

January 17, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On January 17, 2012, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following piece of legislation, which you passed:

SB 46

Chapter 1

Senator Mathias

**SOMERSET COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –
DISTRICTS**

Repealing the current boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in Somerset County; providing for the reopening of a specified candidate filing deadline for a candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the general election in November 2012; and prohibiting a specified withdrawal of candidacy.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

February 27, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, the following resolutions have been assigned Resolution numbers:

SJ 1 The President (By Request – Administration)

Res. No. 1 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2012

Establishing legislative districts pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution.

HJ 1 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Res. No. 2 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2012

Establishing legislative districts pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

March 1, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 1, 2012, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following piece of legislation, which you passed:

HB 438 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 2 **CIVIL MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT**

Altering a provision of law to establish that only a marriage between two individuals who are not otherwise prohibited from marrying is valid in the State; prohibiting an official of a religious order or body authorized to perform a marriage ceremony from being required to solemnize or officiate at a marriage or religious rite of a marriage in violation of the constitutional right to free exercise of religion; making the Act contingent on the resolution of litigation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

April 10, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 10, 2012, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 234 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 3

**MARYLAND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND DISPARITIES
REDUCTION ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate specified areas as Health Enterprise Zones in a specified manner; specifying the purpose of establishing Health Enterprise Zones; authorizing the Secretary, in consultation with the Community Health Resources Commission, to adopt specified regulations; authorizing specified nonprofit community-based organizations or local government agencies to apply to the Secretary on behalf of specified areas for designation as specified Health Enterprise Zones; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 179 Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 4

**KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS CHEMOTHERAPY PARITY ACT OF
2012**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for specified cancer chemotherapy under specified health insurance policies or contracts from imposing limits or cost sharing on coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy that are less favorable to an insured or enrollee than the limits or cost sharing on coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 243**
Chapter 5 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS CHEMOTHERAPY PARITY ACT OF 2012
- Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy under specified health insurance policies or contracts from imposing limits or cost sharing on coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy that are less favorable to an insured or enrollee than the limits or cost sharing on coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 848**
Chapter 6 **Senator King**
EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT
- Authorizing a county governing body, for a specified purpose and under specified circumstances, to set a property tax rate that is higher than the rate authorized under the county’s charter or to collect more property tax revenues than are authorized under the county’s charter, notwithstanding any provision of the county charter that places limits on the county’s property tax rate or revenues; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 9**
Chapter 7 **Senator Forehand**
MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION HVAC REPLACEMENT
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to allow the matching fund requirement for specified grants for the Mental Health Association HVAC replacement to consist of real property, in kind contributions, and funds expended prior to June 1, 2011.
EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 10**
Chapter 8 **Senator Colburn, et al**
SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EASTERN SHORE – USES OF PROCEEDS
- Altering a provision so as to require that at least one-half of the net after payout proceeds from slot machines operated by specified nonprofit organizations in counties on the Eastern Shore must benefit charities; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 325**
Chapter 9 **Delegates Conway and McDermott**
SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EASTERN SHORE – USES OF PROCEEDS
- Altering a provision so as to require that at least one-half of the net after payout proceeds from slot machines operated by specified nonprofit organizations in counties on the Eastern Shore must benefit charities; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 30**
Chapter 10 **Senators Klausmeier and Kittleman**
INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – FAILURE TO PAY A PREMIUM
- Altering the manner in which the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund may cancel policies when a policyholder has failed to pay a premium; repealing a requirement that the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund refer cases for collection to the Office of the Attorney General; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 65**
Chapter 11 **Delegates Jameson and Minnick**
INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CANCELLATION OF POLICIES – FAILURE TO PAY A PREMIUM
- Altering the manner in which the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund may cancel policies when a policyholder has failed to pay a premium; repealing a requirement that the Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund refer cases for collection to the Office of the Attorney General; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 37

Senator Colburn

Chapter 12

DORCHESTER COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER SERVICE – LATE FEES

Authorizing the sanitary district in Dorchester County to charge a specified late fee for unpaid water and sewer usage charges; authorizing the sanitary commission in Dorchester County to require the payment of specified late fees before reconnecting with water service; and providing that when a specified charge is in default it will accrue interest from a specified date and at a specified rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 51

Senator Ferguson

Chapter 13

BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – TRANSFER OF LICENSE

Altering a prohibition against the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City issuing an alcoholic beverages license or transferring a license into specified locations in Baltimore City by authorizing the Board to allow the transfer of a specified license into a specified development in a specified location in accordance with a specified local ordinance; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 59

Senator Kelley

Chapter 14

STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT – REPORTING DATE

Altering from December 1 to January 31 the date by which the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy must submit its annual report to the General Assembly on the activities of the preceding calendar year; and clarifying the contents of the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 117

Delegate Mitchell, et al

Chapter 15

STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT – REPORTING DATE

Altering the date by which the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy must submit its annual report to the General Assembly from December 1 to January 31 on the activities of the preceding calendar year; and clarifying the contents of the report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 85**
Chapter 16 **Senators Jennings and Getty**
ELECTION LAW – BALTIMORE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Requiring the Chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party
Central Committee to be elected by the members of the central
committee from among its members and in accordance with its
bylaws instead of being elected at large; and altering the number of
members of the central committee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 103**
Chapter 17 **Senator Colburn**
DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS
FOR SALE
Altering the Sunday sales hours for holders of a Class B (on-sale)
beer, wine and liquor license in Dorchester County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 105**
Chapter 18 **Senator Colburn**
CAROLINE COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY – TURKEY
HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS
Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on Sundays
during the spring turkey hunting season in Caroline County and
Dorchester County; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 108**
Chapter 19 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – LICENSING
Repealing and altering requirements related to licensure and
inspection of horse establishments by the Maryland Horse Industry
Board; repealing specified fees; increasing fees; altering grounds for
license suspension or revocation by the Board or the Secretary of
Agriculture; increasing a fine; requiring the Board to provide the
opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Administrative
Procedure Act under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board
to issue a subpoena; repealing obsolete provisions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 117 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 24 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER APPROPRIATION PERMITS –
CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING PROJECTS**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to waive the notice and hearing requirements for water appropriation or use permit applications for construction dewatering projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 118 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 25 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT
CREDIT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish requirements for the voluntary certification and registration of sediment credits on agricultural land under the Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient Credit Certification Program; clarifying the authority of the Department of the Environment to establish specified requirements under specified circumstances; and altering the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 119 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 26 **Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

**STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS – OPTIONAL
RETIREMENT PROGRAM – MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMISSION**

Clarifying the eligibility of specified employees of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to participate in the Optional Retirement Program; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 121 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 27 **Maryland Health Insurance Plan), et al**

**SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending until the end of December 31, 2014, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; and lengthening the period of time during which the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program may not exceed \$14,000,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 126 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 28 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND
PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PLANS

Altering the time frames for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and specified local land preservation and recreation plans; requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Maryland Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 131 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 29 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS – THEFT**
CRIMES

Expanding the authority of a police officer without a warrant to arrest a person suspected of committing a specified theft crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 115 **Delegate Jameson, et al**

Chapter 30 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS – THEFT**
CRIMES

Expanding the authority of a police officer without a warrant to arrest a person suspected of committing a specified theft crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 141 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 31 **Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION
SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY – REPORTING DATA

Repealing the requirement that a criminal justice unit report data pertaining to the release of a person after an arrest without the filing of a charge within 30 days after the person is released.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 142 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 32 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – FARM FOOD SAFETY

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm quarantine for a specified purpose on a farm infected or infested with a pathogen; authorizing the Secretary to examine specified practices in accordance with specified standards, designate a specified person to conduct a specified inspection, and accept specified assistance from specified federal agencies; requiring the Secretary to deny access to specified information subject to a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 144 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 33 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing**
and Regulation)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION –
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING –
LICENSEES ON MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

Authorizing a unit in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to allow specified holders of occupational and professional licenses to renew an expired license without penalty under specified circumstances and to complete continuing education or competency requirements within a reasonable time after license renewal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 145 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 34 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing**
and Regulation)

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING
EDUCATION – DOCUMENTATION

Requiring that continuing education courses approved by the State Real Estate Commission include relevant changes that have occurred in specified court cases and industry trends; authorizing entities conducting continuing education courses for real estate licensees, instead of providing a specified certificate of completion to the licensee, to submit course completion information to the State Real Estate Commission and the licensee by electronic means; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 148 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 35 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – LOT RELEASE

Altering specified conditions that must be met before the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation is required to release specified lots under a specified program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 149 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 36 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION
– MEMBERSHIP

Adding one member who is a veteran of the conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan to serve on the Maryland Veterans Commission; and removing from the Commission a voting member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and adding an honorary nonvoting member appointed by the Governor from a list of individuals submitted by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 170 **Senator Shank, et al**
Chapter 37

