



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED MARCH 2, 2007

HB 1371 Delegate Gaines

QUALITY AND STABILITY IN THE PERSONAL CARE WORKFORCE ACT

Granting independent providers who provide services that are reimbursed under the State Medical Assistance Personal Care Program or the State Waiver for Older Adults Program the right to form, join, or assist a labor organization for the purpose of collective bargaining; establishing specified procedures for the election of the exclusive representative of independent providers; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue a designation letter to the exclusive representative on receipt of the election results; etc.

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HG, §§ 15-1A-01 through 15-1A-06 - added

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HB 1372 Delegate Gaines, et al**STUDENT HEALTH – INHALANT ABUSE – AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (MACKENZIE’S LAW)**

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to establish and promote in specified schools an information, awareness, and education campaign related to inhalant abuse; providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing the State Superintendent to use specified resources to carry out the campaign; requiring the State Board of Education to include the subject of inhalants and inhalant abuse in the curricula of the comprehensive health education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

ED, § 7-426 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1373 Delegate Tarrant, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM – SUBJECT TO STATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

Making the University of Maryland Medical System subject to the provisions of State law pertaining to access to public records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 13-303 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1374 Delegates Tarrant and Kullen**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS – CURRENT DEDUCTIBLE AND ACCOUNT BALANCE INFORMATION**

Requiring health insurance carriers that offer health reimbursement accounts or health savings accounts to enrollees to establish a specified method to provide current deductible and account information to providers and enrollees who participate in health reimbursement accounts or health savings accounts; requiring carriers to provide current deductible and account information to providers and enrollees in accordance with the requirements of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

IN, § 15-132 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1375 Delegate Tarrant, et al**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES**

Requiring the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System to submit a statement and report of specified procurement policies and procedures to the Board of Public Works for approval; requiring the Board of Directors to include specified information about purchasing activities related to minority business enterprises in an annual statement and report it submits to specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

ED, § 13-303 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED MARCH 5, 2007**HB 1376 Delegate McComas, et al****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – CRUELTY TOWARD AN ABUSED SPOUSE’S PET**

Authorizing a court, in an interim protective order, temporary protective order, or final protective order, to order a respondent to remain away from a specified pet or to refrain from cruelty or aggravated cruelty toward the pet; changing the definition of “stalking” to include malicious conduct that puts another person in reasonable fear that a specified pet likely will suffer cruelty or aggravated cruelty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

FL, various sections amended and added and CR, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1377 Delegate Beitzel, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK BEARS – ESTABLISHMENT OF POPULATION IN EACH COUNTY**

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to establish a program to ensure that, by October 1, 2014, a black bear population is introduced into each county in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

NR, § 10-2A-06 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1378 Delegate Stukes, et al**TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE RESTORATION OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force to Review the Restoration of Vocational and Technical Education in Middle Schools and High Schools in Maryland; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a specified date; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1379 Delegate Davis**VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE AND INTERNET PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICE**

Providing that the Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction over specified voice over Internet protocol services and Internet protocol-enabled services; providing for the construction of the Act; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PUC, §§ 8-601 and 8-602 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1380 Delegate Heller**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT – DEBIT CARD DISBURSEMENTS**

Authorizing a campaign finance entity to use a debit card to make a disbursement from a specified campaign account; authorizing a campaign finance entity to use a debit card to reimburse a specified person for specified expenses; authorizing a campaign finance entity to use a debit card to replenish a petty cash fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

EL, § 13-220 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1381 Delegate Heller**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005 – COST ESTIMATE REPORT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to submit a specified report on the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1382 Delegate Bobo**REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS AND CONDOMINIUMS – NOTICE EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF LIENS**

Establishing that additional service of a specified summons is not required before foreclosure; altering when an action to foreclose a lien may be brought if the lien is on a lot of a homeowners association or a unit of a condominium; establishing that an action to foreclose a lien on a lot of a homeowners association or a unit of a condominium not brought within a specified period may be renewed for a specified period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

RP, § 14-204 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1383 Delegate Ross, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND MULTICULTURAL YOUTH CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Latin American Youth Center, Inc. for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Center Multi-Purpose Room; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1384 Delegate Ivey, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SAFE PASSAGE EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Family Crisis Center, Inc. for the construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a house to be used as an emergency shelter; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1385 Frederick County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – MARYLAND MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR HISTORY AT LANDON HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Tycon Group LLC, Inc. for the design and construction of the Maryland Museum of Civil War History, located in Urbana; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey a specified easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1386 Delegate Bartlett**AGRICULTURAL OWNERSHIP ENTITIES – HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

Altering definitions under the Homestead Property Tax Credit law to include shareholders in a family corporation, as defined, and partners in general partnerships within the definition of “homeowner” for purposes of the credit under specified circumstances; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2007; authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to accept specified applications for the credit on or before September 30, 2007; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

TP, § 9-105(a)(3), (6), and (7) and (c)(4) - amended and § 9-105(a)(8) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1387 Delegate Ramirez, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LANGLEY PARK MULTI-SERVICE CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to change the name of the Victory Youth Center to the Langley Park Multi-Service Center and change the name of a specified grantee from the Board of Directors of the Victory Youth Centers, Inc. to the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington; expanding the authorized uses of the loan proceeds and matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2007

Chapter 445 of the Acts of 2005, § 1(3) Item ZA00 (AH) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1388 Delegate Vaughn, et al**PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – POLICY STATEMENTS**

Requiring the certification agency for the minority business enterprise (MBE) program to ensure that units of State government implement a specified policy; specifying that a unit may award a contract only to a bidder or offeror who makes a good faith effort to meet specified MBE goals; requiring a bidder or offeror to document its efforts to meet specified goals; requiring units to consider specified criteria in evaluating a bidder's or offeror's good faith efforts; requiring a specified evaluation and report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

SF, § 14-306 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1389 Delegate Conway, et al**AGRICULTURE – CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM PROGRAM – COST SHARE**

Altering the Maryland Crop Insurance Premium Program to include a cost share element in order to increase participation by farmers in the State in the Federal Crop Insurance Program; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to make a cost share payment for specified qualifying crop insurance products; prohibiting a cost share payment from exceeding a specified amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

AG, § 2-901 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1390 Delegate Feldman, et al**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS – PAYMENT OF OVERTIME – COMPUTATION**

Altering the manner in which a wage for overtime is computed by employers for employees; exempting specified employees from provisions of law mandating the payment of an overtime wage; and providing that specified employees are not entitled to a specified computation of overtime pay.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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LE, §§ 3-415(c) and 3-420 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1391 Delegates McDonough and Impallaria**HARFORD COUNTY – GAMING – POLITICAL FUNDRAISING**

Authorizing a political committee in Harford County to conduct a fundraiser at which prizes of money or merchandise are awarded in specified games of chance; and requiring that a prize not exceed the amount otherwise allowed for a prize in the county.

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CR, § 13-1508.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED MARCH 5, 2007**HJ 5 Delegate Kaiser (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)****PROTECTION FOR MARYLAND CONSUMERS FROM ABUSIVE CREDIT PRACTICES**

Recognizing the advantages of uniform standards for the regulation of consumer and residential credit terms and practices in the United States; objecting to the laws of another state preempting the laws of Maryland; resolving that only federal laws that establish specified national rules should preempt protection under State law; resolving that the General Assembly finds it good public policy for specified banks to offer competitive and uniform credit products on a nationwide basis; etc.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 6 Delegate Valderrama, et al**FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

Urging the U.S. Congress to pass the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007; and acknowledging the important role played by Filipino veterans in World War II.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations