

development of the Insurance Article, public service companies, and a preliminary revision of selected criminal laws.

The General Assembly has enacted into law the following twenty-four articles: Agriculture; Business Occupations and Professions; Business Regulation; Commercial Law; Corporations and Associations; Courts and Judicial Proceedings; Education; Environment; Estates and Trusts; Ethics Law; Family Law; Financial Institutions; Health—General; Health Occupations; Insurance (part I); Labor and Employment; Natural Resources; Real Property; State Finance and Procurement; State Government; State Personnel and Pensions; Tax—General; Tax—Property; and Transportation. To conclude the recodification process, approximately eight Articles remain to be completed or prepared and enacted into law, including economic development, election law, human resources, local government, public safety, and public service companies.

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