizes a corporation to enter into contracts with one or more of its stockholders or beneficial owners of its stock, for such minimum consideration as approved by its board of directors, and provides a non-exclusive list of contract provisions by which a corporation may agree to:

a. restrict or prohibit future corporate actions specified in the contract;

b. require the approval or consent of one or more persons or bodies (including the board of directors or one or more current or future directors, stockholders or beneficial owners of stock) before the corporation may take actions specified in the contract; and

c. covenant that the corporation or one or more persons or bodies (including the board of directors or one or more current or future directors, stockholders or beneficial owners of stock) will take, or refrain from taking, future actions specified in the contract.

New § 122(18) also provides that the corporation may be subject to the remedies available under applicable contract law, including in connection with any breach or attempted breach of the contract. Notwithstanding any choice of law provision in the contract, the reference in the last sentence of § 122(18) to the law "governing" the contract shall be deemed to refer to the laws of this State if and to the extent choice of law principles (such as the internal affairs doctrine) so require. New § 122(18) provides bright-line authorization for contractual provisions addressing the matters listed above, and therefore would provide for a different rule than the portion of the Moelis decision in which the Court held that contract provisions of this nature must be included in the certificate of incorporation to be valid. The Court in Moelis found that provisions in a stockholder agreement that required a stockholder's approval before the corporation could take a number of actions constituted, in the aggregate, impermissible internal governance restrictions in violation of § 141(a), and therefore those approval rights should have been included in the certificate of incorporation to be valid.

New § 122(18) also includes a proviso confirming that no provision of a contract shall be enforceable against the corporation to the extent such contract provision is contrary to the certificate of incorporation or would be contrary to the laws of this State (other than § 115 of Title 8) if included in the certificate of incorporation. The proviso excludes § 115, so that corporations may enter into contracts under § 122(18) with exclusive forum and arbitration provisions that

do not select the courts of this State to adjudicate claims under the contracts. New § 122(18) also provides that, for purposes of applying the proviso, a restriction, prohibition or covenant in any such contract that relates to any specified action shall not be deemed contrary to Title 8 or the certificate of incorporation by reason of a provision of Title 8 or the certificate of incorporation that authorizes or empowers the board of directors (or any one or more directors) to take such action. For example, a general recitation in the certificate of incorporation of the default provisions of § 141(a) would not be sufficient to render inoperable the provisions of § 122(18) because such recitation merely authorizes the board of directors to manage, or direct the management of, the business and affairs of the corporation. In addition, other provisions of Title 8 or the certificate of incorporation that generally or specifically empower or authorize a board of directors to authorize or take any action would not prohibit a corporation from entering into a contract with current or prospective stockholders containing provisions (i) restricting or prohibiting the corporation from taking that action, (ii) requiring the approval or consent of one or more other persons or bodies before the corporation may take that action or (iii) agreeing that the corporation (or other persons or bodies) will take, or refrain from taking, that action. However, as explained in detail below, new § 122(18) would not preclude a provision in a corporation's certificate of incorporation, in reliance on the provisions of §§ 102(b)(1), 102(b)(4) and 102(d), that limits the authority granted to the board of directors by § 122(18). Thus, to render inoperable the provisions of § 122(18), a certificate of incorporation could state the corporation lacks the power and authority to enter into the contracts authorized by § 122(18), or could state that the corporation lacks the power and authority to authorize specific contracts, or types of contracts, that would otherwise be authorized by § 122(18).

The amendments do not impact certain other principles articulated in existing case law, including the following:

1) Amended § 122(5) clarifies that management contracts and other arrangements appointing or delegating authority to an officer or agent to act on behalf of the corporation continue to be subject to § 141(a) and the related common law addressing an over-delegation of duties and authority by a board of directors. See Grimes v. Donald, 673 A.2d 1207 (Del. 1996), Politan Capital Management LP v. Masimo Corporation, C.A. No. 2022-0948-NAC (Del. Ch. Feb. 3, 2023) (transcript); In re Bally's Grand Derivative Litigation, 1997 WL 305803 (Del. Ch. June 4, 1997).

2) New § 122(18) does not authorize a corporation to enter into contracts with stockholders or beneficial owners of stock that impose remedies or other consequences against directors if they take, or fail to take, specified actions as required by the contract or that purport to bind the board of directors or individual directors as parties to the contract. Contracts that would impose such remedies or consequences on directors or that would bind directors as parties are subject to existing law. Abercrombie v. Davies, 123 A.2d 893 (Del. Ch. 1956); Chapin v. Benwood Foundation, Inc., 402 A.2d 1205 (Del. Ch. 1979). Instead, new § 122(18) authorizes contracts that impose remedies only against the corporation, including as a result of any failure by the corporation, its board of directors, or its current or future directors, stockholders or beneficial owners of stock, to take, or refrain from taking, actions specified in the contract. If an action addressed in a covenant by the corporation requires director or stockholder approval under Title 8, that approval must still be obtained in order to effect the action pursuant to Title 8. For example, the lack of stockholder approval of an action under Title 8 requiring such approval would render specific performance of the covenant unavailable. Moreover, as noted below, even the enforceability of a claim for money damages for breach of the covenant may be subject to equitable review, and related equitable limitations, if the making or performance of the contract constitutes a breach of fiduciary duty.

