

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON STATUS OF
BILLS

Elected Officials. A constituent's State Senator or Delegate or the bill's sponsor often are the most effective source of information on the status of a bill.

Department of Legislative Reference. The Library and Information Services Division of the Department of Legislative Reference answers any request for information about the status of a bill.

Library 841-3810
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State House (ground floor) 841-3886
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During the legislative session, the Department of Legislative Reference publishes the daily floor proceedings for both the Senate and the House of Delegates, as well as daily synopses of legislation introduced. The proceedings list all actions taken on bills and joint resolutions in either chamber each day. The synopses summarize legislation introduced each day, and note the primary sponsor(s), the committee assignment, and the section of the *Annotated Code* affected by the legislation. As with printed bills, the Senate proceedings and synopses are on white paper, the House on blue. The Department also publishes a weekly public hearing schedule specifying the times and places for all legislative committee meetings. The hearing schedule is published weekly all year, but is especially useful during the legislative session because it lists what bills will be heard each day.

A limited number of synopses, proceedings, and hearing schedules are available to the public at the Information Desk of the State House (ground floor) or the Information Desk in the Legislative Services Building (basement level). Copies of printed bills and joint resolutions may be obtained from the Bill Room in the Legislative Services Building.

The Department of Legislative Reference offers a subscription service to persons or organizations with a broad continuing need for bill information.

Legislative Sales
Legislative Services Building, Room G-17
90 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401 841-3883
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Picked up in Annapolis—\$100 for bills (1st & 3rd readers, enrolled); \$25 for synopses, proceedings, hearing schedules.

Mailed Out—\$500 for bills; \$275 for 1st reader copies only; \$225 for 3rd reader copies only; \$75 for enrolled bills only; \$200 for synopses; \$100 for proceedings; \$50 for hearing schedules.

Online Bill Status System Subscription 841-3900

Newspapers. Newspapers often publish public hearing schedules of General Assembly committees and articles about bills introduced.

Every April, immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly, the Department of Legislative Reference compiles *Session Review*. This volume contains an overview of the issues and an account of legislation passed that session by the General Assembly, as well as significant bills that failed. Copies may be obtained from the Department for a fee.

The Department of Legislative Reference also publishes legislative committee reports, various indexes to bills, *Final Status Report of Proposed Legislation*, *Synopsis of Laws Enacted*, journals of both Senate and House, and *Laws of Maryland*.