

# Bill Status 2009

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04.17.2009	BILL #	SPONSOR	FPL POSITION	COMMITTEE	HEARING	STATUS
HB= House Bill; SB= Senate Bill; FAV= Favorable vote by committee; UNF= Unfavorable by committee; FWA= with amendments; NV= No Vote in Committee. <b>Committee abbreviations.</b> SENATE- B&T=Budget & Tax; EHEA=Education, Health and Environmental Affairs; FIN=Finance; JPR= Judicial Proceedings. HOUSE-ENV= Environmental Matters; HGO=Health & Gov't Operations; JUD= Judiciary; W&M= Ways & Means						
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
<b>Education on Tween/Teen Dating Violence- Amended to "encourage county school boards" instead of "requiring state school board" to give lessons on dating violence.</b>	<a href="#">SB 1049</a>	Muse	SUPPORT	JPR	4/10	Sen - 45-0 House - 131-0
<b>Public Schools - Student Speech on Religious Issues</b> -prohibiting a county board from discriminating against a student based on a religious viewpoint and treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint in the same manner the board treats expression of a secular viewpoint	<a href="#">HB 936</a>	Serafini et al 24	SUPPORT	W&M	3/04 1PM	NV
<b>MARRIAGE PROTECTION</b>						
<b>Maryland's Marriage Protection Act</b> – Constitutional Amendment to allow MD voters to protect definition of marriage	<a href="#">SB 647</a>	Greenip et al (8)	SUPPORT	JPR	3/11 1PM	NO HEARING
	<a href="#">HB 913</a>	Dwyer et al (13 )	SUPPORT	JUD	3/12 1PM	UNF - JUD
<b>MARRIAGE DESTRUCTION</b>						
<b>Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act</b> - Deceptive language that replaces current law that states marriage is one man and one woman. Actually takes away religious freedom and discriminates against children	<a href="#">SB 565</a>	Madaleno et al (8)	OPPOSE	JPR	3/11 1PM	NV
	<a href="#">HB 1055</a>	Barnes et al (43)	OPPOSE	JUD	3/12 1PM	NV
<b>SEXUAL ORIENTATION</b>						
<b>Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity-Antidiscrimination</b> – Adds transgender and transvestite individuals to be included in public accommodations, housing and employment. Opens up public restrooms and locker facilities to that the American Psychiatric Association acknowledges have a mental disorder.	<a href="#">HB 474</a>	Pena-Melnyk et al (57)	OPPOSE	HGO	2/25 1 PM	Died -NV
	<a href="#">SB 566</a>	Madaleno et al (13)	OPPOSE	JPR	3/04 1PM	Died -NV-
<b>Hate Crimes- Prohibitions and Protected Classes - Age, Gender, and Disability</b> - Age and disability are smoke screens to get GENDER (transvestite and transgendered) identity listed as protected classes. Opens up bathrooms, health clubs to pedophiles. <b>Final bill deleted Age &amp; Gender; adding only disability to protected classes. Still, hate crimes laws are discriminatory and unnecessary. Good to see Gender removed from language.</b>	<a href="#">HB 560</a>	Kramer et al (4)	OPPOSE	JUD	2/26 1 PM	FAV 108-30
				JPR	4/7 1 PM	45-2
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>						
<b>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009-Totally unnecessary, costly and just a politically correct, feel-good piece of legislation. Some scientists say 90% reduction is impossible to attain and if done would have negligible effect on environment.</b>	<a href="#">SB278</a>	Pinsky/Administration et al (20)	OOPOSE	ECM/ENV	4/8	Sen - 36-9 House - 107-30
<b>Terminal Condition –Counseling</b> – Forces Doctors to counsel or refer terminal patients for options including suicide. No requirements for who can or what to say. Allows euthanasia without putting it in law.	<a href="#">HB 30</a>	Bobo & Manno	OPPOSE	HGO/FIM	3/25 1PM	FWA 133-0 Died in Sen-FIN
	<a href="#">SB 546</a>	Forehand et al (2)	OPPOSE	FIN	3/25 1PM	UNF - FIN
<b>Speed Monitoring Systems – Another "stepping stone" bill was Montgomery County only, now statewide to allow counties to record speed 12mp over limit and issue citation based on the picture.</b>	<a href="#">SB 277</a>	Administration et al (5)	OPPOSE	JPR	2/24 1 PM	Sen -27-20 House - 94-41
	<a href="#">SB 388</a>	City Administration et al (5)	OPPOSE	JPR	2/24 1PM	Died in Sen. Rules
