



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 20

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2009

HB 814 Delegate Hucker, et al

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – GREEN JOBS WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM

Establishing the Green Jobs Workforce Training Program; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program; requiring the Administration to consult regularly with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, the Maryland Clean Energy Center, and the Department of Business and Economic Development concerning the activities of the Program; stating the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SG, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2106 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 815 Delegates Beitzel and Hammen**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY INSURANCE – GARRETT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – SUBSIDY FOR PRACTITIONERS WHO PERFORM OBSTETRICAL SERVICES – EXTENSION**

Requiring that, after a specified fiscal year, disbursements be made from the Medical Assistance Program Account of the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund to provide a subsidy for medical professional liability insurance policies issued to family practitioners who have staff privileges at Garrett County Memorial Hospital and who also provide obstetrical services at the hospital; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

IN, §§ 19-802(g), 19-804(a), and 19-807(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 816 Delegate Carr, et al**MARILYN J. PRAISNER SAFE AND EARTH-FRIENDLY ROADWAY ACT**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration or a political subdivision to install or replace a specified luminaire for highway lighting only if it determines that the safety concerns to be addressed by the lighting cannot be addressed by specified alternative means; authorizing the Administration, a political subdivision, or an electric company to install or replace a specified luminaire for highway lighting only with a new luminaire that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 8-609.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 817 Delegate Carr**VEHICLE LAWS – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES – SAFETY STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

Requiring the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board to establish criteria for all-terrain vehicle safety programs and approve qualifying programs; establishing specified prohibitions related to the operation of specified all-terrain vehicles by individuals of specified ages; prohibiting specified individuals from operating all-terrain vehicles unless specified requirements related to all-terrain vehicle safety training are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ED, § 13-518 and TR, § 21-1213 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 818 Delegate Morhaim**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – WELLNESS**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to designate a wellness coordinator to create and develop a wellness program; authorizing the wellness program to include specified initiatives; requiring the wellness coordinator to take specified actions; requiring each State agency to designate an employee to serve as a wellness liaison; authorizing the Department of Budget and Management to seek, through a request for proposals, a specified wellness program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SP, §§ 2-502.2 and 2-506 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 819 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT OF 2009**

Prohibiting specified employers from failing to properly classify individuals who perform work for remuneration paid by the employer; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to initiate an investigation under specified circumstances to determine whether specified violations occurred; requiring the Commissioner to enforce specified provisions; establishing the method of determining whether an employer–employee relationship exists for purposes of proper classification under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

LE, §§ 2-107(g), 3-102(a), 3-103, 3-104, 8-201, 8-628, and 9-202 - amended and §§ 3-901 through 3-919, 8-201.1, and 9-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 820 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEES – PROPERTY, RECORDATION, AND TRANSFER TAXES MC 932–09

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the Montgomery County property tax imposed on specified real property; authorizing Montgomery County to grant, by law, a recordation tax exemption for specified transfers of residential real property; authorizing Montgomery County to provide for an exemption from the county transfer tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TP, §§ 9-317(f) and 12-119 - added and PLL of Mont. Co., Art. 16, § 52-20(a) - amended and § 52-20(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 821 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CORPORATE TRAINING CENTER LICENSE MC 902–09

Establishing in Montgomery County a Special Class B – Corporate Training Center beer, wine and liquor license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use in a specified corporate headquarters support facility; specifying that sales of alcoholic beverages under the license are only for on–premises consumption; and setting the annual license fee at \$2,500.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Art. 2B, § 8-216.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 822 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS MC 907–09

Making specified provisions of law relating to automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems at railroad grade crossings applicable to Montgomery County; authorizing specified law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County to mail a citation within a specified period of time to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded in Montgomery County by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system while in violation of specified laws regarding railroad grade crossings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-704.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 823 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REVENUE AUTHORITY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT MC 917–09

Expanding the definition of a “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Montgomery County Revenue Authority.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

CJ, § 5-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 824 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RECORDATION TAX – INDEMNITY MORTGAGES MC 926–09

Providing that, for purposes of the recordation tax in Montgomery County, secured debt with respect to an indemnity mortgage, deeds of trust, or other security interests in real property securing a guarantee of repayment of a loan for which the guarantor is not primarily liable is deemed to be incurred as debt is incurred on the guaranteed loan, and the recordation tax applies as if the guarantor were primarily liable for the guaranteed loan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TP, § 12-105(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 825 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – REGULATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE MC 913–09

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to enact laws to regulate campaign finance disclosure for specified officeholders in Montgomery County and candidates for election to specified offices; and specifying provisions that may be included in specified laws enacted to regulate campaign finance disclosure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EL, § 13-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 826 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED CAMERA FAIRNESS ACT MC 912–09

Prohibiting a contractor's fee from being contingent on the number of citations issued or paid if the contractor provides services or equipment relating to the installation, operation, maintenance, or repair of a speed monitoring system, the issuance or processing of a citation, or the collection or enforcement of a penalty for a specified violation recorded by a speed monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-809(j) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 827 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SOLICITATION BY ADULTS OF MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLES – ADOPTION OF A PERMIT PROGRAM MC 920–09

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Montgomery County to enact a local law to require an adult or an adult representative of specified organizations to obtain a specified permit before standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-507(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 828 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NO SO–CALLED SEXUAL STIMULANT PILLS FOR KIDS ACT MC 908–09

Prohibiting in Montgomery County the sale or offer for sale to minors of products labeled and marketed as sexual stimulant pills, with a specified exception; requiring retailers in Montgomery County to display and store the products in a specified manner; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations; and establishing specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HG, § 24-304 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 829 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ISSUED ELECTRONIC WEAPON – PROVISION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR MC 909–09

Requiring that, in Montgomery County, a law enforcement officer who has been issued an electronic weapon also be provided an automated external defibrillator and training in the operation and use of the defibrillator; and defining terms.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PS, § 3-507 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 830 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JUST CAUSE EVICTION MC 918–09