WASHINGTON COUNTY – SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS
– PRACTICE OF LAW

Allowing an individual employed as a sheriff or deputy sheriff in Washington County who has been admitted to the Maryland Bar to practice law in a county other than Washington County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 173 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 38

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS – CARBON MONOXIDE
DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT

Requiring public school buildings constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance with specified provisions of law to have specified carbon monoxide detectors installed in specified areas; requiring a signal from specified carbon monoxide detectors to be automatically transmitted to a specified location; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 2

Chapter 39

Delegate Glenn

**PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS – CARBON MONOXIDE
DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT**

Requiring public school buildings constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance with specified provisions of law to install approved carbon monoxide detectors in areas of new and existing educational occupancies where fuel fired equipment is present; requiring a signal from specified carbon monoxide detectors to be automatically transmitted to an approved supervising station or to a constantly attended on-site location; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 174

Chapter 40

Senator Klausmeier, et al

**SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AND UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’
FUND – ASSESSMENTS ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Excluding from the assessments imposed by the Workers’ Compensation Commission and payable to the Subsequent Injury Fund and the Uninsured Employers’ Fund the amount of specified medical benefits under a settlement agreement under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 114

Chapter 41

Delegates Jameson and Minnick

**SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AND UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’
FUND – ASSESSMENTS ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Excluding from the assessments imposed by the Workers’ Compensation Commission and payable to the Subsequent Injury Fund and the Uninsured Employers’ Fund the amount of specified medical benefits under a specified settlement agreement under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 175 **Senator Raskin, et al**
Chapter 42 **CRIMES – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION – HARASSMENT**

Prohibiting the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another under specified circumstances; changing the defined term “electronic mail” to “electronic communication” and altering the definition; and making violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 8 **Delegate Washington**
Chapter 43 **CRIMES – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION – HARASSMENT**

Prohibiting the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another under specified circumstances; changing the defined term “electronic mail” to “electronic communication” and altering the definition; and making violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 177 **Senator Robey, et al**
Chapter 44 **VEHICLE LAWS – NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS – REQUIREMENT TO STOP**

Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 67**
Chapter 45 **Delegate S. Robinson, et al**
VEHICLE LAWS – NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS – REQUIREMENT TO STOP
Altering a provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to stop and take specified actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at specified intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections; and requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at an intersection to stop in a specified manner, yield to other vehicles or pedestrians in the intersection, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 185**
Chapter 46 **Senator Forehand, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – CHILD SAFETY SEATS – REQUIREMENTS
Repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 313**
Chapter 47 **Delegate Stein, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – CHILD SAFETY SEATS – REQUIREMENTS
Repealing the exception for children weighing more than 65 pounds to the requirement that a child under the age of 8 years must be secured in a child safety seat; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 226**
Chapter 48 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – INFLATABLE AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS – INSPECTION
Altering the application of a provision of law relating to inspections of inflatable amusement attractions to require annual inspections only of inflatable amusement attractions in which an individual, while in contact with the attraction, is 4 feet or more above the ground; and establishing that a specified provision relating to the expiration of a certificate of inspection for an amusement attraction applies only to specified inflatable amusement attractions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 232 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 49 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – LICENSING

Requiring the Elevator Safety Review Board to provide a certification of licensure on request of any person and on payment of a specified fee set by the Board; providing for specified information to be contained in the certification of licensure; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 276 **Senator Mathias, et al**
Chapter 50 **DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS –**
 NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or identification card of an applicant who presents specified documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 358 **Delegate Conway**
Chapter 51 **DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS –**
 NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or identification card of an applicant who presents specified documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the applicant is a veteran; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 290 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 52 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SAVINGS BANKS –
CONVERSIONS

Providing that a savings bank may convert to a capital stock commercial bank under specified circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to adopt regulations governing the conversion of savings banks to capital stock commercial banks; establishing an application fee of \$5,000 for a conversion of a savings bank to a capital stock commercial bank; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 291 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 53 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation), et al**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COVERAGE – VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Prohibiting the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from charging specified unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit; authorizing the Secretary to find that a cause of voluntarily leaving employment is good cause if it is directly attributable to the individual or individual's spouse, minor child, or parent being a victim of domestic violence and the individual provides specified information; providing that specified information provided to the Secretary is confidential; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 300 **Senators Young and Brinkley**

Chapter 54

FREDERICK COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Frederick County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$100,000,000 in order to finance the cost of specified public facilities in Frederick County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 302 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 55 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation), et al**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL
REGULATION – INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT
POWERS AND REGULATION OF MORTGAGE LENDERS**

Altering the scope of a provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Financial Regulation from exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers in connection with affiliates of specified financial institutions; repealing exemptions from the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law for a person that makes or brokers a specified number of mortgage loans in a calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 303 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 56 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**CREDIT REGULATION – DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES –
AGREEMENT AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

Altering a notice that must be included in a debt management services agreement to clarify the right of a party to the agreement to rescind the agreement at any time; and prohibiting a licensed debt management services provider from violating any provision of specified State or federal laws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 320 **Senator Young**
Chapter 57

**FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP
AND EMPLOYMENT**

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting specified individuals in Frederick County from being elected to or serving on the county board of education; and repealing a provision of law prohibiting specified individuals in Frederick County from being hired as an administrator or a teacher under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 326**
Chapter 58 **Senator DeGrange**
MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BENSON–HAMMOND HOUSE
Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to repeal the requirement that the Board of Directors of the Anne Arundel County Historical Society, Inc. provide a matching fund for specified purposes at the Benson–Hammond House and related outbuildings, located in Linthicum; requiring the Board of Public Works to expend or encumber a specified grant by June 1, 2014; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 327**
Chapter 59 **Senator McFadden**
BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – LIQUOR STORES – PREMISES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOLS
Increasing the distance that liquor stores in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City are required to be from places of worship or schools; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 12**
Chapter 60 **Delegate Glenn**
BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – LIQUOR STORES – PREMISES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOLS
Increasing the distance that liquor stores in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City are required to be from places of worship or schools; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 345**
Chapter 61 **Senator Glassman**
HARFORD COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES – NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
Altering the apportionment of the number of directors between or among member political subdivisions required for a water and sewer authority in Harford County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 353** **Senator Forehand**
Chapter 62 ESTATES – SMALL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION – ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS
- Increasing the maximum value of property of specified decedents that may be eligible to be administered as a small estate; increasing the value of property discovered after filing a specified petition that requires removing an estate from small estate administration; adjusting the fee schedule for specified small estates; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 318** **Delegate Feldman**
Chapter 63 ESTATES – SMALL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION – ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS
- Increasing the maximum value of property of specified decedents that may be eligible to be administered as a small estate; increasing the value of property discovered after filing a specified petition that requires removing an estate from small estate administration; adjusting the fee schedule for specified small estates; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 357** **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 64 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEDICAL BOARD PARTICIPATION
- Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to appoint a physician who is a participating employee in the Optional Retirement Program to serve on a medical board subject to a specified condition; and prohibiting a medical board physician who is a participating employee in the Optional Retirement Program from participating in specified cases under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 374**
Chapter 65 **Senator Mathias**
TOWN OF OCEAN CITY – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – TAXI DRIVER APPLICANTS
Authorizing the Ocean City Police Department to request State and national criminal history records checks for taxi driver applicants in Ocean City from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository; requiring the Ocean City Police Department to submit sets of fingerprints of taxi driver applicants and pay specified fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward specified information to specified persons; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 379**
Chapter 66 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL
Correcting errors and omissions in the Annotated Code, in specified local laws, and specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting obsolete references; reorganizing specified sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 380**
Chapter 67 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
Curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 396**
Chapter 68 **Senator Forehand**
MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT – ORPHANS’ COURT
Altering the definition of the term “court” to include an orphans’ court or a court exercising the jurisdiction of an orphans’ court for the purposes of the Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 822**
Chapter 69 **Delegate Waldstreicher**
MARYLAND UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT –
ORPHANS’ COURT
- Altering the definition of the term “court” to include an orphans’ court or a court exercising the jurisdiction of an orphans’ court for the purposes of the Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 409**
Chapter 70 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al**
BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE DEPARTMENT – APPOINTMENTS
- Altering, from Captain to Lieutenant, the rank above which the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City may make an appointment without an examination in the Police Department of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 448**
Chapter 71 **Senator Colburn**
TALBOT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES
- Repealing specified provisions of law that limit the wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries in Talbot County; and clarifying that the statewide wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries apply in Talbot County by repealing a specified inconsistent provision relating to Talbot County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 449**
Chapter 72 **Senator Middleton**
ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS – DEADLINES
- Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 280**
Chapter 73 **Delegate Feldman**
ELECTRIC SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS
– DEADLINES
- Altering the dates by which the Public Service Commission is required to determine whether specified electric companies have met specified service quality and reliability standards under specified circumstances; and altering the date by which specified electric companies are required to submit to the Commission a specified annual performance report.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 484**
Chapter 74 **Senator Kelley, et al**
MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – MEDICAL LOSS RATIO
INFORMATION – PUBLICATION
- Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish in a specified manner specified medical loss ratio information for managed care organizations participating in the Medical Assistance Program on the Web site of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 286**
Chapter 75 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – MEDICAL LOSS RATIO
INFORMATION – PUBLICATION
- Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish in a specified manner specified medical loss ratio information for managed care organizations participating in the medical assistance program on the Web site of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 487**
Chapter 76 **Senators Raskin and Reilly**
VEHICLE LAWS – SALVAGE – DEFECTIVE, LOST, OR
DESTROYED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE
- Authorizing an application for a salvage certificate submitted by an insurance company to be accompanied by a specified affidavit of ownership and evidence of final payment instead of a certificate of title if the certificate of title is defective, lost, or destroyed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 435** **Delegate Beidle**
Chapter 77 **VEHICLE LAWS – SALVAGE – DEFECTIVE, LOST, OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE**
- Authorizing an application for a salvage certificate submitted by an insurance company to be accompanied by a specified affidavit of ownership and evidence of final payment instead of a certificate of title if the certificate of title is defective, lost, or destroyed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 545** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 78 **MONEY TRANSMITTERS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN NATIONWIDE LICENSING SYSTEM**
- Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to participate in the establishment and implementation of a national licensing system for money transmitters; requiring specified license applicants to apply for an initial license or license renewal through a specified nationwide licensing system; requiring specified licensees and license applicants to obtain a unique identifier number; altering the documents and information that an applicant must provide with a license application; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 566** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 79 **HOME VISITING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012**
- Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 699**
Chapter 80 **Delegate Hixson, et al**
HOME VISITING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012
Requiring the State to fund only evidence-based and promising home visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes, as provided in the State budget; requiring specified home visiting programs to submit regular reports; requiring the development of reporting and monitoring procedures for specified home visiting programs by the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 585**
Chapter 81 **Senator Edwards**
GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE
Authorizing in Garrett County the holder of a special Class C beer, wine and liquor license to purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 656**
Chapter 82 **Senator Manno, et al**
HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS
Altering a requirement for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for specified disabled individuals who are enrolled in classes for continuing education instruction designed to lead to employment, including life skills instruction.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 53**
Chapter 83 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**
HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS
Altering a requirement for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for specified disabled individuals who are enrolled in classes for continuing education instruction designed to lead to employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 711