<b>Speed Monitoring Systems</b> – For Baltimore City only. In case SB 277/HB 313 do not pass.	<a href="#">HB 396</a>	City Administration et al (5)	OPPOSE	ENV	2/10	FAV 91-44
	<a href="#">HB 316</a>	Rosenberg/Speaker et al (55)	OPPOSE	JUD	3/17 PM	NV
<b>Death Penalty</b> – Repeal – Repeals the death penalty in the state of Maryland. <b>Passed bill keeps death penalty, but makes it almost impossible to use it. Governor has said he will sign it.</b>	<a href="#">SB 279</a>	Gladden/President et al (14)	OPPOSE	JPR	3/17 3PM	Sen-34-13 House 87-52-
	<a href="#">HB 332</a>	Frank et al(40)	SUPPORT	JUD	2/12 1 PM	FWA 139-0
<b>Burglary and Crimes of Violence – Civil Immunity</b> – Making it so that a person is not liable for personal injuries or death of a criminal who maliciously enters their house or place of business.	<a href="#">SB 420</a>	Jacobs et al (20)	SUPPORT	JUD	3/04 1 PM	Died in Sen. JPR
<b>VEHICLE LAWS</b>						
<b>Driver's License Suspension Under 18 Years Of Age- Amended to suspend, after conviction, not just charge of a high risk driving violation.</b>	<a href="#">SB219</a>	Frosh et al (8)	SUPPORT	JPR	4/8	Sen - 44-0 House - 133-0
<b>Text Messaging while Driving-Prohibited</b> – <b>This is needed, but it is also a stepping stone to banning cell phones</b>	<a href="#">SB 98</a>	Stone	SUPPORT	JPR	2/10 1PM	40-7/133-2
	<a href="#">HB 72</a>	Turner et al	SUPPORT	ENV	3/31 1 PM	133-2/ 43-4
<b>Young Drivers – Privileges</b> – Increases by three months the minimum age for earning a learners' permit, provisional and full drivers' license. <b>Kept age restrictions close to current law, but increased penalties for driving violations by teens.</b>	<a href="#">HB 303</a>	Speaker & McIntosh (9)	SUPPORT	ENV	2/10 1 PM	Sen - 126-2
				JPR	4/3	House - 34-13

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<b>Proof of Lawful Presence</b> —originally a good bill, but it was amended from a legal presence requirement to a two- tier amnesty bill, allowing illegals to keep current licenses and for new illegals to get a special driver's license that is not Federally compliant. Sixty(60) original co-signers, and sponsors removed their names from this bill. See HB 1226 below.	<a href="#">HB 387</a>	Malone & George et al (60)	SUPPORT	JUD	2/25 1PM	House- 76-60
		Ivey et a took over this bill	OPPOSE			Sen - 30-16
<b>Proof of Legal Presence</b> – This bill will keep one-tier system and require all applicants to prove citizenship or legal presence to get a Maryland Driver's License	<a href="#">SB 369</a>	Stone et al (3)	SUPPORT	JPR	3/18 1 PM	36-11 Died in House JUD
<b>Special, unlawful ID and Drivers license for illegals</b> – Blatant proposal to pass a law that states it is in violation of other state and Federal laws. Gives ID or Dr. license to applicants who cannot prove they are here legally.	<a href="#">HB1226</a>	Ivey et al (13)	OPPOSE	JUD	2/25 1PM	NV
	Rewritten	Into HB 387 by amendment				
<b>ELECTION LAW</b>						
<b>Qualification of Voters-Proof of Identity</b> – Requires photo ID to vote in addition to stating month and day of birth.	<a href="#">SB 43</a>	Harris et al (3)	SUPPORT	EHEA	2/26 1M	NV
	<a href="#">HB1066</a>	Jennings et al (13)	SUPPORT	W&M	3/11 1PM	NV
<b>Early Voting and Polling places</b> – Allows voters to vote anywhere in the state on early voting days, allowing voters to vote provisional ballots anywhere in the state. Requiring each county to have early voting locations. Too costly and opens voting up to fraud. Gives voting location selections to majority party.	<a href="#">HB1179</a>	Cardin et al (8)	OPPOSE	W&M	3/03 1PM	102-32
				EHEA		30-16
<b>Election of President by National Popular Vote–Repeal</b> – Current law forces Maryland electors to vote for President whoever gets national popular vote This bill restores States rights and electoral college.	<a href="#">HB 472</a>	O'Donnell et al (34)	SUPPORT	W&M	2/11 1PM	UNF – W&M
<b>Registration and Voting on Election Day-</b> Constitutional Amendment to allow persons to register and vote on election day. If later found to be fraudulent, no way to remove that vote from the tally!	<a href="#">HB 476</a>	Resnik et al (23)	OPPOSE	W&M	2/19 1PM	NV-