3) Amended § 122(18) authorizes only contracts with stockholders and beneficial owners of stock if the contracts are supported by consideration received by the corporation and if the minimum amount of that consideration is approved by the board of directors. Accord In re infoUSA, Inc. Shareholders Litigation, 953 A.2d 963 (Del. Ch. 2007) ("[A] board is empowered to make agreements with other actors in commerce, including its own shareholders"); Unisuper Ltd. v. News Corporation, 2005 WL 3529317 (Del. Ch. Dec. 20, 2005) (noting that a board policy could be enforceable if stockholders relied to their detriment on that policy by voting to redomicile the corporation in Delaware). Accordingly,

new § 122(18) would not change the outcome in cases that invalidated bylaws, and other arrangements, where consideration had not been provided to the corporation and the provisions at issue conflicted with § 141(a) of Title 8. See e.g. Quickturn Design Systems, Inc. v. Shapiro, 721 A.2d 1281 (Del. 1998) (applying § 141(a) to invalidate a provision in a stockholder rights plan, which is a nominal agreement between a corporation and a rights agent in which the corporation does not receive consideration for distributing rights to its stockholders); Carmody v. Toll Brothers, Inc., 723 A.2d 1180 (Del. Ch. 1998) (testing a stockholder rights plan for compliance with §§ 141(a) and 141(d)); CA, Inc. v. AFSCME Employees Pension Plan, 953 A.2d 227 (Del. 2008) (holding that a bylaw amendment would violate § 141(a) if adopted by stockholders, in circumstances where no new consideration was provided to the corporation in connection with a vote on the bylaw amendment).

4) New § 122(18) does not relieve any directors, officers or stockholders of any fiduciary duties they owe to the corporation or its stockholders, including with respect to deciding to cause the corporation to enter into a contract with a stockholder or beneficial owner of stock and with respect to deciding whether to perform, or cause the corporation to perform, or to breach, the contract, whether in connection with their management of the corporation's business and affairs in the ordinary course or their approval of extraordinary transactions, such as a sale of the corporation. New § 122(18) also does not affect the case law empowering a court to grant equitable relief in respect of a contract, such as when a contract is set aside because the counterparties thereto have aided and abetted a breach of fiduciary duty or when a court reviews director actions under an enhanced form of judicial scrutiny. See e.g. Paramount Communications Inc. v. QVC Network Inc., 637 A.2d 34 (Del. 1994); ACE Limited v. Capital Re Corporation, 747 A.2d 95 (Del. Ch. 1999). Instead, the amendments are intended to promote a policy of granting such relief based on the application of equitable principles, including equitable principles relating to fiduciary duties and public policy.

Corporations may continue to rely upon § 122(13) to make contracts, including contracts containing the types of provisions addressed by § 122(18), with counterparties who are not contracting with the corporation in their capacities as current or prospective stockholders and beneficial owners of stock.

An amendment to the opening clause of § 122 provides that a corporation is authorized to take any of the actions specified in § 122, whether or not such actions are provided in the certificate of incorporation. This amendment clarifies existing law, other than with respect to § 122(18). Accordingly, when a certificate of incorporation is silent with respect to the matters addressed by § 122, the powers in § 122 apply to the corporation. A corporation may limit these default powers if a limitation is provided for, or referenced as a fact ascertainable in, the certificate of incorporation, in accordance with §§ 102(b)(1), 102(b)(4) and 102(d). An amendment to § 122(6) clarifies that the adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws must be effected in accordance with § 109 of Title 8.

Section 2. Section 2 of this Act enacts a new § 147, which provides that whenever Chapter 1 of Title 8 expressly requires a board of directors to approve or take other action (such as making an advisability determination or a recommendation to stockholders) with respect to an agreement, instrument or document, the agreement, instrument or document may be approved in final form or substantially final form. The Delaware Court of Chancery recently considered competing interpretations of § 251 of Title 8 as to whether a board of directors must approve an agreement of merger on final or essentially final terms. Sjunde AP-Fonden v. Activision Blizzard, Inc., 2024 WL 863290 (Del. Ch. Feb. 29, 2024) (corrected March 19, 2024). New § 147 is intended to enable a board of directors to approve an agreement, instrument or document if, at the time of board approval, all of the material terms are either set forth in the agreement, instrument or document or are determinable through other information or materials presented to or known by the board. New § 147 also provides that if the board of directors has acted to approve or take other action with respect to an agreement, instrument or document that is required by Chapter 1 of Title 8 to be filed with the Secretary of State or referenced in any certificate so filed, the board may, after providing such approval or taking such action and before making such filing, ratify the agreement, instrument or document at any time before such filing is made, and such ratification will satisfy any requirement under the statute relating to the board's authorization, whether

