

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 Regular Session

CLIENT PROFILE REPORTS

Welcome! As you may know, the 447th Session of the General Assembly of Maryland convened at noon on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, marking the official beginning of the 2025 Regular Session. The 2025 Session is scheduled to conclude in 90 calendar days on April 7th at midnight.

Last year, the 188-member Maryland General Assembly **considered 3,478 legislative measures and 14 Joint Resolutions** introduced by the legislative membership impacting numerous diverse and varied policies. That Session adjourned sine die on April 8th, 2024, with the Governor signing **1,048 enacted bills into law.**

The Rasmussen Group will continuously identify, monitor, track and report on legislation introduced that impacts your organization. As always, we will endeavor to identify and forward to you any information we believe to be relevant to your legislative agenda in a prompt and efficient manner. To assist you in keeping up to date with the latest changes, The Rasmussen Group will again be transmitting the Client Profile Report electronically through weekly e-mails.

During the Session, your client profile report will be e-mailed to you once each week, to ensure that you are getting the most updated information regarding Bill introductions, the legislative status of processed bills and notice of scheduled hearing dates. You will find your first Client Profile Report attached to this message. As activity intensifies, the Client Profile Report may be e-mailed to you more frequently to assure timely and accurate information reporting. Of course, you can contact our office at any time with any questions regarding any issue before the Maryland General Assembly. We at The Rasmussen Group welcome the opportunity to be of service!

HOW TO READ YOUR CLIENT PROFILE REPORT

Your Client Profile Report will list each bill that we believe may be of interest to your organization in numerical order, by chamber (House or Senate). To access and view the full legislative text, "double-click" on the underlined Bill number located in the far-left column. The full text of the Bill should appear in a PDF format, allowing you to read, print, copy, or save it to your computer. This will be the most up to date version of the bill as it progresses through both Chambers.

On subsequent profile updates, new bills are added sequentially on your Client Profile Report. To keep track of any changes, note the Status column. You'll know that something has been updated if the Date changes.

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Changes might include:

- **The Bill** was previously in the House and is now in the Senate (or vice-versa).
- The **Reader Version** changes or a Bill has been voted on and has now either Passed or Failed due to legislative action.
- A **Hearing Date/Time** has been scheduled or has been rescheduled.
- Or, on occasion, a Bill is **re-assigned** to another Committee or is jointly assigned to a second Committee for its consideration.

You may find from reading your client profile report that nothing has changed. That can be useful information, as well.

HOW TO INTERPRET LEGISLATION

Below is a description of bill drafting procedures that will assist you in your review and interpretation of the legislation; however, should you need further clarifications, please contact our office:

- **lower case** indicates existing law.
- **UPPER CASE** indicates new text added to existing law
- [Brackets] indicate text deleted from existing law
- **Underlining** indicates new text amendments to the Bill
- **Strike-out** indicates text stricken from the Bill by amendment
- *Italics* indicate opposite Legislative Chamber or Conference Committee amendments

NOTE: On legislation that has been considered by both Chambers, several Bill drafting procedures may appear in combination; review carefully.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the State of Maryland's legislative process, log onto the Maryland General Assembly website and find the "Legislative Process" PDF located at the bottom left of the home page or click on the following link:

http://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/NoPblTabLibResDocs/Legislative-Process.pdf

It is important that you convey any interest or comments regarding any Bill or language text incorporated therein to us immediately. Since your legislative



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profile may be reviewed by several members and to help minimize any confusion, please confer with your Committee Chair or Executive Director if you have not already done so. You can relay your comments to your coordinator and your coordinator can then communicate directly with us.

If you have any difficulty receiving your Client Legislative Profile Report, or if your email address or mailing address information changes, REPLY to this email (**dfr@rasmussengrp.net**), or give us a call at 410-303-4658. We will be glad to try and assist you with any concerns you may have.

This method of transmitting Session information was developed by The Rasmussen Group exclusively for our clients. We trust you will find this electronic process to be an easy way to keep up with the proposed legislation and laws that affect your business. Accessing your profile information is just a point and click away!