Authorizing Montgomery County and municipal corporations in Montgomery County to recognize and declare that the eviction of tenants from residential rental units without just cause is unlawful; authorizing the county and municipal corporations, upon making a certain declaration, to enact a local law to prohibit a landlord from evicting tenants in the absence of just cause; specifying when just cause exists for purposes of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

RP, § 8-215 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 831 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STEEL JAW LEGHOLD OR BODY–GRIPPING TRAPS – PROHIBITION MC 922–09

Expanding the application of the prohibition against the use, setting, placement, or maintenance of a steel jaw leghold or body–gripping trap in Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

NR, § 10-410(o) - amended and § 10-410(o-1) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 832 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INCOME TAX – BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT CREDIT MC 921–09

Authorizing Montgomery County to allow an individual to claim a credit against the county income tax for specified investments in qualified Maryland biotechnology companies; requiring the county to provide for the administration of the credit; requiring the county to provide for the amount of the credit; authorizing the county to limit the credit to only investments in companies located in the county; allowing the county to make the credit refundable; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TG, § 10-725 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 833 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS – MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR MC 928–09

Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a winery special event permit to Class 4 Maryland limited wineries for use during the entire length of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Art. 2B, § 2-101(u) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 834 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLES – PROHIBITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS MC 927–09

Prohibiting, in Montgomery County, an adult from standing, or causing, encouraging, allowing, or petitioning a person to stand, in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle, subject to a specified exception; authorizing the Montgomery County Council or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Montgomery County to enact a specified permit program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-507(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 835 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – KENSINGTON – EXPANSION OF AREA FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES MC 934–09

Expanding the commercial area in the Town of Kensington in which the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may issue specified alcoholic beverages licenses for restaurants; specifying a minimum seating capacity of 20 persons for licensed restaurants; and prohibiting the serving of alcoholic beverages in the expanded area after 11 p.m.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Art. 2B, § 8-216(a)(2)(iv) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 836 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INCOME TAX – ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT CREDIT MC 933–09

Authorizing Montgomery County to allow, by law, an individual to claim a credit against the county income tax for investments in organic agriculture companies as defined by the governing body of the county; requiring the governing body of the county to provide for the administration of the credit; authorizing the county to make the credit refundable; requiring the county to notify the Comptroller if the credit is authorized; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TG, § 10-728 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 837 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – USE BY DESIGNATED AGENCIES IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS MC 929–09

Authorizing a municipal corporation in Montgomery County that does not maintain a police force to establish or designate a person to enforce specified speed restrictions by using specified speed monitoring systems in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-809 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 838 **Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CLASSES OF
PROPERTY AND SPECIAL RATES MC 906–09

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to impose property tax on those classes of property that it selects to be subject to property tax; authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to set special rates for any class of property that is subject to the county property tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

TP, § 6-302 - amended and § 6-309 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 839 **Delegate Carter, et al**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – BALTIMORE CITY – AUTHORIZED USE
OF FUNDS

Authorizing Baltimore City to use specified Program Open Space funds to acquire undeveloped property in conjunction with a nonprofit organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

NR, § 5-911 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 840 **Delegates Carter and Oaks**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATES OF
NEED – EXTENSION

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to grant an extension of time to a person holding a certificate of need if good cause is shown; and requiring the Commission to renew the extension of time for the certificate of need on a continued showing of good cause by the holder of the certificate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HG, § 19-120(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 841 **Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT MC 930–09

Requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to develop and operate a website that includes specified information on Board of Education payments; and specifying the parameters of the website.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ED, § 5-115 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 842 **Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – REQUIRED APPROVAL –
ACQUISITION OF GENERATION FACILITY

Prohibiting a person, without prior approval of the Public Service Commission, from acquiring a generation facility or acquiring an ownership interest in a generation facility in the State under specified circumstances; providing for the application of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

PUC, § 6-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 843 **Delegate Love, et al**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – SUBSCRIBER
COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Adding to the requirements for a continuing care retirement community's internal grievance procedure; shortening the time frame within which specified subscribers have the right to meet with management of a provider; authorizing subscribers to submit a specified request to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman under specified circumstances; requiring the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to provide specified written conclusions to specified individuals and to the Department of Aging; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HU, § 10-428 - amended and § 10-430 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 844 Delegates Ali and Anderson**CIVIL JUDGMENT ADVANCES REGULATION ACT**

Requiring specified judicial oversight of specified civil judgment advances; requiring the court to issue an order on an application for a civil judgment advance within 10 days after the application is filed; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CJ, §§ 5-1201 through 5-1207 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 845 Delegate Carter, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – TWEEN/TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop and implement in the public schools a program to educate students about dating violence; requiring the program to include education on services provided to victims of dating violence; altering the definition of “victim of domestic violence” for purposes of specified provisions of law; and requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the second week in October “Statewide Tween/Teen Dating Violence Education and Awareness Week”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ED, § 7-411.1 and SG, § 13-601 - added and FL, § 4-513 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 846 Delegates Conway and Mathias**WORCESTER COUNTY – MOTORCYCLE DEALERS – SUNDAY OPERATIONS**

Authorizing in Worcester County a motorcycle dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motorcycle or a certificate of title for a motorcycle on Sunday; and making the Act effective on July 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

BR, § 18-101(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 847 Delegate McDonough

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TERRORIST GROUPS – REMOVAL OF INCOME TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Prohibiting charitable organizations from accepting charitable contributions from specified entities; requiring the charitable organizations subject to the Act to return the contributions to the donors within a specified period of time after receiving a specified notice; providing that charitable organization that violate the Act shall lose their State income tax exempt status; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

BR, § 6-622 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 12, 2009**HB 848** Delegate Rosenberg, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