in terms of the manner or sequence in which it is provided. Although new § 147 may be used to ratify an agreement, instrument or document after a stockholder vote or consent, it does not, of itself, enable the board to make changes to an agreement, instrument or document that is required by the statute to be adopted by stockholders after that stockholder vote or consent is obtained. (New § 147 does not affect the board's ability to amend an agreement, instrument or document without further vote or consent of the stockholders in circumstances where such an amendment would otherwise be permitted, including, for example, any amendment to a merger agreement accomplished in accordance with § 251(d) that does not fall within one of the enumerated categories of amendments requiring an additional vote of stockholders.) The ratification provision is available as an option to provide greater certainty in circumstances where there may be a question as to whether the agreement, document or instrument as initially approved was in substantially final form. Although a board may elect to use § 147's procedure to ratify an agreement, document or instrument that it had previously approved in substantially final form, no such ratification is required for the valid authorization of any such agreement, document or instrument. Ratification under § 147, where available, is an alternative to ratification under §§ 204 and 205 of Title 8. Accord Activision Blizzard, Inc., 2024 WL 863290, at *5-6 (indicating "Delaware law offers solutions for missteps" and referencing §§ 204 and 205). The ratification procedure available under § 147 is in addition to any ratification or validation that may be available under §§ 204 and 205 or under the common law. As with ratification or validation under §§ 204 and 205 or under the common law, ratification under § 147 relates back to the time of the original board approval. New § 147 is not intended to, and does not, exclude any equitable remedies, nor does it alter the fiduciary duties of directors in connection with approving, taking other action with respect to, or ratifying an agreement, instrument or document.

Section 3. Section 3 of this Act amends § 232. New § 232(g) provides that a notice given to stockholders is deemed to include any document enclosed with, or appended or annexed to, the notice (such as a proxy statement provided along with a notice of a stockholder meeting to approve an agreement of merger). § 251 of Title 8 requires a corporation to include either a copy of an agreement of merger, or a brief summary thereof, in a notice of a stockholder meeting to adopt the merger agreement. There are similar requirements in other provisions of Title 8. The Court of Chancery recently observed that Title 8 could be amended to indicate how this statutory notice requirement relates to proxy materials that are given to stockholders. Sjunde AP-Fonden v. Activision Blizzard, Inc., 2024 WL 863290 (Del. Ch. Feb. 29, 2024) (corrected March 19, 2024) at n.55. Amended § 232 provides that information in any document enclosed with, or appended or annexed to, a notice is incorporated in the notice. However, a document is incorporated in a notice solely for purposes of satisfying the requirements of giving notice under Title 8, the certificate of incorporation or the bylaws. Accordingly, the enclosed, appended or annexed information is not intended to be deemed "per se" material to stockholders. Amended § 232 does not affect the equitable disclosure obligations of directors or officers (or, as applicable, stockholders) with respect to any corporate action as to which notice is given.

Section 4. Section 4 of this Act amends § 261 of Title 8. The amendments to § 261 address two separate topics in §§ 261(a)(1) and 261(a)(2), respectively.

New § 261(a)(1) clarifies that parties to an agreement of merger or consolidation may, through express provision in the agreement, specify the penalties or consequences of a party's failure to perform its obligations under, or comply with the terms and conditions of, such agreement before the effective time of the merger, or to consummate the merger or consolidation contemplated by such agreement. Such penalties or consequences may include an obligation to make payments to the other party if the merger or consolidation is not consummated, including damages based on the lost premium that stockholders of a constituent corporation would be entitled to receive if the merger becomes effective in accordance with the terms of the agreement and reverse termination fees. New § 261(a) provides that in the event a corporation is entitled to so receive such payment, the corporation may enforce the other party's payment obligation, and, upon receipt of any such payment, the corporation is entitled to retain the amount of any such payment.

New § 261(a)(1) is being adopted in light of the Court of Chancery's decision in Crispo v. Musk, 304 A.3d 567 (Del. Ch. 2023), to clarify the authority under Title 8 to include in an agreement of merger or consolidation provisions for penalties or consequences (including a requirement to pay lost premium damages) upon a party's failure to perform or consummate the merger or consolidation, regardless of any otherwise applicable provisions of contract law, such as those addressing liquidated damages and unenforceable penalties. Consistent with the Delaware General Corporation Law's role as an enabling statute, new § 261(a)(1) confirms that constituent corporations have latitude to allocate the risk of non-performance by provisions expressly set forth in agreements of merger or consolidation. New § 261(a)(1) is not intended to, and does not, exclude any remedies otherwise available to any party at law or in equity (including without limitation, specific performance), nor does it alter the fiduciary duties of directors in connection with determining whether to approve, perform or enforce any such provision, including any provision requiring a corporation to pay a termination fee or lost premium damages under certain circumstances.

