



# CORDERMAN

STATE SENATE



## Senator Corderman Publishes Agenda for 2025 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session



### Honoring Our Public Servants

#### **Senate Bill 781: Task Force on the Establishment of a State Park Dedicated to Veterans' Care**

Senate Bill 781 establishes a Task Force to study and estimate costs and issues of the creation of a State Park that will be dedicated to Veteran's Care. The park will provide recreational opportunities and therapeutic services to veterans. The Task Force will be required to report their findings and recommendations to certain committees of the Maryland General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0781>

*"Veterans in our community dedicate themselves to serving their country and its residents, sometimes to a great personal cost. By establishing a State Park dedicated specifically to their care, we are demonstrating that we honor their commitment and sacrifice, and plan to make their mental health a priority. This would be the first State Park in the nation dedicated to veteran's care, making Maryland a leader in veteran support," said Corderman.*

#### **Senate Bill 502: Property Tax - Credit for Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker - Expansion to Judicial Officer**

Senate Bill 502 authorizes the governing body of a county, or other leadership to provide a certain property tax credit to certain judicial officers, surviving spouses, or cohabitants. The county or municipal corporation will be required to define, by law, who is a correctional officer and judicial officer. The credit will be applied retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0502>

***"Authorizing this tax credit would recognize and honor the legacies of our fallen heroes while at the same time help to ensure the well-being of surviving spouses and cohabitants. These proposed additions to the current legislation will help provide some relief during what is undoubtedly an incredibly difficult time," testified Corderman.***

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## Economic Development

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### **Senate Bill 861: Economic Development - Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund - Alterations**

Senate Bill 861 serves to continue the existence of the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board, and alter the purpose of the Senator George C. Edwards Fund. The Fund, named in honor of a great public servant, will provide grants and loans to create jobs and economic development opportunities in the region. The availability of the Fund will be extended through fiscal year 2031, and the Governor will be required to provide an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in the annual budget, to allocate to the Fund.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0861>

***"Investing in our community is one of my top priorities. This Fund provides the opportunity for Western Maryland to flourish economically. The Investment Board was started by Senator George C. Edwards, and it is an honor to continue his work. Western Maryland deserves the same economic benefits that we see in other parts of the state, so that our communities can continue to prosper as well," remarked Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 580: Washington County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism**

Senate Bill 580 allows for Washington County to be added to the list of counties in Maryland that does not require an existing agricultural building to obtain a different permit be used for agritourism purposes.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0580>

***"The standards expressed in this bill already apply to 19 out of the 23 counties in Maryland. Washington County is home to a sector of the agricultural industry, and many community members have existing agricultural buildings. By implementing this new standard for hosting agritourism related events, our county will obtain a higher level of economic success. Increasing business in the community should not be hindered by added regulations," stated Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 698: Washington County - Sales and Use Tax Exemption - Target Redevelopment Area**

Senate Bill 698 provides an exemption on the sales and use tax for certain construction material and warehousing equipment used on certain properties for the Mount Aetna

Technology Park in Washington County.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0698>

***"We are thrilled for the potential growth and developmental opportunities that this sales and use tax exemption will bring to our region. We have seen it work to incentivize businesses to develop in other parts of the state. Its implementation will welcome exciting high-impact and innovation driven job opportunities to our local community," noted Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 596: Washington County - Property Tax Credit - Economic Development Projects**

Senate Bill 596 alters the eligibility requirements for certain property tax credits for certain businesses that invest a certain amount into real property in Washington County, and create a number of permanent full-time jobs. The bill also alters the amount and the duration of the tax credit.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0596>

***"Incentivizing positive growth in our business community helps our County thrive. High income positions uplift the entire community and ensure sustainable economic development," said Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 982: Sports Wagering – Wagers on Historical Horse Races – Authorization**

Senate Bill 982 adjusts the definition of a "sporting event" to include historic horse races, for the purposes of provisions of law governing sports wagering. The bill will allow certain sports wagering facility licensees to accept wagers on historic horse races from individuals that are physically present, and under certain limitations.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0982>

***"This bill is about keeping Maryland gaming dollars in Maryland, and at the same time uplifting our existing off track betting facilities by allowing them to better compete in Maryland's gaming market," explained Corderman.***

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## **Public Safety**

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### **Senate Bill 860: Correctional Services - Inmate Release Study**

Senate Bill 860 requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study on the residency of individuals prior to incarceration compared to where they reside upon release from a State facility. The Department will be required to present this report to certain committees of the Maryland General Assembly, by the first of October each year beginning in 2025.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0860>

***"Three of the state's largest correctional facilities are located in our community. The purpose of this bill is to identify the number of individuals being released into our community, that were not originally from our community. In order to set these individuals up for success post-conviction, it is important to evaluate the number of individuals in our community that are reintegrating into society. If our local programs are faced with a number of individuals that exceed the threshold that they are able to or intended to serve, then it is a disservice to everyone that enters those programs and our community as a whole," stated Corderman.***

## Senate Bill 632: Peace Orders - Visual Surveillance

Senate Bill 632 protects individuals who allege that another person has utilized visual surveillance to observe their properties. This bill will allow the individual to file a peace order if they believe that they had a reasonable expectation of privacy regarding the area being surveilled. <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0632>

***"While we acknowledge the importance of upholding the right of property owners to place a camera on their property, we also believe that a family has a right to a reasonable expectation of privacy. When cameras are used to violate the actions of another on their own property, the safety and comfort of the violated individual is in jeopardy. The aggressive and abusive behavior exhibited by certain individuals is unwarranted, and presents a danger to communities statewide," explained Corderman.***

## Senate Bill 554: Criminal Procedure - Not Criminally Responsible Verdict Term of Commitment

Senate Bill 554 establishes a requirement for the courts to commit an individual who has been found not criminally responsible for first degree murder, to life in a designated health care facility. If the defendant is found not criminally responsible for second degree murder, then they will be committed to the facility for forty years.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0554>

***"The fact that a victim's family is forced to relive the horrific experience of the tragedy on an annual basis is traumatic for everyone involved. The knowledge that the individual that murdered their loved ones could be released in as little as a year after undergoing therapeutic treatment is detrimental to the healing process of the victim's relatives. The families of the victims deserve better, and should be made a priority," noted Corderman.***



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