Chapter 84

Senator Forehand

MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT

Clarifying the form of document that may be used to create a specified statutory form power of attorney; providing that a document substantially in the form of a specified statutory form in effect on the date the document is executed shall continue to have a specified meaning and effect notwithstanding enactment of specified legislation; requiring specified coagents to act together unanimously unless otherwise provided in a power of attorney; providing for the designation of specified coagents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 774

Chapter 85

Delegate Waldstreicher

MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT

Clarifying the form of document that may be used to create a specified statutory form power of attorney; providing that a document substantially in the form of a specified statutory form in effect on a specified date shall continue to have a specified meaning and effect notwithstanding enactment of specified legislation; requiring specified coagents to act together unanimously unless otherwise provided; providing for the designation of coagents in statutory forms for a power of attorney; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 755

Chapter 86

Senator Young, et al

CONSUMING WINE NOT BOUGHT ON PREMISES – RESTAURANTS, CLUBS, AND HOTELS

Allowing an individual in a restaurant, club, or hotel for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued the privilege of consuming wine not purchased from or provided by the license holder; requiring, for an individual to exercise the privilege, that the wine be consumed under specified circumstances; requiring a local licensing board to issue a specified permit at no cost to specified license holders; authorizing a license holder to determine and charge an individual a fee for the privilege; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 228 **Delegate Feldman, et al**
Chapter 87 **CONSUMING WINE NOT BOUGHT ON PREMISES –
RESTAURANTS, CLUBS, AND HOTELS**

Allowing an individual in a restaurant, club, or hotel for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued the privilege of consuming wine not purchased from or provided by the license holder; requiring, for an individual to exercise the privilege, that the wine be consumed under specified circumstances; requiring a local licensing board to issue a specified permit at no cost to specified license holders; authorizing a license holder to determine and charge an individual a fee for the privilege; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 763 **Senator Benson**
Chapter 88 **ELECTION LAW – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS – ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR**

Requiring an employer that collects voluntary contributions from employees through payroll deduction to a campaign finance entity selected by the employer to record the address of each contributor and transfer that information to the campaign finance entity; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 694 **Delegate Cardin, et al**
Chapter 89 **ELECTION LAW – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS – ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR**

Requiring an employer that collects voluntary contributions from employees through payroll deduction to a campaign finance entity selected by the employer to record the address of each contributor and transfer that information to the campaign finance entity; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 769 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 90

**GARRETT COUNTY – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE –
ENABLING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to adopt an animal control ordinance; authorizing a specified animal control officer to deliver a citation to a person believed to be committing a violation of an animal control ordinance adopted by the county commissioners; establishing the contents of the citation; establishing a maximum penalty; authorizing the county commissioners to establish specified fines and procedures; authorizing a person who receives a specified citation to elect to stand trial; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 816 **Harford County Senators**

Chapter 91

**HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
MEMBER**

Providing that the student member of the Harford County Board of Education has specified rights and privileges; prohibiting the student member from voting on or participating in specified matters; specifying that provisions of law relating to payment of expenses for members of the Board do not apply to the student member; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 401 **Delegate McHale, et al**

Chapter 92

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE
CONTAINERS**

Authorizing a Class B license to include an off-sale privilege under specified circumstances; creating in Baltimore City a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board except a Class C license and a Class M–G license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell draft beer for consumption off the license premises in a specified refillable container to specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 874 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 93

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINERS

Authorizing specified Class B licenses to include an off-sale privilege under specified circumstances, notwithstanding specified provisions; creating in Baltimore City a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board except a Class C license and a Class M–G license; permitting a holder of the license to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a specified refillable container; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 883

Chapter 94

Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY AND VIDEO LOTTERY CONCESSIONAIRE LICENSES

Creating in Baltimore City a Class BWL–VLF (video lottery facility) license and a Class BWL–VLC (concessionaire) license; specifying requirements for license applicants; authorizing the licensees to sell beer, wine and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, for consumption on the premises of a video lottery facility or on grounds controlled by the video lottery facility licensee, as defined in the video lottery facility license; specifying license fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 962

Chapter 95

Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY AND VIDEO LOTTERY CONCESSIONAIRE LICENSES

Creating in Baltimore City a Class BWL–VLF (video lottery facility) license and a Class BWL–VLC (concessionaire) license; specifying requirements for license applicants; authorizing the licensees to sell beer, wine, and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, for consumption on the premises of a video lottery facility or on grounds controlled by the video lottery facility licensee, as defined in the video lottery facility license; specifying license fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 58**
Chapter 96 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**
DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM –
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
Prohibiting the use of a certificate of completion of a specified alcohol awareness program by specified employees or employers at more than one licensed establishment in Dorchester County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 61**
Chapter 97 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**
DORCHESTER COUNTY – BAY RESTORATION FUND –
COLLECTION OF RESTORATION FEE
Authorizing the Dorchester County Council to collect the Bay Restoration Fee on behalf of the Dorchester County Sanitary District.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 63**
Chapter 98 **Wicomico County Delegation**
WICOMICO COUNTY – EMPLOYEES – CRIMINAL HISTORY
RECORDS CHECKS
Authorizing the Director of Administration of Wicomico County to request State and national criminal history records checks from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for prospective or current employees; requiring the Director of Administration to submit specified items to the Central Repository; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the prospective or current employee and the Director of Administration the employee’s criminal history record information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 92**
Chapter 99 **Delegates Simmons and Dumais**
PEACE AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SHIELDING – COMPLETE
REMOVAL OF INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WEB SITE
Clarifying the definition of “shielding” in provisions relating to the removal from the public Web site maintained by the Maryland Judiciary of specified court records relating to peace order or protective order proceedings.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 110**
Chapter 100 **Delegate Barkley, et al**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
CHECKS – PROCEDURES
- Establishing uniform procedures for specified criminal history records checks requested from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository by specified local licensing boards; requiring the Central Repository to provide local licensing boards with a revised printed criminal record statement of a license applicant or a license holder if information is reported to the Central Repository after the initial criminal history records check is completed; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 126**
Chapter 101 **Delegate Beidle, et al**
MARYLAND CONDOMINIUM ACT – RIGHT OF ENTRY TO
INVESTIGATE DAMAGE AND MAKE REPAIRS
- Authorizing the council of unit owners of a condominium or its authorized designee to enter units to investigate damage under specified circumstances; requiring a council of unit owners to make a reasonable effort to give notice to the owner of a unit to be entered for the purpose of investigation except under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 135**
Chapter 102 **Carroll County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP
- Increasing the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Carroll County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the board be filled in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 143**
Chapter 103 **Delegate Beitzel**
GARRETT COUNTY – SALARY STUDY COMMISSION –
MEMBERSHIP
- Altering the membership of the Salary Study Commission in Garrett County to substitute a member of the League of Women Voters of Garrett County with a member of the Garrett County Mayors Association.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 150 Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 104