New § 261(a)(2) confirms that parties to an agreement of merger or consolidation may, through express provision in the agreement, appoint one or more persons to serve as the representative of stockholders of any constituent corporation, including stockholders whose shares shall be cancelled, converted or exchanged in the merger or consolidation, and to delegate to such person(s) the exclusive authority to enforce the rights of such stockholders, such as rights to receive payments and enforce stockholders' rights under an escrow or indemnification arrangement, and to enter into settlements with respect thereto. Any such appointment of a representative of stockholders of a constituent corporation may be made effective as of, or at any time following, the time at which the agreement of merger or consolidation is adopted by stockholders in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter, and thereafter shall be binding on all stockholders of such constituent corporation. The merger and consolidation provisions of Subchapter IX of Chapter 1 of Title 8 have for decades included provisions allowing agreements of merger or consolidation to be made dependent on facts ascertainable outside of the agreement. See Aveta Inc. v. Cavallieri, 23 A.3d 157 (Del. Ch. 2010). The "facts ascertainable" provisions set forth in several sections of subchapter IX already provide a corporation broad authorization to include in an agreement of merger or consolidation one or more provisions making the consideration received by stockholders subject to any future determinations made by, or documents entered into in the future by, a stockholder representative. Id. It has become market practice, however, to refer to a stockholders' representative appointed in an agreement of merger or consolidation as an agent of the stockholders of the constituent corporation whose shares are cancelled and converted in the merger into the right to receive cash or other property. Accordingly, new § 261(a)(2) is intended to provide express authorization for these representative provisions, confirming that a stockholders' representative appointed pursuant to the terms of a merger agreement may be delegated powers, exercisable after the effectiveness of the merger, in addition to the power to make adjustments in respect of the nature or amount of merger consideration. These amendments should not be construed to limit the broad authority permitted under Title 8 and recognized in opinions of the Delaware courts, including Aveta, for constituent entities to make agreements or other instruments dependent on facts ascertainable outside of the agreement or instrument. The amendments to § 261(a)(2) do not allow for a provision of an agreement of merger or consolidation empowering a stockholders' representative to exercise powers beyond those related to the enforcement of the rights of stockholders under the agreement. Thus, for example, the amendments would not empower a stockholders' representative, acting solely pursuant to a provision adopted under new § 261(a)(2), to waive, compromise or settle, in the name of any stockholder, any rights to appraisal under § 262 or any direct claim for breach of fiduciary duty that such stockholder is entitled to assert following a merger or consolidation, or to consent, in the name of a stockholder, to restrictive covenants, such as a covenant not to compete or a non-solicitation covenant. The amendments do not, however, restrict any individual stockholder or group of stockholders from granting a stockholders' representative or other agent any such power or any other delegable power, whether through execution of a joinder to the agreement of merger or consolidation, consent or support agreement or other instrument evidencing assent the grant of such power.

Section 5. Section 5 of this Act adds a new § 268(a), which provides that if an agreement of merger (other than a holding company reorganization under § 251(g)) entered into pursuant to subchapter IX provides, with respect to a constituent corporation, that all of the shares of capital stock of the constituent corporation issued and outstanding immediately before the effective time of the merger are converted into or exchanged for cash, property, rights or securities (other than stock of the surviving corporation), then the merger agreement approved by the board need not include any provision relating to the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation, the board of directors or any person acting at its direction may approve any amendment or amendment and restatement of the certificate of the surviving corporation, and no alteration or change to the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation will be deemed to constitute an amendment to the merger agreement. New § 268(a) is being adopted in light of the Court of Chancery's decision in in Sjunde AP-Fonden v. Activision Blizzard, Inc., 2024 WL 863290 (Del. Ch. Feb. 29, 2024)(corrected March 19, 2024), which involved a merger transaction in which the board of directors did not approve the certificate of incorporation for the corporation surviving the merger. Among other things, this amendment will provide flexibility to a buyer in a typical "reverse triangular merger" to adopt the terms of the certificate of incorporation of the corporation that, following the effectiveness of the merger, will be wholly owned and controlled by the buyer. Despite the additional statutory flexibility, a target corporation may insist, however, that the merger agreement expressly provide that the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation be adopted in a specified form or contain specified provision, such as those relating to indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors, officers and others.

Section 5 of this Act also adds a new § 268(b), which provides that a disclosure letter or disclosure schedules or any similar documents or instruments delivered in connection with an agreement of merger or consolidation that modify, supplement, qualify, or make exceptions to representations, warranties, covenants or conditions in the agreement will not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the agreement of merger or consolidation, be deemed part of the agreement for purposes of the provisions of Title 8. New § 268(b) is being adopted to avoid any implication from the Court's decision in Activision that, in order for an agreement of merger or consolidation to have been duly authorized, the board of directors must have approved final or substantially final disclosure schedules (or similar documents), or that the disclosure schedules (or similar documents) must be submitted to or adopted by the stockholders. The new section reflects the fact that disclosure schedules and similar documents frequently operate as extrinsic facts incorporated by reference into the agreement but are not themselves part of the agreement and, as such, may be negotiated and prepared by officers and agents at the direction of the board of directors without the need, as a statutory matter, for formal approval by the board of directors.