Prohibiting the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority from providing specified assistance to a participating institution for a project on undeveloped property unless the participating institution demonstrates that it is negotiating in good faith a payment in lieu of tax agreement with the local jurisdiction where the project is located; authorizing specified payment in lieu of tax agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EC, § 10-315 - amended and §§ 10-323(j) and 10-338 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 849 Anne Arundel County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALEPH BET JEWISH DAY SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Aleph Bet Jewish Day School for the planning, design, construction, and site development and improvements of the Aleph Bet Jewish Day School, located in Annapolis; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 850 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REGISTRATION**

Requiring homeowners associations, condominiums, and cooperative housing corporations to register annually with the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing the Attorney General to collect a fee not exceeding \$25 for the registration; requiring the registration to be filed within 30 days after a specified date; and establishing the form of the registration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

RP, §§ 11-130 and 11B-115 and CA, § 5-6B-12 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 851 Anne Arundel County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – MTR EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$800,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc. for the design and construction of the MTR Education and Rehabilitation Center, located in Annapolis; 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, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 852 Delegate Dumais**MARYLAND UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – LORETTA’S LAW**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to durable powers of attorney; establishing the Maryland Uniform Power of Attorney Act; establishing exceptions to the application of the Act; establishing that a power of attorney created under the Act is durable unless the power of attorney contains a specified provision; requiring a power of attorney to be signed by the principal or a specified other individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ET, §§ 13-601 through 13-603 - repealed and §§ 17-101 through 17-404 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 853 Delegate Holmes**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – REPEAT OFFENDERS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue special license plates to identify a vehicle that is owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk or drugged driving offenses three or more times; requiring the special registration plates to be distinctive and to include the letters “DUI”; requiring the Administration to recall the registration plates of all vehicles owned by an individual who has been convicted of specified drunk and drugged driving offenses three or more times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 13-630 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 854 Delegate Holmes**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS – PUBLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBERS AND RETAIL PRICES**

Requiring institutions of higher education in the State to publish the International Standard Book Number and retail price information of college textbooks and supplemental materials on the institution’s Internet course schedule no later than the date on which course offerings and schedules are published before the commencement of a semester; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, § 15-112 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 855 Delegate Smigiel, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – DEFINITION OF PUBLIC BODY**

Altering the definition of a public body in the context of the Open Meetings Act to include the governing body of a humane society or other entity dedicated to animal control or protection if a county provides funding to the entity and has delegated the authority to carry out animal control or protection to the entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SG, § 10-502(h) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 856 Delegate Smigiel, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDIA COVERAGE IN THE COURTROOM – CRIMINAL SENTENCING HEARINGS**

Repealing a prohibition against recording or broadcasting a criminal sentencing hearing; establishing specified requirements for a media organization's request to provide media coverage of a criminal sentencing hearing; requiring the clerk of the court to provide notice to specified parties; providing specified factors that a presiding judge may consider; authorizing a presiding judge to grant or limit a specified request to provide media coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CP, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 857 Delegate Smigiel, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – DISCLOSURE OF COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers under specified motor vehicle liability insurance policies to disclose information about specified coverage or policies and excess coverage to plaintiffs and their counsel on notification of potential litigation concerning motor vehicle accidents involving specified insureds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

IN, § 19-513 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 858 Delegate Smigiel, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – ADVISORY COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Requiring the Governor or member of an Executive Branch agency who appoints members of an advisory committee to take appropriate steps to assure that the members represent a fair and balanced range of viewpoints and that the advice and recommendations of an advisory committee are not inappropriately influenced by specified people or groups and are the result of the advisory committee's independent judgment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SG, § 8-504 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 859 Delegate Smigiel, et al

ELECTION LAW – WATCHERS – APPLICATION OF STATE LAW TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Applying specified State laws concerning watchers to a municipal election; providing that a local law concerning watchers in a municipal election applies only to the extent that it does not conflict with specified State laws concerning watchers; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EL, § 10-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 860 Delegate Hammen

HEALTHY MARYLAND PROGRAM

Renaming the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to be the Healthy Maryland Program; establishing the status and purpose of the Program and the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the Program; repealing specified requirements for the operation of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; establishing requirements for Program enrollment and coverage; establishing a Board of Directors for the Program; requiring the Program to operate subject to the supervision and control of the Board; providing for an Executive Director; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added, LE, §§ 12-101 and 12-102 - added, and TG, § 10-106.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 861 Delegate Smigiel**PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE – OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE – PENALTIES**

Making it a misdemeanor to perform a surgical operation on an animal in the State in violation of specified provisions of law; and making a person on conviction for this misdemeanor subject to imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

AG, § 2-315.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 862 Delegate Smigiel**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER HARVEST – CLOSURE OF STATE WATERS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to keep tidal waters of the State open for oyster harvesting unless the Department makes specified determinations or except as required by law; requiring the Department to manage tidal waters to support, promote, and enhance oyster harvesting opportunities to a specified extent; requiring the Department to manage tidal waters to prevent any net loss of waters available for oyster harvesting or of available oyster harvest authorizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

NR, § 4-215(h) - amended and § 4-215.5 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 863 Delegate Barve, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING MACHINES – VOTING SYSTEM WARRANTY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a voting system selected by the State Board of Elections to be warranted by the vendor for 2 years; requiring the warranty to require the vendor to replace or upgrade hardware or software under specified conditions; authorizing a person other than the State to file a civil action on behalf of the State against a person who has breached a specified warranty; providing for the procedures to be followed in a civil action; authorizing the State to intervene and proceed with the action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EL, § 9-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 864 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PROHIBITION HO. CO. 9–09

Prohibiting a person from standing in a State highway or the highway right-of-way in Howard County to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle; and making the provisions of the Act severable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-507(h) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 865 Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Repealing a requirement that a home be completed on or before June 30, 1988, in order to qualify for a property tax credit in Harford County for residential real property in proximity to specified refuse disposal systems; extending the property tax credit in Harford County for specified residential property in proximity to refuse disposal systems to other residential real property; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