ALLEGANY COUNTY – SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLES – PROHIBITIONS AND PERMIT PROGRAM

Prohibiting, in Allegany County, a person from standing, or causing, encouraging, allowing, or petitioning another 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 governing body of the county or of a municipal corporation in the county to enact a specified permit program to allow specified individuals to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 171 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 105

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND DORCHESTER COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS – FARMERS' MARKETS

Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue winery special event permits to Class 4 Maryland limited wineries in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County for unlimited use 1 day each week at farmers' markets in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County that are listed on the Farmers' Market Directory of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 173 Delegates Cardin and George

Chapter 106

ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES – ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Authorizing an applicant registering to vote at a voter registration agency to consent to the use of an electronic copy of the applicant's signature that is on file with the voter registration agency as the applicant's signature for the application being submitted; and requiring a voter registration agency to transmit an electronic copy of the signature of specified applicants for voter registration to the State Board within 5 days.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 197 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 107 **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL
SERVICES – REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
AND COUNCILS

Altering the membership representing the Department of Public
Safety and Correctional Services on the Correctional Training
Commission, the Sexual Offender Advisory Board, and the State
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 198 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 108 **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DELEGATION OF THE
SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional
Services to exercise specified authority with the approval of the
Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and prohibiting
the Deputy Secretary from exercising specified authority.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 205 **Harford County Delegation, et al**

Chapter 109 HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE
FESTIVAL LICENSE

Removing the requirement that wine festivals in Harford County be
held one weekend annually, during the months of June, July,
August, or September, and not conflict with other specified wine
festivals.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 210 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 110 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF
OPERATION

Extending to 15 years the period of time that a school vehicle may be
operated in St. Mary's County, subject to specified requirements.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 214 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 111

**HARFORD COUNTY – HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE –
AUTHORITY TO INCUR DEBT**

Authorizing the Harford Community College Board of Trustees to borrow money for specified purposes and secure debt in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 216 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 112

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS TO
TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT – PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
PROPERTY TAXES ON ELECTRICITY GENERATION
FACILITIES**

Altering the requirement that Washington County distribute to the Town of Williamsport 35% of any amount received under specified payments in lieu of property taxes from an electricity generation facility under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 222 Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 113

**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NUDITY AND
SEXUAL DISPLAYS – LICENSE REVOCATION**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners in Garrett County to determine whether to revoke the alcoholic beverages license of a licensee if any of specified activities regarding nudity or sexual displays are found to have occurred on the premises or location for which the license was issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 248 Harford County Delegation, et al

Chapter 114

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
CLASS C-3 CLUB LICENSE**

Removing the requirement in Harford County for a country club to maintain a specified number of tennis courts to be eligible for a Class C-3 club alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 258** **Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**
Chapter 115 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SALE OR TRANSFER OF SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – MINIMUM REQUIRED TERM**
- Providing that a specified minimum required term for specified contracts between an electricity supplier and a renewable on-site generator involving the sale or transfer of solar renewable energy credits applies only to contracts with an on-site generator that exceeds a specified capacity.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 264** **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**
Chapter 116 **STATE COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**
- Transferring the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect from the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to the Department of Human Resources; repealing a provision relating to the term of a person who is a member of the Governor’s Council on Child Abuse and Neglect on a specified date; repealing specified committees of the State Council; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 271** **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**
Chapter 117 **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DISASTER RELIEF HOUSING PROGRAM**
- Clarifying the purposes of the Disaster Relief Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; and authorizing the Department to continue to provide specified financial assistance after the expiration of a state of emergency.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 288 Delegate Hubbard

Chapter 118 **BABY BOOMER INITIATIVE COUNCIL**

Reestablishing the Baby Boomer Initiative Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Council; providing for the staffing of the Council; establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to make recommendations regarding public policy initiatives for utilizing the baby boomer population as a source of social capital and as a way to address community needs; requiring the Council to provide specified reports to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 293 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 119 **Departmental – Uninsured Employers’ Fund)**

WORKER’S COMPENSATION – UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND

Requiring the Uninsured Employers’ Fund Board to review the administration of the Uninsured Employers’ Fund by the Director of the Fund; specifying that the Director shall have immediate supervision and direction over the administration of the Fund; authorizing the Director to employ staff in accordance with the State budget; establishing the Director as the appointing authority for all staff of the Fund; authorizing an employee to appeal a disciplinary action taken by the Director to the Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 301 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 120 **Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

INSURANCE FRAUD – APPLICATIONS FOR INSURANCE AND CLAIM FORMS – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Altering a statement required to be contained in specified applications for insurance and claim forms; and making the Act effective January 1, 2013.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 353 Delegates Holmes and Glenn

Chapter 121 **JURY SERVICE – EMPLOYERS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting an employer from requiring an individual to work during a specified time period on a day in which the individual is expected to perform jury service or acts related to jury service, or on a day after the individual performs jury service or acts related to jury service; and prohibiting an employer from depriving an individual of employment or coercing, intimidating, or threatening to discharge an individual for exercising a specified right to refrain from work for performing jury service or acts relating to jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 368 Delegate Norman, et al

Chapter 122 **BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Plumbing to require that one member be from the area that consists of Carroll and Howard counties and one member be from the area that consists of Cecil and Harford counties; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2013

HB 404 Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 123 **HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include the surviving spouse of a specified disabled veteran.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 431 Delegate Hogan

Chapter 124 **VEHICLE LAWS – USE OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS**

Altering the requirements for a recorded image taken by a school bus monitoring camera by expanding the types of license plates that the image may include; altering the defined term “recorded image” by repealing the requirement that an image may show only the rear of a motor vehicle; and authorizing specified persons in specified counties to place school bus monitoring cameras on all school buses in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 504 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 125

**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B
BEER LICENSES**

Establishing in Garrett County a Class B beer license for specified hotels, motels, inns, and restaurants; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license with or without a catering option; specifying the privileges of a license with and without the catering option; requiring that to exercise the catering option, a holder of a license meet specified requirements; specifying license fees; and authorizing the Board to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 544 **Delegate Malone**

Chapter 126

**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTOR CARRIERS – APPLICATION OF
FEDERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Requiring that motor carrier safety regulations adopted jointly by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of State Police duplicate or be consistent with specified federal regulations; and clarifying the scope of specified State motor carrier safety regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 590 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –
Chapter 127 Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**HORSE RACING – MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REGISTRATION OF HORSES**

Altering one of the optional methods by which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee to enable the horse to start in a race of the Foaled Stakes Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 592 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 128 **Departmental – Business and Economic Development)**

**TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT CREATE NEW JOBS –
ENHANCED CREDIT – EXTENSION**

Extending the duration of the enhanced tax credit for businesses that create new jobs for specified business entities that construct or expand specified business premises and meet specified obligations for an additional 12–year period; declaring a specified intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 594 **Delegate McIntosh, et al**

Chapter 129 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY
TREE–MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM**

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the Pamela J. Kelly Tree–Mendous Maryland Program in the Department of Natural Resources for a specified purpose; providing for the administration of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; providing for the funding of the Program; and authorizing the Department to seek, accept, and expend specified funds under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 597 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 130 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**HORSE RACING – MILE THOROUGHBRED RACETRACKS –
PAYMENT OF TAXES AND IMPACT AID AND ARABIAN BREED
RACING AUTHORIZATION**

Altering from 7 to 10 days the time in which a mile thoroughbred racetrack licensee shall pay to the State Racing Commission the State tax imposed on the gross amount, less refunds, of money bet at the track for each racing day; authorizing a licensee at Pimlico Race Course to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified circumstances; altering from 3 to 10 days the time in which a mile thoroughbred racetrack licensee that operates a sending track shall pay money to the Commission; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 618** **Delegate Simmons, et al**
Chapter 131 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO REGULATED FIREARMS**
- Establishing a Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms; providing for the membership, staffing, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2012, on whether existing law adequately protects the public, as well as the civil rights of individuals with mental illness, and make recommendations as appropriate; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 687** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 132 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE – ROCK SPRING CENTRE MC 2–12**
- Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote to approve an application for an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment in a specified mixed use center in Montgomery County under specified circumstances; and specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 690** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 133 **DAMASCUS – CLASS H BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION MC 6–12**
- Repealing the prohibition in Montgomery County on the issuance of Class H beer and light wine licenses in Damascus (12th election district); and submitting the Act to a referendum of the voters of the 12th election district.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 691 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 134