New § 268 is not intended to, and does not, alter the fiduciary duties of directors with respect to the delegation of authority to approve the documents addressed by § 268 or the fiduciary duties of officers, as applicable, in exercising any such authority delegated to them or to inform the directors of material provisions, if any, in those documents in connection with a decision by the board of directors to approve an agreement of merger.

Section 6. Section 6 of this Act provides that Sections 1 through 5 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2024, and shall apply to all contracts made by a corporation, all agreements, instruments or documents approved by the board of directors and all agreements of merger and consolidation entered into by a corporation, in each case whether or not the contracts, agreements, instruments, documents or agreements of merger or consolidation are made, approved or entered into on or before such date, except that Sections 1 through 6 of this Act shall not apply to or affect any civil action or proceeding completed or pending on or before such date. With respect to such suits and proceedings, the law predating the amendments will apply.

This Act requires a greater than majority vote for passage because § 1 of Article IX of the Delaware Constitution requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly to amend the general corporation law.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE BANKERS ASSN. | David Mench | Jul 9, 2024 |

## SB 314

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS.

This Act removes “supervision” from the scope of practice of a master’s social worker. This Act also prohibits a master’s social worker from providing supervision to a licensed clinical social worker applicant. The Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) determined that a master’s social worker lacks the education and experience needed to provide clinical supervision. Under this Act, an applicant for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker may still obtain supervision from a licensed psychologist or licensed psychiatrist where a licensed clinical social worker is not available, under the Board’s rules and regulations.

This Act also adds a grandfathering provision so that an applicant or licensed clinical social worker who started or completed supervision with a master’s social worker on or before the enactment date of this Act satisfies the supervision requirement under § 3907(b)(4) of this title as long as the applicant or licensed clinical social worker is otherwise in compliance with § 3907(b)(4) of this title.

The grandfathering provision also allows a master’s social worker who is supervising an applicant as of the enactment date of this Act to continue supervision under the applicant completes the 2-year supervised experience requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | May 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SA 1 to SB 314

Senate Bill No. 314 removes “supervision” from the scope of practice of a master’s social worker and prohibits a master’s social worker from providing supervision to a licensed clinical social worker applicant. Senate Bill No. 314 includes a grandfathering provision for applicants and licensed clinical social workers who received or are receiving their supervision from a master's social worker.

This Amendment revises the grandfather clause to limit the amount of time that an applicant who is applying for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker may continue to receive supervision from a master's social worker. The amendment will require an applicant who will not complete the 2-year supervised experience requirement on or before 180 days after the enactment of this Act to continue any necessary supervision under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, or licensed psychiatrist, in accordance with § 3907(b)(4) of this title. To correspond with this change, the Amendment also limits the amount of time that a master's social worker may continue supervision of an applicant to no longer than 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 315

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES.

This Act prohibits gender transition surgery for children due to the potential for an irrevocable procedure occurring when there is a significant probability that children will come to identify with their biological gender.

This Act prohibits the use of public funds and insurance coverage for gender transition surgery for children.

This Act provides for enforcement of the Act as follows:
(1) By providing for compensatory damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or any other appropriate relief.
(2) By making a referral for or provision of gender transition procedures to a child unprofessional conduct for which a physician or healthcare professional making the referral for or provision of gender transition procedures to a child is subject to discipline by the appropriate licensing entity or disciplinary review board with jurisdiction over the physician or healthcare professional in this State.

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 317

ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFER OF AN ULTRASOUND AND AUSCULTATION SERVICES BEFORE TERMINATING A PREGNANCY.

This Act requires a health-care practitioner to offer a patient ultrasound imaging and auscultation of fetal heart tone services before terminating a pregnancy. The patient is free to choose not to view the ultrasound or listen to the auscultation of fetal heart tone.

This Act is known as "The Woman's Right to Know Act."

### Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL, INC | Nandi Gamble | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 319

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION.

This Act changes the requirements for continuing education for doctors related to Alzheimer's disease or other dementias to require that doctors must only complete 2 hours of this continuing education once. Doctors who do not have direct patient interactions with adult populations over the age of 25 or do not currently practice within the State of Delaware are exempt from this requirement.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 10, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |
| MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE | Lincoln Willis | Jun 6, 2024 |

## SB 320

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AUDIOLOGISTS, AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS.