TP, § 9-314(a)(1)(x) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 866 Delegate Holmes, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND TRANSFER OF LICENSES AND PERMITS – PAYMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

Requiring that, before an alcoholic beverages license or permit may be issued, the applicant provide verification that the applicant has paid all undisputed taxes or has provided for payment in a specified manner; requiring that before an alcoholic beverages license or permit may be renewed or transferred, the renewing authority verify in a specified manner that the holder of the license or permit has paid all undisputed taxes or has provided for payment in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Art. 2B, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 867 Delegate Holmes, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SHABACH ADULT DAY CARE AND SENIOR CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the SHABACH! Ministries, Inc. for the planning and design of the Shabach Adult Day Care and Senior Center, located in Upper Marlboro; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 868 Delegates Love and Krysiak**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Prohibiting the issuance of portable electronics insurance unless specified materials are available to prospective customers at a specified location and in a specified manner; providing for the materials to include a summary of coverage, a disclosure about other insurance coverage, a statement about required enrollment in coverage, a description of the process for filing a claim, a disclosure about employees evaluating other insurance coverage, and a statement about cancelling the insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

IN, §§ 19-901 through 19-904 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 869 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – PROTECTION OF HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE – TENANCY AGREEMENT – EXCEPTION**

Providing that a requirement that the purchaser of a residence in default provide a specified statement about tenancy to the homeowner under specified circumstances does not apply to a tenancy arising after the sale of owner-occupied residential property where the seller and purchaser agree that the seller may remain in possession of the property for not more than 60 days after settlement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

RP, § 7-313 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 870 Delegate Holmes, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –
KAPPA ALPHA PSI PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$10,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, construction, and capital equipping of playgrounds at Bowie High School and Pointer Ridge Elementary School, located in Bowie; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 871 Delegate Barkley, et al**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CERTIFICATES OF NEED – HOSPITALS**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to docket and review a specified application for a certificate of need based on a specified letter of intent notwithstanding the pendency of a specified application; requiring the Commission to review a specified application for a certificate of need in a specified manner; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 19-120(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 872 Delegate Schuh, et al**EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT
– WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION**

Providing that members of the Employees’ Pension System, who prior to enrolling in the Employees’ Pension System were members of the Montgomery County Government 401(a) Retirement Plan, may purchase service credit in the Employees’ Pension System for the period of time the members were participating in the Montgomery County Government 401(a) Retirement Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 873 Delegate Oaks, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – PARK HEIGHTS GOLF RANGE AND FAMILY SPORTS PARK LOAN OF 2000 AND MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED BOND LOAN OF 2002 – BALTIMORE CITY – PARK HEIGHTS GOLF RANGE AND FAMILY SPORTS PARK

Amending the Baltimore City – Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Park Loan of 2000 and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2002 to require that the specified loan proceeds be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended for specified purposes by a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Chapter 440 of the Acts of 2000, as amended and Chapter 290 of the Acts of 2002 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 874 Delegate Sophocleus, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – TRESPASS ON POSTED PROPERTY AND WANTON TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – PENALTIES

Increasing the penalties for subsequent violations of the crime of trespass on posted property; and increasing the penalties for subsequent violations of the crime of wanton trespass on private property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CR, §§ 6-402 and 6-403 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 875 Delegate Sophocleus, et al

DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – REFUSAL TO TAKE A BLOOD OR BREATH TEST – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person who is detained for specified alcohol– or drug–related driving offenses from knowingly refusing to take a specified blood or breath test if the person was detained previously for specified alcohol– or drug–related driving offenses and refused to take a blood or breath test; and providing that a violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, §§ 21-902.2 and 27-101(cc) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 876 Delegate Glenn, et al

ENVIRONMENT – HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE

Requiring the Secretary of the Department of the Environment to establish a Healthy Homes Initiative in the Department for specified purposes; authorizing the Secretary to apply for specified federal grants; and requiring the Secretary to administer specified grants for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

EN, § 6-855 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 877 Delegate Kramer, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – MOTORCYCLE AT A RED SIGNAL – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Providing an affirmative defense for the operator of a motorcycle to the charge of entering or crossing an intersection against a red traffic signal in violation of specified provisions of law; and establishing specified elements to the affirmative defense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-201 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 878 Delegate Sophocleus, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT – USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Establishing exceptions to an exclusion of conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle from the crime of reckless endangerment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CR, § 3-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 879 Frederick County Delegation**DIVESTITURE FROM IRAN AND SUDAN – FREDERICK COUNTY RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County to enact ordinances to take divestment action with regard to specified investments; providing immunity from liability for the Board of County Commissioners, its officials, agents, employees, or any fiduciary acting on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners; requiring the Board of County Commissioners, its officials, agents, employees, or any fiduciary acting on behalf of the Board to act in good faith in taking specified divestment actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

PLL of Frederick County, Art. 11, § 2-7-201 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 880 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GIRL SCOUT URBAN PROGRAM AND TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition of building space to expand the Girl Scout Urban Program and Training Center, located in Baltimore City; 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, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 881 Delegate Sossi, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – INSPECTION BY INDEPENDENT ENTITY REQUIRED**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to cause an inspection to be conducted of all elements of the superstructure and substructure of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on or before December 31, 2009; requiring the Authority to retain the services of an entity independent of and not affiliated with the Authority to conduct the inspection; requiring the Authority to mandate that the entity conducting the inspection use the most exacting and state-of-the-art technology available for that purpose in the industry; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 882 Delegate Sossi, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – INDEPENDENT INSPECTION
REQUIRED BEFORE TOLL, FEE, OR PENALTY INCREASE**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from imposing an increase in a toll, fee, or penalty for the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge until a specified inspection is conducted; requiring the Authority to retain the services of an entity that is independent of and not affiliated with the Authority to conduct the inspection; requiring the Authority to require the entity to use state-of-the-art technology for the inspection; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Ways and Means