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
SPECIAL ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE MC 18–12**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork by an individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a business that sells commercially prepared or mass-produced art from being issued the license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during specified hours; specifying a license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 726 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 135

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BENEFIT
CORPORATIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANIES MC 13–12**

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to grant a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified property owned or leased by benefit corporations or benefit limited liability companies; authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to provide for eligibility and certification criteria for the credit, the amount and duration of the credit, regulations and procedures for the credit, and other provisions necessary to carry out the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 813 **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 136

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – HYATTSVILLE – ARTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT – LICENSED ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES ESTABLISHMENTS – DISTANCE FROM PLACES
OF WORSHIP PG 308–12**

Allowing in the part of the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District in the City of Hyattsville the use of the front door or main entrance in an establishment for which a specified alcoholic beverages license is issued if the door or entrance is at least 500 feet from a place of worship.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 817 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 137

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT – EXEMPTIONS AND REVISIONS
PG 307–12

Exempting specified alcoholic beverages license holders in Prince George's County from the requirement of obtaining an entertainment permit before providing entertainment on their licensed premises; clarifying that a holder of an entertainment permit in Prince George's County must comply with zoning and use and occupancy laws and regulations; requiring an applicant for an entertainment permit to submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of License Commissioners regarding specified taxes due; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 858 Delegate Gilchrist

Chapter 138

LAND USE – LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS – ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Authorizing a local jurisdiction that creates a historic district commission or historic preservation commission to designate one alternate member to sit on the commission when any other member of the commission is absent; authorizing the local jurisdiction to designate a temporary alternate when the alternate member is absent; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 889 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 139

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – HUMAN RESOURCES PG/MC 103–12

Repealing a requirement that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission submit changes of specified regulations to the Secretary of Budget and Management; repealing a provision stating that failure of the Secretary to act within a specified time period on receipt of a specified regulation constitutes approval; repealing a requirement that the Commission file a specified list of positions and salaries with the Secretary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 890 **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 140

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION – CONTRACTS PG/MC 104–12

Expanding the definition of a “facilities construction contract” to include the construction of a pipeline in order to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into a specified design/build contract for pipeline construction; and repealing a prohibition on the Commission from entering into a design/build contract for a pipeline.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 923 **Delegate Lafferty, et al**
Chapter 141 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ACT OF 2012**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the property tax imposed on owner-occupied residential real property located in specified neighborhood conservation areas; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations that establish application procedures for the designation of specified neighborhood conservation areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1160 **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 142 **FAMILY LAW – INTERIM AND TEMPORARY PEACE AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – DURATION**

Extending the duration of an interim or temporary peace or protective order under specified circumstances; and requiring a court to hold a temporary or final peace or protective order hearing by a specified time under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1268** **Delegate Barnes, et al**
Chapter 143 BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – PLUMBERS –
LEAD-FREE MATERIALS
- Altering the definition of “lead-free” to include a specified standard for individual plumbing fittings and fixtures; allowing for a stricter federal standard for lead-free plumbing fittings and fixtures and pipes and pipe fittings; and clarifying which pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures are considered when calculating weighted average lead content.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1391** **Delegate Conway, et al**
Chapter 144 PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – MARYLAND
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
- Establishing that the Maryland School for the Blind shall be eligible for school construction funding for specified fiscal years, notwithstanding a specified provision of law and subject to specified regulations; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 1431** **Delegate O’Donnell, et al**
Chapter 145 CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY’S COUNTIES – TURKEY
HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS
- Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary’s County; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

April 20, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendments have been assigned chapter numbers:

SB 48 **Baltimore County Senators**

Chapter 146

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – QUALIFICATIONS

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the qualifications for judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County; requiring judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County to have been admitted to practice law in the State and be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONTINGENT

HB 211 **Delegate Ivey, et al**

Chapter 147

ELECTED OFFICIALS – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE – CRIMES

Requiring that an elected official of the State or of a county or municipal corporation who is found guilty of a felony or specified misdemeanors be suspended and, under specified circumstances, removed from office by operation of law; requiring that an elected official of the State or of a county or municipal corporation who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere relating to a felony or specified misdemeanors be removed from office by operation of law; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 150 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 148 **BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2013)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 2, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 2, 2012, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 236 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 149

**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL
PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt specified growth tier designations; requiring a local jurisdiction under specified circumstances to alter the contents of a specified plan; authorizing a local jurisdiction to submit proposed tier designations to the Department of Planning before adoption for specified purposes; establishing mandatory and discretionary provisions relating to the adoption of specified tiers by local jurisdictions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 446 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 150

**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – FEES AND
USES**

Altering specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of specified wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding systems beginning on July 1, 2012; maintaining specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding tanks that do not discharge into or are not located within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed or the Coastal Bays Watershed; altering Bay Restoration Fees for specified buildings, groups of buildings, or non-residential users; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- HB 987**
Chapter 151 **Delegate Hucker, et al**
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM
- Requiring a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit to adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program on or before July 1, 2013; exempting a county or municipality if the county or municipality has enacted and implemented a specified system of charges in a specified manner by a specified date; requiring the program to include a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection and restoration fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 443**
Chapter 152 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT OF 2012
- Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, subject to a specified waiver, to submit specified regulations to specified legislative committees under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to make specified qualified dental plans and qualified vision plans available to specified individuals and employers; requiring the Exchange to establish and implement specified navigator programs; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 1369**
Chapter 153 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Minority Affairs, Office of), et al**
OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS – DUTIES OF SPECIAL SECRETARY – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
- Expanding the duties of the Special Secretary of the Office of Minority Affairs to include the promotion and coordination of training regarding the requirements of the Minority Business Enterprise Program and participating in specified plans, programs, and operations.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1370 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation) (By Request – Departmental – Minority Affairs, Office of), et al**
Chapter 154

PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Establishing legislative findings from a disparity study regarding minority- and women-owned businesses; replacing the numerical percentage goal for minority business enterprise participation with a biennial process by which the State's minority business enterprise participation goal shall be established, based on specified factors, and adopted by regulation; requiring the Special Secretary of Minority Affairs, in establishing the guidelines, to provide for public participation by consulting with specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1373 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 155

REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSED PROPERTY REGISTRY

Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish and maintain a Foreclosed Property Registry for specified property; requiring specified foreclosure purchasers to register specified residential property and to pay registration fees; authorizing a local jurisdiction to enact a local law to impose a civil penalty; requiring a local jurisdiction to give specified advance written notice before taking specified actions; establishing the Foreclosed Property Registry Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1374 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 156

REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURES AND MEDIATION

Establishing a prefile mediation process between a secured party and a mortgagor or grantor before the commencement of foreclosure actions under specified circumstances; providing that a mortgagor or grantor is not entitled to participate in mediation after the filing of foreclosure actions except under specified circumstances; establishing procedures and notices for participation in a prefile mediation; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to charge a specified fee to issue a specified certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 14 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 157 STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES

Authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to require specified applicants or licensees to submit to a mental or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that a specified report of a specified health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances; requiring specified applicants or the Board to pay the reasonable cost of specified examinations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 70 **Delegate Kach**

Chapter 158 STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES

Authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to require specified applicants or licensees to submit to a mental or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that a specified report of a specified health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 16 **Senator Ramirez, et al**

Chapter 159 JURY SERVICE – EMPLOYERS – PROHIBITED ACTS

Prohibiting an employer from requiring an individual to work during a specified time period on a day in which the individual is expected to perform jury service or acts related to jury service or on a day after the individual performs jury service or acts related to jury service; and prohibiting an employer from depriving an individual of employment or coercing, intimidating, or threatening to discharge an individual for exercising a specified right to refrain from work for performing jury service or acts relating to jury service.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 18

Chapter 160

Senator Peters, et al

**TASK FORCE ON MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS,
AND THE COURTS**

Creating a Task Force on Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study military service–related mental health issues and substance abuse problems and to make recommendations on or before December 1, 2013, concerning the establishment of a special court for defendants who are military members or veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 252

Chapter 161

Delegate Burns, et al

**TASK FORCE ON MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS,
AND THE COURTS**

Creating a Task Force on Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study military service–related mental health issues and substance abuse problems and to make recommendations on or before December 1, 2013, concerning the establishment of a special court for defendants who are military members or veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 32

