



# City of Bladensburg Legislation Report (March 2, 2026)

Bill Title	Bill Number	Sponsor(s)	Status/Hearing Notes	General Notes
Vehicle Laws - Automated Enforcement - Reciprocal Agreements, Arrangements, and Declarations	<a href="#">HB 249 (SB 173)</a>	Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (1/19)	<p>Allows Maryland to work with other states and jurisdictions to collect unpaid traffic camera tickets.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Closes a major enforcement loophole. Supports Vision Zero. Revenue increase. Regional consistency.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> May prioritize ticket collection over safety. Impacts low-income drivers. Due process concerns. Potential administrative burden.</p>
	<a href="#">SB 173 (HB 249)</a>	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m. (1/13)	
MD Housing Certainty Act Land Use - Permitting - Development Rights (Maryland Housing Certainty Act)	<a href="#">HB 548 (SB 325)</a>	Behler	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (2/3)	<p>It “locks in” the rules for housing projects earlier in the approval process, and it delays when impact fees and excise taxes are collected.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Increases regulatory certainty. Aligns Maryland with neighbor states. Could speed housing production.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> Limits local flexibility. Fiscal strain on municipalities. Climate &amp; public safety concerns.</p>
	<a href="#">SB 325 (HB 548)</a>	Augustine	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (1/23)</p> <p><b>NOTES FROM HEARING:</b> Testimony reflected broad agreement that Maryland has a housing shortage, but disagreement over whether SB 325 appropriately balances regulatory certainty for developers with local land use authority and infrastructure planning.</p>	
Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Speed Monitoring Systems - Exemptions From Liability - Vehicle Rental Companies	<a href="#">SB 921 (HB 1522)</a>	Harris	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (2/12)	<p>The bill redefines the “owner” of a vehicle so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental companies can be held responsible.</li> <li>• Leasing companies can be held responsible.</li> <li>• Short-term lessees (under 6 months) can be held responsible.</li> <li>• Special registration plate holders can be held responsible.</li> </ul> <p>Under current law, these entities are never liable for automated camera tickets. Under this bill, they could be.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Improves accountability. Increases public safety revenue without raising taxes. Closes logistical loopholes.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> Costs may be passed to consumers. Risk of increased litigation. Expanding liability increases financial penalties in a system some consider overused.</p>
	<a href="#">HB 1522 (SB 921)</a>	Odom	In the House - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. (2/13)	
Motor Vehicles - Out-of-State Drivers - Automated Enforcement (Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)	<a href="#">HB 210 (SB 965)</a>	Foley	In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Environment and Transportation (3/2)	<p>Requires counties and municipalities that already use automated traffic enforcement cameras (speed cameras, red light cameras, school bus cameras, etc.) to submit a quarterly report to the State’s Vision Zero Coordinator.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Improves accountability for out-of-state drivers. No significant state cost. No New Fines or Penalties.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> No direct enforcement solution/doesn’t establish interstate enforcement mechanisms or withhold registrations</p>
	<a href="#">SB 965 (HB 210)</a>	Charles	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules (2/13)	
Land Use - Zoning - Limitations (Starter and Silver Homes Act of 2026)	<a href="#">HB 239 (SB 36)</a>	Chair, Economic Matters Committee	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (1/19)</p> <p><b>NOTES FROM HEARING:</b> The Administration’s witnesses framed HB 239 as not eliminating single-family zoning, but</p>	This bill aims to make it easier to build smaller, typically less-expensive homes by limiting a set of local requirements that can increase land costs and block townhouses in single-family zones.

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			<p>removing barriers that prevent smaller/attached home types from being built (and argued this could help affordability by expanding supply/options).</p> <p>Some local leaders and housing officials raised concerns that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no affordability requirements (so new units may still be priced out of reach), and there's risk of displacement if redevelopment targets lower-cost neighborhoods.</li> <li>• The bill could preempt local planning, limiting ability to match growth to infrastructure/schools/transportation capacity, and could undermine county-driven plans.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pro(s):</b> Could increase the supply and variety of homes. Creates more consistent statewide rules. Targets specific "cost-adders" that can make entry-level construction difficult or uneconomic.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> limits a county/municipality's ability to tailor zoning/design standards. Affordability isn't guaranteed. Displacement and equity risks. Administrative burden for locals.</p>
	<a href="#">SB 36 (HB 239)</a>	Chair, Education, Energy the Environment Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (1/27)	
Land Use - Residential Housing - Oversight, Regulation, and Taxation (Building Affordably in My Back Yard Act)	<a href="#">SB 267</a>	Brooks	In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (1/23)	<p>SB 267 is a broad, multi-part housing bill that tries to increase housing supply (especially affordable housing) by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Setting <b>statewide housing production targets</b></li> <li>2. Creating more <b>certainty and speed</b> in development approvals</li> <li>3. Allowing <b>local tax incentives (and disincentives)</b> tied to housing</li> <li>4. Limiting investor purchases (temporarily)</li> <li>5. Studying infrastructure and state permitting barriers</li> </ol> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Creates Housing Accountability. Adds Regulatory Certainty. Gives Local Governments More Tools.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> Significant State Preemption Concerns. Administrative Burden on Large Counties. Does Not Guarantee Affordability at Scale.</p>
Prince George's County Termination of Gas/Electric Service to Multi-Family Dwelling Units - Notification	<a href="#">HB 353</a>	Prince George's County Delegation	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation (1/19)	<p>Requires utilities to notify elected officials before terminating service (master/sub-meter multi-family units) for non-payment.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Increases transparency/early intervention; protects tenants from landlord non-payment.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> Added admin burden on utilities</p>
Prince George's County Supplemental Homeowner Property Tax Credit Required	<a href="#">HB 368</a>	Prince George's County Delegation	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m. (1/24)	<p>Supplements state homeowner tax credit for seniors (raises income/net worth/property thresholds).</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Relieves fixed-income seniors facing high assessments (income to \$75K, net worth \$200K+).</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> County funds admin/no state reimbursement; eligibility expansion costs.</p>



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Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses for Grocery Stores	<a href="#">HB 415</a>	Prince George's County Delegation	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters) and Hearing canceled (Government, Labor, and Elections) (2/13)	<p>Allows certain grocery stores inside the Beltway to obtain Class A beer or beer &amp; wine licenses.</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Increases convenience for residents by allowing alcohol sales at grocery stores.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> May negatively affect nearby small liquor stores and local businesses.</p>
Prince George's County - Crosswalk Monitoring Systems - Authorization PG 323-26	<a href="#">HB 1227</a>	Prince George's County Delegation	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation (2/11)	<p>Allows Prince George's County to use automated crosswalk cameras in school zones, but only if the County Council passes a local law approving it.</p> <p>These cameras would ticket drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, as already required under Maryland law (§ 21-502(a)(2))</p> <p><b>Pro(s):</b> Pedestrian Safety in School Zones. A \$40 fine is less punitive than many automated enforcement fines. Revenue Limited to Safety Purposes.</p> <p><b>Con(s):</b> Expansion of Automated Enforcement. Can disproportionately affect low-income residents. Initial startup expenses may be significant.</p>