	<a href="#">SB 514</a>	Lenett et al (15)	OPPOSE	EHEA	2/26 1PM	NV
<b>Signer Photo Identification Requirement and Affidavit</b> – Attempt to further restrict our right to referendum to have peoples veto of bad legislation. Requires photo ID to sign petition under penalty of perjury.	<a href="#">SB 445</a>	Madaleno	OPPOSE	EHEA	2/26 1PM	NV
<b>Petition Signatures</b> - Makes getting signatures for referendum easier, but retroactive effective date is problematic. Going forward it could help petition gathers get more accurate signatures.	<a href="#">SB 1067</a>	Kasemyer	SUPPORT w/Amends	EHEA	4/02 1 PM	NV
<b>Permanent Absentee Ballots</b> – More potential for fraud. If voting is important, voters that need absentee ballots can get them. Students graduate, elderly die and some disabled get well.	<a href="#">HB 523</a>	Ross	OPPOSE	W&M	2/11 1PM	NV
	<a href="#">SB 733</a>	Raskin	OPPOSE	EHEA	3/12 1 M	NV
<b>Voter Registration and Voting</b> – Allows 16 year olds to register. Still can't vote till 18. Gives organizers two years to indoctrinate students on which way to vote	<a href="#">SB 671</a>	Raskin	OPPOSE	EHEA	3/12 1PM	NV
<b>Student Registration &amp; Voting</b> – Costly program to intimidate students to register with college preparing the form for the student to sign. Also puts new requirements on counties to publish information sooner –also costly mandate, unrelated to student registration.	<a href="#">SB 693</a>	Rosepepe et al (15)	OPPOSE	EHEA	3/12 1 PM	NV
<b>ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION</b>						
<b>Higher Ed-Tuition Charges</b> – Exempts illegal aliens and some out of state students that graduate from MD school from paying out of state tuition rates. Has proposed safeguards, but concept is flawed. Hurts resident students.	<a href="#">SB 41</a>	Harrington	OPPOSE	EHEA	3/17 1PM	NV
<b>“Sanctuary Laws” for Illegal Aliens –Prohibition</b> – Requires local Governments to comply with support and enforce federal immigration laws.	<a href="#">HB 486</a>	Miller et al (22)	SUPPORT	JUD	2/25 1PM	UNF - JUD
<b>Tuition Charges- Illegal Immigrants</b> – Allows illegals to get reduced tuition before legal immigrants and maybe some citizens. Allows for students to sign affidavit to become citizen when eligible. When is that ?	<a href="#">HB 612</a>	Hixon et al(42)	OPPOSE	W&M	2/24 1 PM	NV
<b>Employment of Unauthorized Aliens and the Federal E-Verify Program</b> - Requiring employers under State procurement contracts or other grants to verify employees' employment eligibility using the federal E-Verify program.	<a href="#">HB 502</a>	Miller et al (6)	SUPPORT	HGO	3/11 1PM	UNF-HGO
	<a href="#">SB 696</a>	Kittleman	SUPPORT	EHEA	3/24 1PM	CANCELLED
<b>PORNOGRAPHY / SEXUAL OFFENSE</b>						
<b>Possession of Child Pornography</b> – Defines sexual conduct; increases 1 <sup>st</sup> misdemeanor offence to 5 yrs/\$2500; 2d offence is felony 10 yrs./ \$10,000. Both bills passed, but are slightly different. Will require both houses to agree to same wording.	<a href="#">HB 09</a>	Waldstreicher, McComas	SUPPORT	JUD	1/27 1 PM	House - 135-0
	<a href="#">SB 99</a>	Stone	SUPPORT	JPR	3/17 1PM	Sen. - 47-0 House - 134-0
<b>GAMBLING EXPANSION</b>						
<b>State Purchase or Condemnation of Race Tracks</b> – Late bill filed 4/04 pushed through by 4/08! Supposed to protect the Preakness, but bankruptcy Judge will have final say, not legislature.	<a href="#">SB 1072</a>	Adminstration et al 21	OPPOSE	B&T	4/8	Sen – 32-14 House – 93-43
<b>Commission on Gambling Addiction</b> Amended to be an Advisory Board, can seek funds, but none are allocated for helping families. Slots create a problem, now Gov't can solve it!	<a href="#">SB 50</a>	Klausmeier & Colburn	OPPOSE?	FIN	4/10 1PM	45-0 Died in House W&M
<b>Gaming Machines-Tamperproof counters</b> – May be a way to make current non-profit machines too expensive to be useful. Then people will have to use new state run slots.	<a href="#">SB 95</a>	Comptroller	?	B & T	1/28 1PM	NV