This Act creates a new license category of speech/language pathology assistant that is licensed and regulated by the Board of Speech/Language Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers. This addition is needed to address the shortage of speech/language pathology services in the State, particularly in public schools. The speech/language pathology assistant must practice under the supervision of a licensed speech/language pathologist. The parameters of that supervision will be specified in rules and regulations. A speech/language pathology assistant will be able to support and supplement the services provided by the supervising speech/language pathologist subject to the limits of the permissible scope of practice. This Act specifies that to qualify for licensure, the speech/language pathology assistant must hold certification issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The requirements for that certification include education, clinical experience, and successful completion of an examination. The applicant must also meet this State's requirements as set forth in this Act.

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 321

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RIGHTS OF ADULTS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP.

This Act codifies rights afforded to persons with disabilities that are under guardianships pursuant to Chapters 39 and 39A in Title 12 of the Delaware Code. This Act also grants persons with disabilities the ability to motion the Court of Chancery for equitable relief for any violations of these rights.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Jun 6, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 6, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 6, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Kim Willson | Jun 6, 2024 |

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| COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. | Marissa Band | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 7, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 7, 2024 |

## SB 322

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STUDENT ATHLETES.

This Act updates the Grace Firestone Act to strengthen regulations for member schools regarding sudden cardiac arrest. The Act requires member schools to develop an athletic emergency action plan and have an automated external defibrillator (“AED”) less than 3 minutes from any venue where practices and competitions are held. It further requires all coaches, physical education teachers, referees, health teachers and at least one staff member delivering student behavioral health services or at least one school administrator per school to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and trained in the use of an automated external defibrillator. The Act requires regular maintenance checks of AED equipment to follow the manufacturer’s guidelines for routine checks. The Act mandates all member schools to establish a cardiac emergency response plan and provide Stop the Bleed training to staff once every year. The Act requires the Department of Education and the Office of Emergency Medical Services to develop a survey that member schools must complete every two years to ensure compliance with these regulations.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 19, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 324

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND WAGE AND HOUR ENFORCEMENT.

This Act amends provisions in Title 19 and Title 29 of the Delaware Code relating to the Department of Labor’s enforcement procedures and wage and hour enforcement.

First, the Act amends Chapter 1 to modernize provisions relating to the Department’s inspections and handling of witnesses and evidence. The changes intend to align the Code with relevant case law and commonly accepted inspection practices.

Second, the Act requires the Department to promulgate regulations to establish administrative procedures for civil enforcement actions under several Chapters, including Chapter 5 (Child Labor), Chapter 9 (Minimum Wage), Chapter 11 (Wage Payment and Collection Act), Chapter 35 (Workplace Fraud), and Chapter 36 (Contractor Registration), to have consistency throughout Department proceedings.

Third, the Act corrects an issue identified within Chapter 11 when SS 1 for SB 35 of the 151st General Assembly was enacted, which inadvertently created a conflict between civil enforcement procedures and fines for violations within the same Chapter.

Fourth, the Act increases certain civil penalties in Title 19 and Title 29.

Finally, the Act removes a loophole in which employers who retaliated against employees by terminating an employee avoided penalty because the individual was no longer employed as a result of the retaliation and thus not an employee.  It also updates the penalties to bring them in line with other similar statutes.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CONTRACTORS ASSN. | Bryon Short | Jul 10, 2024 |

## SB 325

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AND AMENDING CERTAIN PERTINENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Bill is the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ACTION FOR DELAWARE'S CHILDREN | Matthew Denn | Jul 1, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 19, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 19, 2024 |
| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Jul 19, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| FAME, INC. DELAWARE | George Williams | Jul 11, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jul 9, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 24, 2024 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Jul 23, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 9, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| THE BONOMAN GROUP LLC | George Williams | Jul 11, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 326

AN ACT MAKING A ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

This Act appropriates $168,362,517 to provide one-time funded projects through the Office of Management and Budget.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| HOUSING ALLIANCE DELAWARE | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 24, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 9, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 327

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN GRANTS-IN-AID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AND AMENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

This Act provides supplementary appropriations to certain Grants-in-Aid recipients for Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 1 – Government Units and Senior Centers $ 34,521,948

Section 2 – One-Times and Community Agencies $ 51,643,425

Section 3 – Fire Companies and Public Service Ambulance Companies $ 11,634,433

Section 4 – Veterans Organizations $ 698,220

GRAND TOTAL $ 98,498,026

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | William McCall | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ABILITY NETWORK OF DELAWARE | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| ACTION FOR DELAWARE'S CHILDREN | Matthew Denn | Jul 1, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| AMERIHEALTH CARITAS | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Jul 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | Mariann Kenville-Moore | Jul 2, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ASSOCIATION | Cheryl Heiks | Jul 5, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 28, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 28, 2024 |
| FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE | Chad Robinson | Jul 9, 2024 |
| KIND TO KIDS FOUNDATION | Elizabeth Lewis Zubaca | Jul 3, 2024 |
| RODEL FOUNDATION OF DELAWARE | Madeleine Bayard | Jul 9, 2024 |
| STONINGTON GLOBAL | Wayne Smith | Jul 2, 2024 |

## SB 328

AN ACT TO DIRECT DIAA TO SEPARATE ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SANCTIONED EVENTS.