HB 883 Delegate Olszewski, et al**INCOME TAX REFUND – DIRECT DEPOSIT – MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS**

Requiring the Comptroller, if a claimant requests, to directly deposit portions of an income tax refund into at least two accounts at one or more financial institutions, beginning in tax year 2010.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TG, § 13-905(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 884 Delegate Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PARKS AND
PEOPLE HEADQUARTERS AT AUCHENTOROLY TERRACE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Parks and People, The Foundation of Baltimore Recreation and Parks, Inc. for the construction, renovation, and reconstruction of the Parks and People Headquarters at Auchentoroly Terrace, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 885 Delegate Healey, et al**REAL PROPERTY – RESCISSION OF CONTRACT FOR SALE OR TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE IN DEFAULT – NOTICE TO PURCHASER**

Requiring a homeowner of a residence in default to provide a specified notice as a condition of exercising specified rights to rescind a contract for the sale or transfer of a residence in default; and requiring the notice to be provided before the execution of the contract for sale or transfer of the residence in default.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

RP, §§ 7-310(a) and 7-313(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 886 Delegate Olszewski, et al**OPTIONAL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SYSTEM – ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

Requiring State employees who are members of the Employees' Pension System to make elections under specified circumstances for enrollment in the Optional Defined Contribution System; requiring State employees who are members of the Employees' Pension System to file documents with the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SP, § 32-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 887 Delegate Smigiel, et al**LAWYERS – SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE AS COUNSEL TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a lawyer from serving as legal counsel for a county in the State while also serving as legal counsel for a municipal corporation in the State; authorizing a specified court to issue a writ of mandamus to command a person to comply with the Act; and providing that a violation of the Act violates the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct and is subject to the disciplinary authority of a duly organized bar association in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

BOP, § 10-603.1 - added and § 10-606 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 888 Delegates Sossi and Smigiel

TRANSPORTATION – CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE CROSSING – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR A THIRD SPAN

Explicitly stating the power of the Maryland Transportation Authority to conduct or coordinate a study of the environmental impact of a proposed transportation facility; requiring the Transportation Authority, in collaboration with specified other agencies, to commence the process, on or before a specified date, to conduct and complete an Environmental Impact Study for a third crossing of the Chesapeake Bay; and requiring that the Environmental Impact Study be for a span at a specified location.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 889 Delegate Smigiel, et al

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING – RESIDENT DELEGATES BY COUNTY

Amending the Maryland Constitution to provide that legislative districting shall, to the greatest extent practicable, result in a resident delegate from every county; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 890 Delegate Stein, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLE – PENALTY

Increasing the maximum penalty for failure of a driver of a vehicle to yield to an emergency vehicle from a \$500 fine to a \$1,000 fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 27-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 891 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Allowing a tax credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified electric vehicles; repealing an obsolete tax credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for qualified hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

TR, § 13-815 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 892 Delegate Cane, et al**HISTORICALLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS – STATE FUNDING – BLOUNT–RAWLINGS–BRITT HBI COMPARABILITY PROGRAM**

Establishing the Blount–Rawlings–Britt HBI Comparability Program to provide supplemental funding assistance to the State’s public 4–year historically black institutions (HBIs); stating the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt specified standards and procedures; requiring the Governor to provide funds for the Commission to distribute to HBIs; providing for the calculation of the annual operating budget distribution to each of the HBIs; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, §§ 17-401 through 17-404 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 893 Delegate Hixson, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the State Board of Elections to certify a voting system that has been examined by an independent testing laboratory approved by the National Association of State Election Directors; requiring the State Board to select and certify the voting system that best satisfies specified requirements if at the time of procurement of a voting system there are no voting systems commercially available that entirely satisfy specified requirements; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 894 Delegate Olszewski, et al**FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE – ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring the asset limit established by the Secretary of Human Resources for a temporary cash assistance case to be adjusted annually for inflation; requiring a local department to exclude specified retirement accounts and education savings accounts from income in determining eligibility for the Family Investment Program; and generally relating to eligibility for temporary cash assistance under the Family Investment Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HU, § 5-312(b-1) - added and § 5-315 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 895 Delegate Olszewski, et al**TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT**

Increasing specified State income tax rate bracket thresholds for taxable years after 2014 by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TG, § 10-105(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 896 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – NONCUSTODIAL PARENT**

For the purpose of allowing specified noncustodial parents making child support payments to claim an income tax credit in a specified amount against the State income tax for earned income under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TG, § 10-704(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 897 Delegate McConkey, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OFFICE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS – ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop by March 31, 2010, a model policy for accounting for all office discipline referrals submitted in public schools; requiring the model policy to include specified information; requiring county boards of education to establish policies to account for office discipline referrals submitted in schools; requiring accountability policies established by county boards of education to include specified components; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 898 Delegate McConkey, et al**CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – RELOCATION OF CHILD – CONSENT AND COURT APPROVAL**

Authorizing a court to include as a condition of a custody or visitation order a requirement that either party obtain the consent of the other party or the approval of the court before relocating the child outside the State; establishing defenses to actions brought for violations of specified consent or court approval requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

FL, § 9-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 899 Delegate Kelly, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS FOR PARTIALLY DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS – PAYMENT**

Requiring an employer or insurer to continue specified payments under specified circumstances to specified individuals who were partially dependent at the time of the covered employee's death or who were wholly dependent at the time of the covered employee's death and became partially self-supporting; altering the total amount of compensation payable to an individual who was partially dependent at the time of the covered employee's death or became partially self-supporting after the covered employee's death; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

