

Maryland's 2025 Legislative Session is over, but the damage has been done.

The final version of Wes Moore's FY26 Budget featured nearly \$67 Billion in total spending, **the highest in Maryland history.**

To pay for this record-setting spending, and to account for the multi-billion budget deficit they created. **Maryland democrats passed approximately \$1.7 Billion in tax and fee increases.**

This was the largest tax increase in Maryland history.

Here's a full breakdown of the new or increased taxes and fees:

- \$497 Million in new sales taxes on B2B data and IT services
- \$367 Million in capital gains tax increases
- \$344 Million form income tax increases
- \$150 Million+ from increasing the vehicle sales tax (excise tax) from 6% to 6.5%
- \$80 Milling from DOUBLING vehicle title fees
- \$51 Million from increasing vehicle registration fees
- \$47 Million from new tax on short-term vehicle rentals
- \$39 Million from raising sales tax on cannabis
- \$32 Million form tax hike on sports betting
- \$21 Million from eliminating some sales tax exemptions
- \$9 Million from increase fees for historical vehicle plates
- \$9 Million from new tax on vending machine purchases
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 - New \$5 Fee on every tire purchase, and 25% increase in the tire recycling fee
 - Increase Fishing License fees
 - New Unemployment Insurance Fee
 - New Rental Property Lead Registration Fee
 - Increase Securities Agent fee
 - Alter weights and measures Registration and Process Fees
 - Increase surface mining fees
 - Increase voluntary cleanup program fees

- Increase fees for certification of nurseries, licensing of plant brokers and dealers, and inspection of nursery stock
- Increase horse establishment license renewal fee
- Increase wholesale seedsman permit fee
- Increases various Maryland Department of the Environment Fees
- Increase filing fee for foreclosures
- New Occupational Licensing background check fee
- Increase dealer and titling fees for boats
- New registration fee on rental fleet vehicles

The situation is untenable. we have ***never*** seen tax and increases like this in Maryland before, and **it is going to continue as long as Maryland Democrats have total control of the state government.**

We have to defeat the Democrat supermajority in the Maryland General Assembly, and elect Republicans to make the laws in Annapolis.

We have a plan to do it. We are going to organize and deploy volunteers, register more Republican voters, train candidates, invest in targeted districts and jurisdictions, and spread our commonsense conservative message all across this state.

Once we have more republicans in office across Maryland, the interests of taxpayers will become top priority of our state. **We need your Help to get there**

If you can't volunteer, you can also make a financial contribution, so we have the resources to fight on your behalf.

Let's fight for fiscal responsibility and get these Democrats out-of-office !

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