Chapter 162

Senator Simonaire

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT
DEFERRAL – ELIGIBILITY**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, a payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; requiring the governing body of Anne Arundel County to specify the duration and amounts, restrictions, and income eligibility requirements for the payment deferral; requiring the payment of the deferred property taxes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 59

Chapter 163

Anne Arundel County Delegation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEFERRAL – ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, a payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; requiring the governing body of Anne Arundel County to specify the duration and amounts, restrictions, and income eligibility requirements for the payment deferral; requiring the payment of the deferred property taxes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 33

Chapter 164

Senator Colburn

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES – CLUBS

Updating obsolete language authorizing specified clubs to obtain Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses under specified circumstances; updating obsolete language by requiring the County Council of Dorchester County to pay a license fee for a Class C beer, wine and liquor license to the mayor and city council of a city or town or to the county Finance Department, depending on where in Dorchester County the organization is located.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 41

Chapter 165

Senator Colburn, et al

CAROLINE COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, AND TALBOT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Authorizing a specified officer in Caroline County, Dorchester County, or Talbot County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that a specified officer submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 47

Senator Madaleno

Chapter 166

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2002 AND 2009 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MACDONALD KNOLLS CENTER

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2002 and 2009 to extend the deadline for the Board of Directors of CHI Centers, Inc. to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for a specified grant; requiring that the Board of Public Works expend or encumber the proceeds of the loans by June 1, 2014; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 49

Senator Astle, et al

Chapter 167

HORSE RACING – MARYLAND–BRED RACE FUND – ADMINISTRATION

Authorizing a portion of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund to be allocated for horses that are conceived, but not necessarily foaled, in Maryland; altering the amount of the Fund to be allocated by the Maryland Racing Commission for Maryland–Bred Fund Races; requiring the Commission to set the amount of breeder awards for races in the State and outside the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 52

Senator Dyson

Chapter 168

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES – ST. MARY'S NURSING CENTER, INC.

Authorizing specified employees of the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Inc. to continue to participate in the State employees' retirement and pension systems; and updating the name of the St. Mary's County Nursing Home in a specified list of governmental units eligible for participation in the State employees' retirement and pension systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 70**
Chapter 169 **Senator Kelley**
FAMILY LAW – PERMANENCY PLANNING AND
GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARINGS – COURT PROCEDURES
- Establishing specified methods by which the juvenile court, in specified permanency planning and guardianship review hearings, may satisfy the requirement that the court consult on the record with the child under specified circumstances; and specifying that the purpose of the consultation is to obtain the child’s views on permanency.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 72**
Chapter 170 **Senator Kelley**
MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT – CONSENT BY MINORS
AND PROTECTIONS FOR LICENSED HEALTH CARE
PRACTITIONERS
- Providing that a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to dental treatment if the minor is married or is the parent of a child; providing that a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to medical or dental treatment if the minor is living separate and apart from the minor’s parent, parents, or guardian and is self-supporting; providing that a licensed health care practitioner who treats a minor is not liable for civil damages or subject to penalties under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 77**
Chapter 171 **Senator Kelley**
LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES – UNFAIR CLAIM
SETTLEMENT PRACTICES – FAILURE TO SEARCH DEATH
MASTER FILE
- Requiring an insurer that issues, delivers, or renews a policy of life insurance or an annuity contract in the State to compare the insurer’s in-force life insurance policies, annuity contracts, and retained asset accounts against a specified death master file to identify any death benefit payments that may be due as a result of the death of an insured, annuitant, or account holder; requiring the insurer to perform the comparison at specified intervals and in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

- SB 88**
Chapter 172 **Senator Glassman**
LOCAL STATES OF EMERGENCY – TIME PERIOD – EXTENSION
Increasing from 7 to 30 days the time period that a local state of emergency may continue or be renewed without the consent of the local governing body.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 437**
Chapter 173 **Delegate Malone**
LOCAL STATES OF EMERGENCY – TIME PERIOD – EXTENSION
Increasing from 7 to 30 days the time period that a local state of emergency may continue or be renewed without the consent of the local governing body.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 95**
Chapter 174 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to specified authority of the board; requiring that an evaluation of the board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the board be performed on or before July 1, 2023; and requiring the board to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2013.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 111**
Chapter 175 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
VEHICLE LAWS – IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVERS' LICENSES – PERIOD OF VALIDITY
Increasing to 8 years the maximum period of time during which an identification card issued to a specified applicant may be valid; increasing to 8 years the maximum period of time during which a driver's license issued to a driver at least 21 years old may be valid; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 114 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 176 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE
DRIVER CERTIFICATION – ELIMINATION**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of the Environment certify specified drivers of controlled hazardous substance vehicles; repealing a requirement that specified drivers of controlled hazardous substance vehicles carry a specified certificate; repealing requirements that specified drivers submit specified evidence and pay a specified fee; altering the definition of “controlled hazardous substance vehicle driver”; and requiring the Department to conduct a review and report its findings on or before December 15, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 116 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 177 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – WEIGHT AND LOAD REQUIREMENTS –
VEHICLES CARRYING PERISHABLE PRODUCTS**

Altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to allow an overweight vehicle carrying perishable products as its only load to proceed to its destination; providing that an overweight vehicle carrying perishable products as its only load shall be allowed to proceed to its destination if it is the first perishable load overweight violation by the driver of the vehicle following a period of at least 365 consecutive days without a specified violation and the overweight does not exceed 5,000 pounds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 127 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 178 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – MARINE GATHERING PERMIT –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Prohibiting a person from sponsoring or holding a marine gathering without obtaining a permit from the Department of Natural Resources; defining “marine gathering”; prohibiting the Department from requiring a specified permit application to be submitted within a specified time period; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations governing marine gathering permits; requiring the Department to issue a permit under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to require specified terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 128 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 179 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**ABANDONED LAND – CERTIFICATES OF RESERVATION FOR
PUBLIC USE**

Repealing the termination date for specified provisions of the Real Property Article relating to the definition of “abandoned land” and obtaining a certificate of reservation of land for public use.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 129 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 180 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – EASEMENTS**

Repealing obsolete language relating to agricultural districts and agricultural land preservation easements; requiring specified information in specified applications; altering notice requirements; clarifying the process and requirements for the application, approval, and acquisition of agricultural preservation easements; repealing specified deadlines; authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to assign specified district agreements to the governing body of a county under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2012

SB 130 **Senator Ferguson, et al**
Chapter 181 **BALTIMORE CITY – NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND LOCAL
CODE ENFORCEMENT – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

Altering the definition of “community association” under specified provisions of law relating to the standing of specified community associations in Baltimore City to seek judicial relief for abatement of specified nuisances; prohibiting a community association from seeking nuisance abatement under specified conditions; altering the definition of “nuisance”; altering the definition of “local code violation”; repealing a requirement that a community association must file a bond with the court before seeking abatement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 132 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 182

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY –
JURISDICTION OVER NONRESIDENT PHARMACIES**

Requiring a nonresident pharmacy to have a pharmacist on staff who is licensed for providing specified services to patients; requiring a nonresident pharmacy to comply with requirements when dispensing prescription drugs or devices to a patient or otherwise engaging in the practice of pharmacy in Maryland; requiring that toll-free telephone service provided by a nonresident pharmacy facilitate communication between patients in Maryland and a pharmacist who is required to refer specified patients to a specified pharmacist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 334 **Delegates Costa and Kipke**

Chapter 183

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY –
JURISDICTION OVER NONRESIDENT PHARMACIES**

Requiring a nonresident pharmacy to have a pharmacist on staff who is licensed for providing specified services to patients; requiring a nonresident pharmacy to comply with requirements when dispensing prescription drugs or devices to a patient or otherwise engaging in the practice of pharmacy in Maryland; requiring that toll-free telephone service provided by a nonresident pharmacy facilitate communication between patients in Maryland and a pharmacist who is required to refer specified patients to a specified pharmacist, etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 134 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 184

**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Real Estate Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2022, the termination provisions relating to specified statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; requiring the Commission to include information related to Real Estate Guaranty Fund awards in a specified annual report; increasing to \$50,000 the amount that a person may recover for each claim against the Guaranty Fund; increasing the maximum amount of a specified claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 147 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 185 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Requiring the Administrator of State Documents to refuse to publish a notice of adoption of a regulation that differs from text previously published unless the unit counsel of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, the Public Service Commission, or the State Ethics Commission provides a specified certification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 178 **Senators Jacobs and Montgomery**

Chapter 186 **EDUCATION – INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE – ENROLLMENT BEFORE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION**

