

2025 CDCC Bill Tracking  
 153<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly  
 (Updated – April 9, 2025)

| Bill Number  | Synopsis of Bill  | CDCC Position  | Status of Bill   |
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| <p>HJR 1<br/>           ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS UPON SMALL RESTAURANTS.</p>                   | <p>This Joint Resolution establishes the Small Restaurant Regulatory Reform Task Force, established for the goal of reducing unnecessary burdens created by the regulations promulgated by the Department of Health and Social Services. By June 1, 2026, the commission is to identify the unnecessary burdens created by the regulations, concrete steps that can be taken to ease the burdens, and what state funding, if any, would be necessary to ease those burdens.</p>   | <p>CDCC Supports</p>   | <p>1/23/25 Introduced and Assigned to Economic Development/Banking/Insurance &amp; Commerce Committee in House<br/>           3/6/25 Amended<br/>           3/11/25 Reported Out of Committee<br/>           3/13/25 Passed by House<br/>           3/11/25 Assigned to Business, Banking, Insurance &amp; Tech<br/>           3/26/25 Reported out of Committee<br/>           3/27/25 Passed by Senate</p> |
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| <p>HB 13 (Now HS 1)<br/>           AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.</p>        | <p>This Act adjusts the existing tax brackets and the tax rate for each bracket, combining some existing brackets and creating 2 new brackets. The 2 new brackets are taxed at the highest rates, but by combining some existing brackets, this Act also slightly increases or decreases the tax rate for some incomes. Under current law, taxable income in excess of \$60,000 is taxed at a rate of 6.6%. Under this Act, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, income between \$60,000 and \$125,000 will continue to be taxed at a rate of 6.6%, but income above \$125,000 will be taxed as follows: 1. In excess of \$125,000 but not in excess of \$250,000, at 6.75%. 2. In excess of \$250,000, at 6.95%.</p> | <p>Tracking...</p>   | <p>1/23/25 Introduced and assigned to the Revenue &amp; Finance Committee in the House<br/>           4/3/25 Adopted in lieu of the original bill HB 13, and Assigned to Revenue &amp; Finance Committee in House</p>  |
| <p>HB 48<br/>           AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 9, 21, AND 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES.</p> | <p>This Act adds provisions to Title 21 to better regulate, define, and enforce accessible parking spaces in Delaware. This Act expands on those design and construction rules required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and its implementing regulations, to provide additional requirements that enhance these standards and better reflect the needs of persons with disabilities in Delaware. When constructing or altering accessible parking spaces, this Act requires that a permit be issued by the local county or municipal authority to ensure that accessible parking spaces are compliant with these new requirements...</p>  | <p>CDCC Concerned: For many small businesses with more than 4 parking spaces, this could result in a loss of revenue due to less parking spaces.</p> | <p>3/6/25 Introduced and Assigned to the Health &amp; Human Development Committee in the House</p>   |

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| <p>HB 55<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF MILITARY STATUS.</p> | <p>This Act is intended to supplement protections under federal law for members of the military, their families, and veterans by adding “military status” as a protected class for purposes of the State’s public accommodations, housing, insurance, education, and employment laws. Technical corrections are also made to existing statutory language to conform with the requirements of the Legislative Drafting Manual.</p>   | <p>CDCC Tracking... concerned about creating another protected class</p>             | <p>3/6/25 Introduced and Assigned to Veterans Affairs Committee in House</p>  |
| <p>HB 57<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6 AND 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.</p>            | <p>This Act protects consumers by regulating home improvement contracts. Among other things, this Act provides the buyer with a right to cancel home improvement contracts within 3 days (5 days for those over the age of 62 or with a disability); limits contract deposits and material deposits; and time periods in which construction must begin. It also prohibits confessions of judgments and hasty debt transfers. If a party to a home improvement contract violates a provision of this new subchapter, a person who is damaged as a result has a cause of action to seek damages, costs, and reasonable attorney’s fees. This Act also creates a requirement that individuals convicted of 2 or more offenses of home improvement fraud after the effective date of this Act must be subject to debarment...</p>   | <p>CDCC Concerned: awaiting feedback from contractors and construction companies</p> | <p>3/6/25 Introduced and Assigned to Economic Development/Banking/Insurance &amp; Commerce Committee in House<br/>4/3/25 Amendment HA 1 to HB 57 - Introduced and Placed With Bill</p>  |
| <p>HB 62<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 22 AND 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES.</p>   | <p>This Act updates the law relating to the termination of utility services to a dwelling unit by adopting and expanding state regulations concerning the termination of heating and cooling services. Among other things, this Act does the following: 1. Prohibits a utility company from terminating any services outside the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. 2. Prohibits a utility company from terminating any services from December 21 of each year to January 1 of the following year. 3. Prohibits a utility company from terminating heating services for nonpayment to a dwelling unit when the temperature is at or below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. 4. Prohibits a utility company from terminating cooling services when the Heat Index is equal to or exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit. 5. Requires 14 days written notice be given to a dwelling unit prior to termination of services for nonpayment of bills during the heating or cooling season. 6. Requires the utility company to make at least 3 attempts to contact the occupant of a dwelling unit by telephone, text message, or email prior to termination of services for nonpayment during the heating season, including one attempt that must be after 5 p.m. 7. Requires the utility to make at least 1 attempt to contact the occupant of a dwelling unit by telephone, text message, or email prior to termination of services for nonpayment during the cooling season. 8. Requires that the 14 days written notice include information about payment plans, government assistance programs, and other ways termination of services may be deferred. 9. Imposes a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 in lieu of a misdemeanor. This Act also expands the scope of utility termination laws to include the termination of utilities run by municipal electric companies. Municipalities that use municipal</p> | <p>CDCC Concerned: awaiting feedback from utilities</p>                              | <p>3/20/25 The substitute bill was adopted in lieu of the original bill HB 62, and Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee in House<br/>3/26/25 Reported out of Committee<br/>4/8/25 Passed by House<br/>4/8/25 Assigned to Environment, Energy &amp; Transportation Committee in Senate</p> |