This Act directs DIAA to separate all public and private school team championship sanctioned event.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 12, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 12, 2024 |

## SB 330

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

This Act adds intentional interference with the operation of a school bus to the offense of disorderly conduct. Interference with a school bus may include boarding a school bus and refusing to exist after being lawfully ordered to do so by the school bus driver; wrongfully restricting the movement of a school bus; or threatening the school bus driver or any passenger entering, leaving, or waiting for a school bus. A student or passenger otherwise authorized to be on the school bus in the ordinary course of business may not be guilty of disorderly conduct for intentional interference with the operation of a school bus.

This Act comes from a recommendation by the Public School Transportation Committee. According to the Committee, many school bus drivers encounter irate individuals during their daily routes. This Act is based on a law from South Carolina that the Committee reviewed and endorsed.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 18, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 18, 2024 |

## SB 331

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

This Act revises §§ 4732 and 4733 of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Subchapter III, Chapter 47, Title 16 of the Delaware Code, pertaining to the regulation of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances. The revisions provide that out-of-state practitioners who wish to prescribe controlled substances in Delaware pursuant to a practice privilege, interstate compact license, telehealth registration, or military registration, must obtain a Delaware controlled substance registration. This Act will ensure that these out-of-state practitioners are subject to Delaware regulation with respect to prescribing controlled substances to Delaware patients.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |

## SB 332

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM.

This Act requires the Department of Health and Social Services, in consultation with persons interested in the sale and pricing of prescription drugs as well as interested federal and state officials and agencies, to design and implement a wholesale prescription drug importation program for the benefit of, and that generates savings for, Delaware residents. The Act establishes requirements for the program including all of the following:

(1) The Department must become or contract with a state wholesaler and seek federal certification and approval to import eligible prescription drugs.

(2) The program must comply with federal regulations and import from Canadian suppliers only those eligible prescription drugs that do not violate patent laws, that are not controlled substances, and for which importation creates substantial cost savings.

(3) The Department must ensure that eligible prescription drugs imported under the program are not distributed, dispensed, or sold outside of Delaware.

(4) Before submitting the proposed program to the federal government for certification, the Department must submit the proposal to the General Assembly.

(5) The program must have an audit procedure to ensure compliance with the Act’s requirements and requires submission of an annual report to the General Assembly to track the program’s progress.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |
| CDI CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |
| CHRISTIANA CARE CORPORATION | Christine P. Schiltz | Jun 17, 2024 |
| DELAWARE FOOD INDUSTRY COUNCIL | Julie Wenger | Jul 1, 2024 |

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| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Christina Bryan | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Brian Frazee | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSN. | Megan Williams | Jun 26, 2024 |
| EPIC PHARMACIES, INC. | Christopher V. DiPietro | Jul 3, 2024 |

# SB 333

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION.

This Act eliminates the requirement that a school, school district, or licensed child care provider keep community notifications in a binder. Instead, schools, school district, or licensed child care providers are required to provide all of the following information upon request by staff, faculty, or a legal guardian:

1. Notification that searchable records available to the public can be obtained at a police agency or the Delaware State Bureau of Identification (“SBI”).
2. Notification that the public can register for community notifications on the Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry website.
3. The URL for the Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry website.

Additionally, the school, school district, or licensed child care provider must post the information on its website. If it does not have website, then the school, school district, or licensed child care provider must send the information to staff, faculty, and a legal guardian of an enrolled child in writing at least annually.

The Act also clarifies that sex offender registry information must be available on the Internet on the Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry website.

The requirement that schools, school districts, and licensed child care providers keep binders was enacted in 2002, based on recommendation from the Community Notification Task Force that schools have a role in community awareness. However, this requirement has created financial, administrative, and emotional burdens for staff who maintain the binders. The binders are rarely reviewed by the public and they do not necessarily provide up-to-date information or information on sex offenders in the immediate geographic area of the school, school district, or licensed child care provider. Additionally, in its March 31, 2002, report, the Community Notification School Task Force found that schools do not have the expertise to answer inevitable questions regarding the nature of particular offenses or the risk posed by particular offenders, and that it is not an appropriate role for educators to answer those questions.

Federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (“SORNA”) guidelines require law enforcement to keep a registry of sex offenders and to provide public notification. Specifically, the guidelines require law enforcement to notify schools, but do not require schools to provide access to sex offender records. Instead, federal law enacted in 2006, 34 U.S.C. § 20920, requires states to provide public access to sex offender registry information on the Internet.

The SBI maintains the Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry on its website, which allows the general public to find information about registered sex offenders by searching the offender’s information or by searching in a geographic radius. The website also allows the public to sign up for e-mail notifications regarding sex offenders who appear on the website. The website is updated every Friday. It is easily accessible to most of the public, including on computers at public libraries.