Authorizing specified county superintendents of schools to require that a specified affidavit verifying to a county superintendant that a child is living in an informal kinship care arrangement for specified school attendance purposes be accompanied by supporting documentation only after allowing a child to enroll in a specified public school under specified circumstances; specifying that if documentation is required it must be consistent with privacy and confidentiality policies and statutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 617 **Delegate Hough, et al**

Chapter 187 **EDUCATION – INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE – ENROLLMENT BEFORE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION**

Authorizing specified county superintendents of schools to require that a specified affidavit verifying to a county superintendent that a child is living in an informal kinship care arrangement for specified school attendance purposes be accompanied by supporting documentation only after allowing a child to enroll in a specified public school under specified circumstances; specifying that if documentation is required it must be consistent with privacy and confidentiality policies and statutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 182 **Senator Ferguson, et al**

Chapter 188 TAX SALES – COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION – NOTICE

Prohibiting a holder of a certificate of tax sale from filing a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption until at least 30 days after sending the second notice required by law to specified persons; requiring that a notice be sent in a specified manner; and authorizing a holder of a certificate of tax sale to be reimbursed for specified expenses related to mailing a notice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 193 **Senator Young, et al**

Chapter 189 AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND STANDARD OF IDENTITY FOR HONEY

Establishing a Maryland standard of identity for honey; requiring the standard to be applied to specified products; authorizing the designation of specified products as honey; requiring specified products to be distinguished from pure honey under specified circumstances; authorizing specified persons to file an action to enforce the Act in a specified court; authorizing the court to order specified relief under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 205 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 190 GARRETT COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Adding Garrett County to specified provisions of law relating to the Cecil County and St. Mary's County Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 208**
Chapter 191 **Senator Pinsky, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – APARTMENT BUILDINGS
AND CONDOMINIUMS
- Requiring a county to address, in a specified recycling plan, a method for implementing a specified reporting requirement; requiring specified owners, managers, and councils of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling on or before October 1, 2014; clarifying that provisions of the Act do not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or other local government to enact and enforce specified recycling requirements; specifying a civil penalty; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1**
Chapter 192 **Delegate Lafferty**
ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – APARTMENT BUILDINGS
AND CONDOMINIUMS
- Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or councils of unit owners of condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling on or before October 1, 2014; authorizing a county to require an owner or manager of an apartment building or a council of unit owners to report to the county on recycling activities; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with county recycling plans; specifying a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 214**
Chapter 193 **Senator Raskin**
CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – DE MINIMIS
QUANTITY
- Establishing that a person convicted of the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both; providing that, unless specifically charged by the State, the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana may not be considered a lesser included crime of any other crime; and providing that a specified sentence imposed under the Act shall be stayed under specified circumstances without requiring an appeal bond.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 350**
Chapter 194 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – DE MINIMIS QUANTITY
- Establishing that a person convicted of the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both; providing that, unless specifically charged by the State, the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana may not be considered a lesser included crime of any other crime; and providing that a specified sentence imposed under the Act shall be stayed under specified circumstances without requiring an appeal bond.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 227**
Chapter 195 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – ASSESSMENT OF FEES AND MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND – REVISIONS
- Repealing a requirement that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner notify the Maryland Health Care Commission of specified health insurance premiums on or before May 30 of each year; altering the manner in which the Commission calculates specified fees assessed on specified payors; and altering the maximum amount that may be expended from the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund for costs incurred in a fiscal year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 230**
Chapter 196 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
INSURANCE – MARYLAND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RATE STABILIZATION FUND
- Altering the time at which specified professional liability insurers seeking reimbursement from the Rate Stabilization Account of the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund on behalf of specified health care providers are required to make a specified determination, send a specified notice, and apply to the Account for reimbursement; repealing specified audit requirements; altering reporting requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 243 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City
Chapter 197** **Administration), et al**

**BALTIMORE CITY – HOTEL ROOM TAX – CONVENTION
CENTER PROMOTION**

Extending through fiscal year 2017, provisions requiring that 40% of the proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 245 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Chapter 198** **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE LAW – DISPOSITION – COMMITTED FACILITIES

Authorizing the Department of Juvenile Services to transfer a child committed for residential placement from a specified facility to another facility specified circumstances; specifying the type of facility to which a child may be transferred under the Act; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to notify specified individuals if a child's residential placement is changed; authorizing the juvenile court to conduct a specified hearing; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to make a report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 246 **Senator Conway
Chapter 199**

**SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS –
SECURING AND TAGGING ITEMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing a secondhand precious metal object dealer, during the required holding period, to place specified items into a secure container under specified circumstances; and requiring a dealer to tag specified items in a specified manner when the dealer places specified items in the dealer's inventory.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 206**
Chapter 200 **Delegate Jameson, et al**
SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS –
SECURING AND TAGGING ITEMS – REQUIREMENTS
- Authorizing a secondhand precious metal object dealer, during the required holding period, to place specified items into a secure container under specified circumstances; and requiring a dealer to tag specified items in a specified manner when the dealer places specified items in the dealer’s inventory.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 253**
Chapter 201 **Senators Jacobs and Ferguson**
STATE GOVERNMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT –
REGULATIONS
- Requiring a unit in the Executive Branch of State government to publish the text of a proposed regulation on the unit’s Web site no later than 3 business days after the date that the regulation is published in the Maryland Register; requiring a unit that submits a regulation to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review for approval of emergency adoption to publish the text on the unit’s Web site no later than 3 business days after the date the regulation is submitted to the Committee for approval; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 258**
Chapter 202 **Senator Glassman**
CREDIT REGULATION – INSTALLMENT LOANS SECURED BY
MOTOR VEHICLE LIEN – BALLOON PAYMENTS
- Altering the circumstances under which a credit grantor is authorized to require a consumer borrower to pay a balloon payment at maturity of an installment loan secured by a lien on a motor vehicle.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 730**
Chapter 203 **Delegate Kramer**
CREDIT REGULATION – INSTALLMENT LOANS SECURED BY
MOTOR VEHICLE LIEN – BALLOON PAYMENTS
- Altering the circumstances under which a credit grantor is authorized to require a consumer borrower to pay a balloon payment at maturity of an installment loan secured by a lien on a motor vehicle.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 262 **Senator Montgomery**

Chapter 204 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PSYCHOLOGISTS – PENALTIES FOR
MISREPRESENTATION AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A
LICENSE

Altering the maximum penalties for a violation of specified provisions of law governing the practice of psychology; authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to assess a civil fine of not more than \$50,000, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, against a person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice psychology without a license; and requiring the Board to pay specified penalties into a specified fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 276 **Delegate Hubbard**

Chapter 205 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PSYCHOLOGISTS – PENALTIES FOR
MISREPRESENTATION AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A
LICENSE

Altering the maximum penalties for a violation of specified provisions of law governing the practice of psychology; authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to assess a civil fine of not more than \$50,000, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, against a person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice psychology without a license; and requiring the Board to pay specified penalties into a specified fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 272 **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 206 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT –
REVISIONS

Establishing an exception for an employer that produces specified documents for inspection to the presumption that an employer–employee relationship exists for purposes of the Workplace Fraud Act; authorizing an employer to comply with a specified requirement to provide records by producing copies of the records; altering the number of days within which an employer is required to produce specified records; requiring the Commissioner to take specified action within a specified time regarding an alleged violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 1364** **Delegate Schulz, et al**
Chapter 207 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT –
 REVISIONS
- Establishing an exception for an employer that produces specified documents for inspection to the presumption that an employer–employee relationship exists for purposes of the Workplace Fraud Act; authorizing an employer to comply with a specified requirement to provide records by producing copies of the records; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 295** **Senator Astle, et al**
Chapter 208 COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURITY FREEZES – MINORS AND
 PROTECTED PERSONS
- Authorizing specified representatives to request a security freeze on the consumer report or a specified record of specified minor children and individuals under guardianship or conservatorship; requiring a consumer reporting agency to place a security freeze for a protected consumer under specified circumstances and within a specified period of time; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013
- HB 555** **Delegate Zucker, et al**
Chapter 209 COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURITY FREEZES – MINORS AND
 PROTECTED PERSONS
- Authorizing specified representatives to request a security freeze on the consumer report or a specified record of specified minor children and individuals under guardianship or conservatorship; requiring a consumer reporting agency to place a security freeze for a protected consumer under specified circumstances and within a specified period of time; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 309

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 210

**MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS – TITLING, INSURANCE,
AND REQUIRED USE OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

Authorizing an insurer to exclude a moped and motor scooter from insurance benefits; requiring a moped or motor scooter in the State to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an owner or prospective owner of a moped or motor scooter to obtain or maintain security; requiring an excise tax for a certificate of title for a specified moped or motor scooter; prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a moped or motor scooter unless the individual is wearing specified headgear and eye protection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 149

Delegate Beidle, et al

Chapter 211

**MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS – TITLING, INSURANCE,
AND REQUIRED USE OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