LE, §§ 9-681(j) and 9-682 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 900 Delegate Cane, et al**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – REVIEW OF DUPLICATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to determine whether an unnecessary duplication of programs exists, after receipt of a request for such determination from Morgan State University, Coppin State University, Bowie State University, or the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; providing that decisions of the Commission concerning unnecessary duplication are subject to judicial review; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, §§ 11-206 and 11-206.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 901 Delegate McComas, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – CRUELTY TOWARD A PET OR SERVICE ANIMAL**

Authorizing a District Court Commissioner, in an interim protective order, or a judge, in a temporary or final protective order, to order a respondent to remain away from, refrain from cruelty or aggravated cruelty toward, or give to a specified person a pet or service animal under specified circumstances; specifying penalties for failure to comply with relief ordered in a protective order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

FL, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 902 Delegate Mizeur, et al**MARYLAND FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**

Requiring employers in the State that are subject to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide specified leave to an eligible employee with respect to the eligible employee's brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner and the son or daughter of the eligible employee's domestic partner; providing that an eligible employee who takes leave provided under the Act is entitled to specified protections and rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

LE, § 3-803 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 903 Delegate Hixson, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERS OF WILLS – FEES**

Establishing that, unless otherwise provided by law, a register of wills is not required to record a paper filed with the register or to provide a person with a copy of a paper until the applicable charge has been paid; altering the rates at which specified probate fees must be assessed on the value of probate estates; altering specified fees for services provided by registers of wills; eliminating specified fees for services provided by registers of wills; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ET, §§ 2-206 and 5-606 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 904 Delegate Smigiel

STATE GOVERNMENT – SHERIFF AND STATE’S ATTORNEY – BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Prohibiting a sheriff or State’s Attorney from being a member of any board, nonprofit board of directors or board of trustees, or for-profit board of directors or board of trustees located in the county where the sheriff or State’s Attorney serves unless State law requires otherwise; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SG, § 15-504.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 905 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – 10TH ELECTION DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Authorizing a nonprofit organization in the 10th election district in Frederick County to obtain a one-day special beer and wine license for use at a fundraising event for the organization.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Art. 2B, § 8-211(k) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 906 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Establishing for archery hunters in Frederick County a 50-yard safety zone within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 907 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT – GOVERNOR’S POWERS**

Requiring the Governor to withhold approval of the transfer of the National Guard to federal control in the absence of an explicit authorization for use of military force adopted by the U.S. Congress and in force on the date of the federal request for transfer or a declaration of war by the U.S. Congress; and authorizing the Governor to request the return of units of the National Guard to the control of the State in specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PS, § 13-401(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 908 Delegate Hixson, et al**INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY CREDIT**

Allowing a qualified film production entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for specified costs incurred for film production activities; repealing the Film Production Rebate Program; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the credit; requiring that the estimated total direct costs incurred in the State exceed \$500,000; providing that the total direct costs may not include wages that exceed \$1,000,000; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

EC, §§ 4-401 through 4-407 - repealed and TG, § 10-728 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 909 Delegate McDonough**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS**

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Regulation of Surgical First Assistants; providing for the composition and staffing of the Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for specified reimbursement for travel expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before January 1, 2010; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 910 Delegate McComas, et al**MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – SENIORS**

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to consider the needs of low-income and moderate-income seniors when using money from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to develop and implement specified energy efficiency and conservation programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SG, § 9-20B-05(h) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 911 Carroll County Delegation**COUNTIES – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – CARROLL COUNTY**

Authorizing Carroll County to enter into an agreement to purchase development rights under specified circumstances; authorizing Carroll County to determine, by resolution, the provisions, terms, conditions, and the duration of a specified agreement; providing that a payment obligation in a specified agreement shall be a general obligation of the county and may not be subject to a specified annual appropriation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

Art. 24, § 20-101 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 912 Delegate Barnes**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARREST – VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Clarifying that a police officer is authorized to make a warrantless arrest of a person who the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of an interim, temporary, or final protective order under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 913 Delegate Dwyer, et al

MARYLAND'S MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT

Adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to establish that a marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only domestic legal union valid or recognized in the State; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XV, § 8 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 914 Delegates Barkley and Heller

FAMILY LAW – CHILD NEGLECT – MARYLAND STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REFERRAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Providing that failure of a parent or guardian to comply and follow up with the referral recommendations of the Maryland Student Assistance Program constitutes neglect of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

FL, § 5-701(s) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 915 Delegate Smigiel

MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against the State; providing specified penalties for making false claims against the State; requiring the Attorney General to investigate specified violations; authorizing a person other than the State to file a civil action on behalf of the State against a person who makes a false claim against the State; providing for the procedures to be followed in a civil action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

SG, §§ 12-601 through 12-609 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 916 Delegate Holmes**POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – GOVERNMENT IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON INCOME PRODUCING REAL PROPERTY – FISCAL IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring a local government to request a specified study from the Governor before enacting an ordinance or adopting a regulation that imposes rent restrictions or affordability requirements on specified residential property; requiring the Governor to direct a State entity to perform the study; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

Art. 24, § 19-105 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 917 Delegate Smigiel, et al**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS – UNIFORM SUBPOENA PROCEDURES AND FORMS FOR CIRCUIT COURTS**

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts, on or before January 1, 2010, to design uniform subpoena procedures and forms to be provided to and used by the circuit courts of the State for subpoenaing a person for a criminal, civil, or traffic matter.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CJ, § 1-505 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 918 Delegate Malone, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – RETIRED PILOTS WITH THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE**

Providing specified retirees who are reemployed by the Maryland State Police Aviation Command as helicopter pilots with membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; making membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System a condition of employment for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System; providing an exception for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System who are reemployed as Maryland State Police Aviation Command helicopter pilots; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

SP, §§ 24-406 and 26-201(a) - amended and § 26-307.2 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 919 Queen Anne's County Delegation**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAX – COLLECTION FEES**

Prohibiting the Clerk of Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County from collecting a specified fee for collecting recordation tax and county transfer tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