Additionally, the public can request sex offender registry information in-person at a Delaware State Police troop. The public also can call the SBI for information. Certain municipal police agencies, such as the City of Dover Police Department and the Newark Delaware Police Department, also provide access to community notifications for

offenders located in the municipality on the agency's website. Law-enforcement agencies are better equipped than schools or licensed childcare providers to answer questions about the registry.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Rhett Ruggerio | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Verity Watson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kim Willson | Jun 26, 2024 |
| RUGGERIO WILLSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC. | William McCall | Jun 26, 2024 |

## SB 334

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 AND TITLE 28 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

This bill amends Chapter 5, Title 11 of the Delaware Code related to the unlawful discharge of firearms within the State. The bill recognizes the potential danger of such discharges which occur during target shooting and other related firearm skill events when in proximity to neighboring residences and businesses, thereby increasing the risk of injury or death. The bill includes language to allow discharge of firearms under certain conditions, including the use of an artificial or natural barrier, allows for less required distance for archery equipment, and exempts lands designated as training areas by the Department of Natural Resources, the Delaware National Guard, the Department of Corrections, or other law enforcement agency which are primarily used for the training of firearms and firearm safety. This bill is consistent with safety zone language associated with legal hunting as stated in Title 7 of the Delaware Code § 723.

This bill also repeals § 903 of Title 28 of the Delaware Code related to the regulation of shooting galleries.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION | John Armitage | Jul 16, 2024 |

## Title 1 - Authorities, Boards and Commissions

### Topic: Commissions

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE VETERANS COALITION | David Skocik | Oct 2, 2023 |

### Topic: Diamond State Port Corporation

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOLT LOGISTICS CORP. | Edward J. Hazzouri | Jul 13, 2023 |

### Topic: The Diamond State Port Corporation's "Port Management" RFP

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| HOLT LOGISTICS CORP. | Edward J. Hazzouri | Oct 3, 2023 |

### Topic: Coverage for the medical treatment of obesity.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NOVO NORDISK, INC. | Anne Berry | Jun 27, 2023 |

## Title 4 - Alcoholic Beverage Control

### Topic: 601 (Formerly Rule 35.1) Gathering Licenses

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | JL Haynes | Apr 19, 2024 |

### Topic: Gathering license proposed changes

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT ADVANCEMENT | Melissa Hopkins | Feb 5, 2024 |

## Title 7 - Natural Resources and Environmental Control

### Topic: Increased funding for open space conservation

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Anna Quisel | Jul 5, 2024 |

### Topic: Low Emissions Vehicle Program

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| MID-ATLANTIC PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS' ASSN. | Michael O'Halloran | May 2, 2023 |

### Topic: DRAFT proposed Zero Emissions Vehicles-Advanced Clean Car Regulations

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

### Topic: Climate Change Solutions Act

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |

### Topic: Delaware Low Emission Vehicle Program regulations

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| THE COMMITTEE OF 100 | Elizabeth Keller | Apr 17, 2023 |

### Topic: U.S. Wind project/DNREC permitting

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| THE NATURE CONSERVANCY | Emily Knearl | Oct 11, 2024 |

## Title 14 - Education

### Topic: 1539 Health Education Teacher

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |

Topic: 1564 Physical Education Teacher

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS | Tammy Croce | Mar 26, 2024 |

Topic: Charter Leader Licensure and Certification

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK | Kendall Massett | Apr 3, 2023 |

## Title 16 - Health and Safety

Topic: Support of funding requests by the Division of Aging.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Nov 27, 2023 |

Topic: 4306 Stroke System Regulation

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AMERICAN HEART ASSN. | Megan Tucker | Apr 17, 2024 |

Topic: CHIP proposal to end collection of premiums

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Linda Barnett | May 10, 2024 |

Topic: Continuous Eligibility and Removal of Premiums for CHIP

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (DE) | Ceil Tilney | May 12, 2024 |

## Title 18 - Insurance

Topic: Requesting amendments to the Department’s proposed legislation (not yet introduced) bill on the file and use statute.

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES (NAMIC) | Matt Overturf | Jun 12, 2023 |

## Title 19 - Labor

Topic: Paid Family and Medical Leave Act Regulations

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |

Topic: PFML Insurance

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS | Michael O'Halloran | May 1, 2023 |

Topic: DRAFT PFML Regulations

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| NEW CASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Joseph F. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Feb 9, 2023 |

## Title 24 - Regulated Professions and Occupations

Topic: Real Estate Commission/Seller's Disclosure of Real Property

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Mar 23, 2023 |

Topic: 2925 Real Estate Commission Education Committee/CE Course Module Content & DPR CE Tracking Software

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| DELAWARE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS | Wesley Stefanick | Jan 15, 2024 |

## Title 26 - Public Utilities

Topic: Digital Equity

Lobbying Activity - Employer, Lobbyist, and Date Entered:

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| AARP DELAWARE | Sheila Grant | Jul 12, 2023 |