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<b>Maryland Native American Status - Standards for Recognition</b> – While proclaiming the opposite, this bill will eventually lead to casino's on reservations.	<a href="#">SB575</a>	Middleton & Dyson	OPPOSE	EHEA	3/11 1 PM	CANCELLED
	<a href="#">HB 691</a>	Murphy et al (5)	OPPOSE	HGO	3/11 1 pm	134-0 Died in Sen. Rules
<b>ABORTION / PARENTAL RIGHTS</b>						
<b>Tattooing, Branding and Body Piercing-Parental Consent</b> – Requires written parental consent. Fines increase for each offense.	<a href="#">HB 45</a>	Kullen	SUPPORT	JUD	1/27 1 PM	FAV 136-0 JUD
				JPR	3/31 1 PM	Died in Sen.JPR
<b>Ultrasound Options</b> -To require abortion providers to give an option for patients to view, receive a printout of the fetus prior to an abortion.	<a href="#">SB 195</a>	Simonaire & Greenip	SUPPORT	FIN	2-17 2 PM	UNF 9-2 FIN
<b>Umbilical Cord Blood Banking-Education Publications</b> - Requiring a hospital to allow a pregnant patient to arrange for the donation of umbilical cord blood to a certified private cord blood bank. Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop an educational publication.	<a href="#">SB 442</a>	Jacobs et al (8)	SUPPORT	FIN	3/11 1 PM	UNF -FIN
<b>Personhood Amendment</b> – Constitutional Amendment -Defines that life begins at the beginning of biological development. Probably would not pass Federal Constitutional standards.	<a href="#">HB 925</a>	Dwyer et al (33)	SUPPORT	HGO	3/13 1PM	NV
<b>ARMS / WEAPONS</b>						
<b>Prohibition of firearms, weapons, knives, or deadly weapons in public institutions of higher education</b> – Prohibits any carrying of arms on the premises of public colleges. Unfortunately sets up campuses as <u>safety</u> free zones, so criminals know that victims will be unprotected. Protects violent offenders, not students or faculty.	<a href="#">HB 353</a>	Barnes (3)	OPPOSE	JUD	2/17 1 PM	UNF - JUD
	<a href="#">SB 551</a>	Lennett et al (25)	OPPOSE	JPR	3/18 1 PM	UNF - JPR
<b>Hand Gun Permits</b> - Repealing the requirement that a person has a good and substantial reason to wear, carry or transport a handgun before issuing a permit.	<a href="#">HB 470</a>	Riley et al (47)	SUPPORT	JUD	2/24 1 PM	UNF - JUD
<b>TAXES</b>						
<b>Tax Exemptions for solar energy use</b>	<a href="#">SB 621</a>	King et al (6)		B&T	4/10	<a href="#">Sen. - 47-0 House - 132-0</a>
<b>Taxpayers Bill of Rights</b> – Constitutional Amendment to require <u>voter approval</u> for new State or local tax changes; puts spending limits on State; excess taxes to be returned to taxpayers.	<a href="#">HB 421</a>	Miller et al (14)	SUPPORT	W&M	2/19 1 PM	NV
<b>Maryland Taxpayer Protection Act</b> -Constitutional Amendment requires <u>3/5 of legislature</u> to increase tax or impose a new tax.	<a href="#">HB 684</a>	Schuh et al (33)	SUPPORT	W&M	3/05 1 PM	NV
	<a href="#">SB 747</a>	Harris et al (13)	SUPPORT	B&T	3/18 1PM	NV
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Suspension - New Vehicles</b> – Suspends tax for 90 days to help increase car sales.	<a href="#">HB 704</a>	Impalleria et al (4)	Support	W&M	2/19 1 PM	NV
<b>Inheritance Tax - Exemption - Domestic Partners</b> - Providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for specified property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of a domestic partner of a decedent; etc.	<a href="#">SB 785</a>	Robey & Madaleno	OPPOSE	B&T	3/16 2PM	<a href="#">FAV 27-18 94-38</a>
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	<a href="#">HB 502</a>	Miller et al (6)	SUPPORT	HGO	3/11 1 PM	UNF - HGO
<b>Motor Fuel Tax - Sales and Use Tax</b> -Increasing the motor fuel tax rate by 5 cents per gallon; altering the distribution of motor fuel tax revenue to give 4.3 cents to the Chesapeake Bay Fund.	<a href="#">SB 722</a>	Madelano	OPPOSE	B&T	3/16 1 PM	NV
Tax Amnesty Program - <a href="#">Declares a one month amnesty period for many delinquent state taxes, Sept. 1, 2009 to Oct. 31, 2009. Could help the state collect \$5-\$10- million in back taxes.</a>	<a href="#">SB 552</a>	DeGrange et al (37)	OPPOSE	B&T	4/10	<a href="#">Sen. - 44-2 House - 131-1</a>