CJ, § 2-213(j) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 920 Delegates Ali and Benson**NO SO-CALLED SEXUAL STIMULANT PILLS FOR KIDS ACT**

Prohibiting the sale or offer for sale to minors of products labeled and marketed as sexual stimulant pills, with a specified exception; requiring retailers to display and store the products in a specified manner; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations; and establishing penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HG, § 24-304 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 921 Delegate Barnes, et al**CONSTRUCTION PERMITS – EXPIRATION DATES**

Requiring the running of the period of approval for specified construction and development permits issued by the State or a county or municipality to be tolled beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2012; making the Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of the Act and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

EMERGENCY BILL

SG, §§ 11-201 and 11-202 and Art. 24, §§ 23-101 and 23-102 - added and SG, § 11-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 922 Delegate Rudolph, et al**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – FIXING OR REVISING TOLLS AND FEES – NOTICE AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide a 60-day public comment period before a proposal to fix or revise a toll, fee, or other charge may take effect; requiring that the public comment period commence on the date on which the Authority publishes specified information in the Maryland Register; requiring the Authority to hold public hearings during the public comment period in different regions of the State; requiring the Authority to accept oral and written testimony from the public at each hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TR, § 4-312 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 923 Delegate Rudolph**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – BRAC – EXEMPTION FROM OUT-OF-STATE AND OUT-OF-COUNTY FEES**

Exempting specified employees and their family members as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process from paying an out-of-state or out-of-county fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive the out-of-state fee and out-of-county or out-of-region fee for specified students; requiring that specified students be included as in-State residents for a specified computation of State aid; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, § 16-310(a)(1) and (b)(1) - amended and § 16-310(a)(6) and (b)(4) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 924 Delegate Shank, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’
BILL OF RIGHTS**

Providing for specified rights of a State correctional officer relating to employment, investigation, and discipline under specified circumstances; providing for the procedures for the investigation or interrogation of a State correctional officer; establishing procedures for an application for a show-cause order under specified circumstances; establishing a specified limitation on administrative charges against a correctional officer in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CS, §§ 10-901 through 10-913 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 925 Delegate Dwyer, et al**MARYLAND PERSONHOOD AMENDMENT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Declaration of Rights to establish that the right not to be deprived of life is vested in all human beings, irrespective of age, health, function, physical dependency, or method of reproduction, from the beginning of their biological development; making technical changes; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONTINGENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 24 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 926 Delegate Burns**INCOME TAX CREDIT – CHILD SUPPORT – INCARCERATED
NONCUSTODIAL PARENT**

Allowing specified eligible parents to claim a credit against the State income tax up to \$1,000 under specified circumstances; providing that the income tax credit may not exceed the State income tax for that taxable year and may not be carried over to any other taxable year; and applying the Act to taxable years after 2008.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TG, § 10-728 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 927 Delegate Weir, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – PROHIBITION ON DREDGING BURIED OYSTER SHELLS ON MAN–O–WAR SHOALS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from dredging buried oyster shells on Man–O–War Shoals as part of carrying out specified duties to increase the productivity or utility of the natural oyster bars of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

NR, § 4-1103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 928 Delegates Weir and Boteler**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Altering, from 3 percent to the Federal Reserve discount rate as of January 1 of each year, the annual interest rate paid on a security deposit under a residential lease after the end of a tenancy; altering, from 3 percent or the Federal Reserve discount rate, whichever is less, as of January 1 of each year, the annual interest rate paid on a security deposit prior to the termination of a tenancy; and altering, from 6 months to 12 months, the interval at which interest accrues on a security deposit under a residential lease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

RP, § 8-203(e) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 929 Delegate Hubbard, et al**AGRICULTURE – FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES – RELEASE REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations regarding reporting on the release of fertilizers and pesticides; declaring specified findings of the General Assembly; requiring a person that releases fertilizer and pesticide to submit a specified report to the Department; requiring the report to contain specified information; requiring the report to cover the preceding calendar year and be submitted annually beginning on March 1, 2011; requiring the Department to establish the format of the report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

AG, §§ 14-101 through 14-403 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 930 Delegate Hubbard, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOWIE POLICE DISPATCH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bowie for the construction and capital equipping of the Bowie Police Dispatch Center; 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, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 931 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND BILL**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$13,600,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 932 Delegate Levi, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – AFTER-CARE CLASSROOM FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Largo Community Ministries, Inc. for the construction of the After-Care Classroom Facility, located in Mitchellville; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 933 Delegates Levi and Holmes**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PERMIT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the County Council of Prince George's County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to enact a permit program for a one-day permit to allow specified individuals and specified representatives of fire companies or bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', or charitable organizations to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection and solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-507 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 934 Delegate Smigiel**VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUSES – PROHIBITION ON PERMITTING SITTING ON FLOOR OR STANDING**

Prohibiting a person who is responsible for pupils on a school bus from permitting any pupil to stand while the bus is in motion; prohibiting a person who is responsible for pupils on a school bus from permitting any pupil to sit on the floor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

TR, § 21-1118 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 935 Delegate Bartlett, et al**STUDY TO EVALUATE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of State Police jointly to conduct a study to evaluate strategies to reduce deer-vehicle collisions; requiring the study to include specified reviews, evaluations, and examinations; requiring the departments to use only personnel and resources in the departments; and requiring the departments jointly to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 936 Delegate Serafini, et al

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT SPEECH ON RELIGIOUS ISSUES

Requiring each county board to treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint in the same manner the board treats expression of a secular viewpoint; prohibiting a county board from discriminating against a student based on a religious viewpoint; requiring each county board to adopt a policy establishing a limited public forum for student speakers; providing specified requirements for the limited public forum policy required by the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, §§ 7-104.1 and 7-104.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 937 Delegate F. Turner, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – RETENTION OF UNUSED FUNDS

Requiring specified money retained in the State budget at the end of a fiscal year to be used to make awards to students during subsequent fiscal years under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