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|   | electric companies will be responsible for adopting ordinances to enforce utility termination laws within the municipality. Among other things, House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 62 differs from House Bill No. 62 by including additional times when shutoff of utilities is prohibited; removing the provision prohibiting shutoffs for occupants receiving certain benefits; and clarifying certain notice requirements.                          |  |  |
| HB 84<br>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMPLOYER-SPONSORED MEETINGS OR COMMUNICATIONS.   | This bill prohibits employers from requiring employees to participate in mandatory meetings or communications that are religious or political in nature. This bill also prohibits employers from punishing employees for the refusing to participate in the same. Meetings or communications necessary for their job duties or that are voluntary are excepted. Violators of the bill are subject to civil penalties between \$1,000 - \$5,000 per violation. | CDCC concerned:<br>Overreach of the Assembly into private business practices | 3/18/25 Introduced and assigned to House Labor Committee   |
| HB 92<br>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BY REPEALING THE DELAWARE ADVANCED CLEAN CAR PROGRAM UNDER REGULATION 1140 OF TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND ADOPTING THE DELAWARE LOW EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM. | This bill repeals the Delaware Advanced Clean Air Program and adopts the Delaware Low Emissions Program thereby terminating the Electric Vehicle Mandate.   | CDCC SUPPORTS!   | 3/26/25 Introduced and Assigned to Natural Resources & Energy Committee in House<br>4/9 Motion to release failed |
| HB 99<br>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE AND CHAPTER 118 OF VOLUME 83 OF THE LAWS OF DELAWARE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAXES.  | This Act increases the refundable earned income tax credit to 20% of the corresponding federal earned income tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and clarifies that a previously enacted refundable earned income tax credit of 4 1/2% of the corresponding federal earned income tax credit took effect for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.   | CDCC Tracking...   | 3/27/25 Introduced and Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee in House  |

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| <p>HB 105<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.</p>     | <p>Pay range transparency empowers job applicants with crucial information to negotiate salaries and make informed career decisions. It also encourages businesses to proactively review compensation practices, address unjustified pay disparities, and strengthen their ability to attract and retain top talent. This Act requires that employers include salary or wage range information in all postings for job opportunities, both internally and externally. Employers are required to maintain records relating to job descriptions and wage rates for current employees and for 3 years after the departure of an employee. The Department of Labor may bring an administrative action to enforce the pay transparency provision. The requirements of this Act do not apply to employers with 10 or fewer employees. The Act takes effect 1 year after its enactment.</p>   | <p>CDCC Concerned:<br/>Again an overreach into business practices</p> | <p>3/25/25 Introduced and Assigned to Labor Committee in House</p>   |
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| <p>SB 21 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW</p>     | <p>SB 21 is bipartisan legislation that will make vitally important, common sense improvements to the Delaware General Corporation Law, improvements which are essential in order to preserve Delaware's status as the premier jurisdiction for corporate law, entity formation, and place of corporate domicile. The bill is sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Bryan Townsend (D-11<sup>th</sup> SD) and co-sponsored by Democratic and Republican leadership in both the Delaware House and Senate.</p>  | <p>CDCC IN FAVOR</p>  | <p>3/12/25 Reported out of committee in Senate<br/>3/13/25 Passed the Senate<br/>3/19/25 Reported out of committee in House<br/>3/25/25 Passed by House<br/>3/25/25 Signed By Governor</p> |
| <p>SB 26<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.</p> | <p>Under current Delaware law, if a labor dispute constitutes a lockout, employees who meet all other eligibility requirements qualify for unemployment benefits from the date they file their claim. However, if a labor dispute does not constitute a lockout, employees do not qualify for (i.e. are disqualified from receiving) unemployment benefits. This Act changes the law to allow an employee who is subject to a labor dispute, other than a lockout, to collect unemployment benefits after a 2-week waiting period, if the employee meets all the eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits, including being able and available for work and completing weekly job requirements. This Act provides that the 2-week waiting period established by this Act is waived if one or both of the following apply: (1) The labor dispute is caused by the failure or refusal of the employer to comply with an agreement or contract between the employer and the individual, including a collective bargaining agreement with a union representing the individual, or a State or federal law pertaining to hours, wages, or other conditions of work. (2) The employer hires a permanent replacement worker for the individual's position. The Department of Labor may impose a penalty on an employer who fraudulently certifies the ability of an employee to return to the employee's prior position on conclusion of the labor dispute. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.</p> | <p>CDCC Concerned</p>   | <p>1/3/25 Introduced and Assigned to Labor Committee in Senate<br/>4/9/25 Reported out of Committee</p>  |

