Chesapeake Bay Commission Legislative Update

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Chesapeake Bay Commission

Tri-State Legislative Commission

- Established by state law in 1980s
- MD, VA, PA
- 7 Members from each State
- 2 Senators, 3 Delegates
- Translate Science Into Federal & State Policy
- Serve as a Legislative Voice within Bay Program
- Coordinate Policy Interests with Congress



State Legislative Sessions - 2025

- 2 years (2025-2026)
- Annual Budget (due June 30)

Pennsylvania



- 90 days
 (Jan. 10 Apr. 8)
- Annual Budget

Maryland



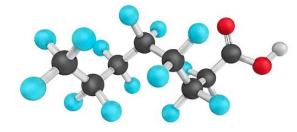
• 45 days

(Jan. 8 - Feb. 22 plus Apr. reconvene)

• **Biennial Budget** (2024-2026)



PFAS





Pennsylvania

Firefighting

- HB 1261
- PENDING
- ❖Biosolids Study
 - HB 1116
 - PENDING



Maryland

PFAS-Containing Pesticides

- HB0386/SB0345
- DID NOT PASS
- PFAS in Sludge
 - HB0909/SB0732
 - DID NOT PASS



- OccoquanReservoir PFASReduction
 - HB 2050
 - ENACTED
- Self-Reporting of PFAS Manufacture or Use
 - SB 1319
 - VETOED

Plastics





Pennsylvania

- ❖Plastic Bag Ban
 - HB 1547
 - PENDING



Maryland

- ExtendedProducerResponsibility
 - SB0901
 - ENACTED
- Water Bottle
 Filling Stations
 - HB0277/SB0096
 - ENACTED



- ❖Plastic Bag Ban
 - HB 1662
 - DID NOT PASS
 - Foam Packaging Ban
 - EFFECTIVE Jul. 1
 - Enacted 2021

Other





Pennsylvania

- ❖Road Salt Guide
 - HB 664
 - PENDING
- Driveway Sealants
 PAH Ban
 - HB 1089
 - PENDING



Maryland

- ❖Coal Ash
 - SB0425
 - ENACTED



- ❖Driveway Sealants PAH Ban
 - EFFECTIVE July 1
 - Enacted 2024

Federal Budget

	Expected	Delivered	Impact
FY 2025 Continuing Resolution		March 15th	Continuation of FY24 spending levels through end of FY25
Agency Reduction in Force and Reorganization plans (ARRP)	Phase 1 plan: March 13 Phase 2 plan: April 15	Implementation by end of FY25	Plans for attrition, layoffs, reorganization, office closures
FY 2025 Agency Spending Plans	April 25	?	Agencies disclose FY25 spending plans to Congress.
FY 2025 Rescissions Package	Week of April 18	1 st set June 3 (mostly DoState, Int'l Aid, Corp. for Public Broadcasting	President's request to rescind previously appropriated funds.
Budget Reconciliation bill	House: Memorial Day Senate: July 4	House passed May 22; under review in Senate	Mandatory spending cuts and tax cuts
FY 2026 President's Budget	Skinny: April 28 Full: Memorial Day	Skinny: May 2 Full: May 30	OMB/Agency budget proposal to Congress for FY26
FY 2026 Congressional Appropriations process	Bills: March-June Floor votes: July-Oct	In progress	Appropriations Committees hold hearings, receive Member requests, draft and mark-up bills for floor votes.

Federal Policy

- Toxic Substances Control Act
 - Last amended in 2016
 - Latest fees finalized in 2024
 - Costs under review for future adjustments
- EPA PFAS Actions
 - Announced April 28
 - Testing, Effluent Limits, Liability Framework