ED, § 18-107 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 938 Delegate Levi, et al

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE EARNINGS – COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to withhold 20% of the earnings of an inmate in the Private Sector/Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for compensation for victims of crime; requiring the Department to allocate earnings that are withheld in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

CS, § 11-604 and CP, § 11-607 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 939 Delegate Smigiel, et al**PUBLIC BROADCASTING – MARYLAND PUBLIC TELEVISION
FREEDOM IN BROADCASTING ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission or a division of the Commission, when entering into a contractual relationship with the State or an entity of the State for television broadcasting services, to include a provision in the contract to allow the Commission or a division of the Commission to select the events it will film and broadcast.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ED, § 24-205 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 940 Delegate Carter, et al**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES –
CONSTRUCTION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Requiring a feasibility study prepared by a continuing care provider to include specified information for specified proposed projects; providing that the Department of Aging may approve a feasibility study under specified circumstances if the Department makes a specified determination in consultation with the Department of the Environment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

HU, § 10-409 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 941 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – DISTRIBUTION TO
MINORS**

Prohibiting a person from distributing tobacco-containing and tobacco-related products to a minor in Cecil County; establishing a specified civil infraction and specified civil penalty; authorizing a law enforcement officer in Cecil County to issue specified civil citations in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

Art. 24, §§ 15-102.1, 15-103, and 15-104 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 942 Queen Anne's County DelegationQUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – LOCAL DETENTION CENTER –
COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE MANAGEMENT

Providing that the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County may authorize, by resolution or law, the Warden of the County Detention Center to continue the management of the County Detention Center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

CS, § 11-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 943 Delegate SmigielLOCAL GOVERNMENT – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REFERENDUM
– LOCAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a county from enacting prohibitions on collective bargaining by county employees under specified conditions; authorizing a county under specified conditions to submit a specified local law for referendum; establishing that a specified local law enacted under specified conditions shall not take effect unless approved by referendum; and requiring the county governing body and board of elections to take specified actions to provide for and hold the referendum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

Art. 24, § 23-101 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 944 Delegate Love, et alCOMMISSION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARYLAND
WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE MONUMENT – EXTENSION OF
TERMINATION DATE

Codifying the provisions of law that created the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument; extending the termination date of the Commission to September 30, 2014; and providing that, if a monument to Maryland women in military service is completed and erected before September 30, 2014, the Commission no longer needs to continue to meet for the purpose of conducting its business.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009

SG, § 9-8A-01 - added and Chapter 281 of the Acts of 2006, § 2 and Chapter 282 of the Acts of 2006, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 945 Delegate McDonough**EDUCATION FUNDING – TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS**

Transferring specified funds in the State budget from specified land preservation programs to the General State School Fund under specified circumstances; and requiring that funds transferred under the Act shall be used only for specified purposes.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 946 Delegate Love, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Annapolis Area Ministries, Inc. for the construction of the Light House Shelter, located in Annapolis; 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, 2009

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 947 Montgomery County Delegation**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE MC 903–09**

Altering the allocation of highway user revenues among political subdivisions; requiring that a specified portion of highway user revenues be allocated to Montgomery County; and requiring the State Highway Administration to transfer to Montgomery County all responsibility for maintenance of State highways located in Montgomery County except for Interstates 270 and 495 on or before July 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TR, §§ 8-403, 8-404, and 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 948 Delegate Kaiser, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – PART-TIME GRANT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Changing the number of semester hours of courses in which a student must be enrolled in order to qualify as a part-time student for the Part-Time Grant Program from at least 6 to at least 3 semester hours.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

ED, § 18-1401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 949 Delegate Sossi, et al**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – BONDING AUTHORITY**

Modifying a specified limit on the issuance of revenue bonds by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

TR, § 4-306 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 950 Delegate Kelly, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – UNSUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS – ADMISSIBILITY**

Providing that evidence of a formal complaint against a law enforcement officer is not admissible in an administrative or judicial proceeding if the complaint resulted in the exoneration of the officer of all charges, a determination that the charges were unsustainable or unfounded, the acquittal of the officer by a hearing board, the dismissal of the action against the officer, or a finding of not guilty by a hearing board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PS, § 3-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 951 Delegate Hubbard, et al

HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2009

Establishing a Maryland Institute for Clinical Value; establishing the purpose of and requirements for the Institute; establishing a Value-Based Advisory Committee in the Institute; establishing the purpose and composition of the Committee; establishing a Citizens Advisory Council in the Institute; establishing the purpose, composition, and responsibilities of the Council; establishing a Maryland Prevention Trust for Health Promotion in the Institute; establishing the purpose and responsibilities of the Trust; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, IN, LE, and TG, Various Sections - added, LE and IN, Various Sections-repealed, and HG, IN, SF, and TG, Various Sections-amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 952 Delegate Hubbard, et al

CONTINUING CARE – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF OVERSIGHT

Transferring oversight of continuing care from the Department of Aging to the Maryland Insurance Administration; requiring the Administration, in consultation with specified groups, to conduct a specified review and report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 953 Delegate Love, et al

FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT – REIMBURSEMENT

Requiring, in Anne Arundel County, that any agreement entered into under a specified provision of law between a fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity and the federal government to provide fire fighting or rescue activities on property under the jurisdiction of the United States shall include a provision that entitles the fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity to obtain reimbursement from the appropriate federal authority for all or part of the cost; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

PS, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 11, 2009

HB 537 Delegate King

FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES – EXEMPTION FOR MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATIONS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that State laws governing fraternal benefit societies and other insurance laws of the State do not apply to mutual aid associations that were organized before 1880, have a membership composed of specified members of the Armed Forces or Sea Services of the United States, and have as a principal purpose to provide insurance and other benefits to its members and the dependents or beneficiaries of its members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

IN, § 8-404 - amended

Reassigned to: Health and Government Operations