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| <p>SB 33<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 22, TITLE 29, AND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS AND DISTRICTS</p> | <p>This Act builds on the success of the Downtown Development Districts Act, Chapter 19 of Title 22 of the Delaware Code, by permitting a municipality with a population of 30,000 or more in the 2020 federal census, which includes Wilmington, Dover, and Newark, to designate an area in the municipality as a "Downtown Development Corridor". This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.</p>   | <p>CDCC Tracking...</p> | <p>1/3/25 Introduced and Assigned to Elections &amp; Government Affairs Committee in Senate</p>  |
| <p>SB 59<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND UTILITY RATES.</p>                                      | <p>Public utilities are regulated monopolies. Practically speaking, a public utility has no competition in its service territory and, therefore, does not face the economic risks that a for-profit, non-utility company must face. By law, a public utility is authorized the opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return on the costs it incurs in operating its business. Under the current Public Utilities Code, in determining the rates that public utilities may charge customers, the Delaware Public Service Commission must apply the "business judgment rule" standard in deciding which costs may be included in a utility's rate base. Forty-eight (48) states in the United States apply the "prudence" standard when setting utility rates, not the "business judgement rule" standard that is applied in Delaware. The more costs that are included in rate base, the higher the rates that are charged to utility customers. Under the "business judgment rule" standard, the Public Service Commission may not disallow the inclusion of a cost in rate base, even though the cost was incurred imprudently. For example, a utility may decide to expand the size of its facilities, but overbuilds those facilities at a cost of \$3 million, even though a smaller \$1 million expansion would be adequate to serve its customers and anticipated future growth. Under the business judgment rule, the Public Service Commission is not able to deny recovery of any part of the cost of the expanded facility and it will be included in rate base. Consequently, customer utility bills have been increasing and could continue to increase significantly. Amending the Public Utility Code so that the "prudence" standard applies, would give the Public Service Commission the ability to deny, in whole or in part, certain expenses and costs, which can lead to less frequent and less impactful rate increases.</p> | <p>CDCC tracking...</p> | <p>2/21/25 Introduced and Assigned to Environment, Energy &amp; Transportation Committee in Senate<br/>3/12/25 Reported out of Committee<br/>3/20/25 Passed By Senate. Votes: 19 YES 2 ABSENT<br/>3/25/25 Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee in House<br/>4/9/25 Reported Out of Committee (Natural Resources &amp; Energy) in House with 9 On Its Merits, 1 Unfavorable</p> |

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| <p>SB 60<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND UTILITY RATES.</p>   | <p>This Act requires the Delaware Public Service Commission to ensure that all regulated utilities do not use customer funds to subsidize unregulated activities for example, lobbying activities, political contributions, charitable contributions, and certain advertising and public relations activities. This Act places a cap on annual capital expenses in the amount of \$125 million for electric distribution companies. This Act also contains a severability clause.</p>   | <p>CDCC Concerned...</p> | <p>2/21/25 Introduced and Assigned to Environment, Energy &amp; Transportation Committee in Senate<br/>3/12/25 Introduced and Assigned to Environment, Energy &amp; Transportation Committee in Senate<br/>3/20/25 Passed by Senate<br/>3/25/25 Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee in House</p> |
| <p>SB 61<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE PJM INTERCONNECTION REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.</p> | <p>This bill requires disclosure of votes cast at meetings of, or matters before, the PJM Interconnection Regional Transmission Organization.</p>   | <p>CDCC Tracking...</p>  | <p>2/21/25 Introduced and Assigned to Environment, Energy &amp; Transportation Committee in Senate<br/>3/12/25 Out of Committee<br/>3/20/25 Passed by Senate<br/>3/25/25 Assigned to Natural Resources &amp; Energy Committee in House</p>  |
| <p>SB 63<br/>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LABOR.</p>  | <p>Chapter 35 of Title 19 prohibits an employer from improperly classifying an individual who is an employee as an independent contractor. Not only is this improper classification unfair to employees because it violates state and federal laws related to income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, wage laws, and workers' compensation, it is also unfair to contractors who comply with Chapter 35 and these other employment laws. When employers who violate Chapter 35 are subcontractors who have not registered as contractors as required under Chapter 36 of Title 19, the Department of Labor (Department) has no recourse for enforcing compliance with Chapter 35. This Act makes a general contractor responsible for a subcontractor's compliance with Chapter 35 by making the general contractor jointly and severally liable for restitution and penalties assessed against the subcontractor. This Act also allows the Department to deny, suspend, or revoke the certificate of registration of a contractor who contracts with a subcontractor who has not registered on any project. In addition, Section 3 of this Act makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.</p> | <p>CDCC OPPOSED</p>      | <p>3/6/25 Introduced and Assigned to Labor Committee in Senate<br/>4/9/25 Reported out of Committee</p>   |

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| <p>SB 72 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS.</p> | <p>This Act requires the Division of Public Health (“Division”) to create a website where Delaware residents can find out the level of PFAS, also known as “forever chemicals,” in their public drinking water systems. This Act also requires the Division to notify public water utilities if the PFAS in their water exceeds certain limits, known as maximum containment levels, or MCLs. Water companies receiving this notice from the Division must then notify their customers that the PFAS levels in their water exceed the MCLs. There is a growing body of evidence suggesting that PFAS, which are a class of chemicals that do not break down naturally, are linked to certain cancers, liver problems, thyroid issues, low birth weights and birth defects, decreased immunity, and other serious health issues. Children may be particularly susceptible to negative health outcomes from PFAS exposure, with some research linking high PFAS levels in children to developmental problems and reduced effectiveness of vaccines. Although Delaware is currently working toward making PFAS information available to consumers as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the federal rule that requires water systems to report on PFAS does not require them to do so until 2027, and water systems will not face consequences for exceeding MCLs until 2029. By providing everyone who uses public drinking water systems with the ability to determine the level of PFAS in their water prior to 2027, and to be notified when levels exceed MCLs, this Act empowers Delaware residents to advocate for safer water. This Act takes effect 90 days after its enactment into law.</p> | <p>CDCC Concerned: awaiting feedback from Artesian Water and Tidewater Utilities</p> | <p>3/13/25 Introduced and Assigned to Health &amp; Social Services Committee in Senate</p>                 |
| <p>SB 89 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS.</p>       | <p>This Act prohibits a seller that regularly accepts payment by credit card from (1) imposing a credit card surcharge greater than the percentage processing fee charged by the credit card company, for transactions of \$1,500 or less, and (2) refusing to accept payment by credit card or imposing any credit card surcharge, for transactions that exceed \$1,500.</p>  | <p>CDCC Opposed</p>  | <p>4/3/25 Introduced and Assigned to Banking, Business, Insurance &amp; Technology Committee in Senate</p> |
| <p>SB 104 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TRAUMA KITS.</p>                  | <p>Access to a trauma kit to stop bleeding is a vital first aid tool that can save lives in emergency situations where people are exposed to or may be exposed to traumatic circumstances. This Act defines what a trauma kit is and requires the managing entities of certain buildings acquire and place at least 6 trauma kits in a clearly visible, centrally located, and accessible area. The Act further requires the property managing entity or person to ensure the kits are appropriately placed and replaced if needed. The property managing entity or person must also send notification to tenants of the building regarding the locations of the trauma kits and instructions on how to use them. This Act does not apply to private homes, residences, or vehicles. The Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Social Services must adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the bill. Any person who violates this Act would be subject to fines of \$100 for the first violation and \$250 for any subsequent</p>  | <p>CDCC Concerned... overreach on the part of the assembly</p>                       | <p>4/9/25 Introduced and Assigned to Health &amp; Social Services Committee in Senate</p>                  |

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|  | violations. Use of a trauma kit in an emergency care situation is protected from civil liability pursuant to §§ 6801 and 6802 of Title 16. This Act becomes effective 180 days upon enactment. |  |  |
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Other concerns:

- Rumored bill to raise minimum wage
- Rumored bill to establish another protected class for obesity and aging
- Return of Sick & Safety Leave
- Return of Homeless Bill of Rights
- ~~Drafted bill on wage transparency-HB 105~~