Authorizing an insurer to exclude a moped and motor scooter from insurance benefits; requiring a moped or motor scooter in the State to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring an owner or prospective owner of a moped or motor scooter to obtain or maintain security; requiring an excise tax for a certificate of title for a specified moped or motor scooter; prohibiting an individual from operating or riding on a moped or motor scooter unless the individual is wearing specified headgear and eye protection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 315

Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 212

**COUNCIL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Establishing the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to advise the Board of Public Works on the “Task Force Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Procurement of Health, Education and Social Services by State Agencies” and make specified recommendations for the procurement process for health, educational, and social services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 217 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 213

**COUNCIL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Establishing the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to advise the Board of Public Works on the Task Force Report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Procurement of Health, Education and Social Services by State Agencies and make recommendations; requiring the Council to produce a report on or before December 31 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 317 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 214

**RETAIL PET STORES – SALES OF DOGS – REQUIRED
RECORDS, HEALTH DISCLOSURES, AND PURCHASER
REMEDIES**

Requiring a retail pet store that sells dogs to post conspicuously on each dog's cage specified information about the dog; requiring a retail pet store to maintain a written record that contains specified information about each dog in the possession of the retail pet store; requiring a retail pet store to maintain a record for at least 1 year after the date of sale of a dog and to make specified records available to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 131 **Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 215

**RETAIL PET STORES – SALES OF DOGS – REQUIRED
RECORDS, HEALTH DISCLOSURES, AND PURCHASER
REMEDIES**

Requiring a retail pet store that sells dogs to post conspicuously on each dog's cage specified information about the dog; requiring a retail pet store to maintain a written record that contains specified information about each dog in the possession of the retail pet store; requiring a retail pet store to maintain a record for at least 1 year after the date of sale of a dog and to make specified records available to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 321 **Senators Young and Brinkley**

Chapter 216

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSED RESTAURANTS – REMOVAL OF TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR EXPANDED OCCUPANCY

Authorizing in Frederick County a restaurant for which a Class B beer, wine and liquor license is issued to remove its tables and chairs to accommodate additional patrons at not more than four special events in a calendar year; requiring that a restaurant that removes its tables and chairs give notice to the Board of License Commissioners not less than 1 week before the event; and prohibiting a restaurant from allowing entry to more than the maximum number of occupants that the County Fire Marshal allows. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 328 **Senator McFadden**

Chapter 217

BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LANDLORDS – LICENSED PREMISES

Making it a misdemeanor in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City for a landlord to rent out a premises to be used for the sale of alcoholic beverages by a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license if the landlord has reason to know that the use would violate a specified minimum distance requirement between a licensed premises and a place of worship or school; establishing a penalty; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 13 **Delegate Glenn**

Chapter 218

BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LANDLORDS – LICENSED PREMISES

Making it a misdemeanor in a specified legislative district in Baltimore City for a landlord to rent out a premises to be used for the sale of alcoholic beverages by a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license if the landlord has reason to know that the use would violate a specified minimum distance requirement between a licensed premises and a place of worship or school; establishing a penalty; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 344 **Senators Middleton and Simonaire**

Chapter 219 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Authorizing a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve block under specified circumstances; requiring a dental hygienist to complete education and examination requirements before performing specified functions; requiring a dental hygienist who completed requirements before October 1, 2011, to take a course and clinical examination; requiring that on or before October 1, 2015, the State Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the General Assembly on how the Act has affected the dental profession; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 172 **Delegate Kipke**

Chapter 220 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Authorizing a dental hygienist to administer specified local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve block under specified circumstances; requiring a dental hygienist to complete specified education and examination requirements before performing specified functions; requiring a dental hygienist who completed specified requirements before October 1, 2011, to take a specified course and clinical examination; requiring the Board to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the impact of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 350 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 221 RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS – PRACTICING POLYSOMNOGRAPHY – LICENSING EXCEPTIONS

Providing that a licensed respiratory care practitioner has the right to practice respiratory care within the scope of practice of the respiratory care practitioner's license, including in a sleep laboratory; and providing that the licensing requirements to practice polysomnography do not apply to a respiratory care practitioner who was licensed by the State Board of Physicians on or before December 31, 2012, and whose duties include practicing polysomnography.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 833 **Delegate Reznik, et al**

Chapter 222

**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS – PRACTICING
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY – LICENSING EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that a licensed respiratory care practitioner has the right to practice respiratory care within the scope of practice of the respiratory care practitioner's license, including in a sleep laboratory; and providing that the licensing requirements to practice polysomnography do not apply to a respiratory care practitioner who was licensed by the State Board of Physicians on or before December 31, 2012, and whose duties include practicing polysomnography.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 377 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 223

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – FALSE
ADVERTISING**

Prohibiting an alcoholic beverages licensee in Baltimore City from advertising falsely; requiring the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to enforce a prohibition on advertising falsely; and defining the term "advertise falsely".
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 395 **Senator Jennings**

Chapter 224

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF
PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND REPORTS ON
ADVERTISING REGULATIONS AND POLICIES**

Prohibiting a physician from making specified representations to the public under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified health occupations regulatory board to approve a certifying board if the certifying board requires physicians to meet specified qualifications; altering the authority of a physician to advertise; requiring specified health occupation boards to submit specified information related to advertising by health care practitioners to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 957 **Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 225

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF
PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND REPORTS ON
ADVERTISING REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

Prohibiting a physician from making specified representations to the public under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified health occupations regulatory board to approve a certifying board if the certifying board requires physicians to meet specified qualifications; altering the authority of a physician to advertise; requiring specified health occupations boards to submit specified information related to advertising by health care practitioners to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 397 **Senator Forehand**

Chapter 226

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ALLOWANCE FOR FUNERAL
EXPENSES

Defining the term “funeral expenses” for purposes of a specified allowance for payment from a decedent’s estate; increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that a court may allow for funeral expenses for a small estate; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 773 **Delegate Waldstreicher**

Chapter 227

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ALLOWANCE FOR FUNERAL
EXPENSES

Defining the term “funeral expenses” for purposes of a specified allowance for payment from a decedent’s estate; increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that a court may allow for funeral expenses for a small estate; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 401 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 228

MOTOR VEHICLES – TOWING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Clarifying the application of and altering security requirements for tow trucks; altering penalties for specified violations related to tow truck vehicle registration; repealing a provision exempting abandoned vehicles from the application of provisions relating to the towing and removal of vehicles from parking lots; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish and maintain a database containing addresses for specified insurers and make the database available to any tower free of charge; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 414 **Senator Brochin, et al**

Chapter 229

JUVENILE LAW – TAKING CHILD INTO CUSTODY – ARREST WARRANT

Authorizing an intake officer of the Department of Juvenile Services, after conducting a specified inquiry, to file with a court an application for an arrest warrant prepared by a law enforcement officer; specifying requirements relating to an application for an arrest warrant under the Act; providing that an arrest warrant under the Act may only be issued by the court on a finding of probable cause; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 598 **Delegate McComas, et al**

Chapter 230

JUVENILE LAW – TAKING CHILD INTO CUSTODY – ARREST WARRANT

Authorizing an intake officer of the Department of Juvenile Services, after conducting a specified inquiry, to file with a court an application for an arrest warrant prepared by a law enforcement officer; specifying requirements relating to an application for an arrest warrant under the Act; providing that an arrest warrant under the Act may only be issued by the court on a finding of probable cause; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 419 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 231 **Administration)**

CRIMINAL LAW – LITTER CONTROL LAW – ENFORCEMENT

Changing the name used to cite a violation of the litter control law from “Litter Control Law” to “Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law”; and altering the agency authorized in Baltimore City to enforce specified provisions relating to illegal dumping and litter control through the use of surveillance systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 425 **Harford County Senators**
Chapter 232

HARFORD COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES

Altering the auctioneer’s fee in Harford County allowed as an expense relating to specified tax sales of property to be \$10 per property sold; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 433 **Senator Young, et al**
Chapter 233

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – USER NAME AND PASSWORD
PRIVACY PROTECTION AND EXCLUSIONS**

Prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring that an employee or applicant disclose any user name, password, or other means for accessing a personal account or service through specified electronic communications devices; prohibiting an employer from taking, or threatening to take, specified disciplinary actions for an employee’s refusal to disclose specified password and related information; prohibiting an employee from downloading specified information or data; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 964 **Delegate Washington, et al**

Chapter 234

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – USER NAME AND PASSWORD
PRIVACY PROTECTION AND EXCLUSIONS**

Prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring that an employee or applicant disclose any user name, password, or other means for accessing a personal account or service through specified electronic communications devices; prohibiting an employer from taking, or threatening to take, specified disciplinary actions for an employee's refusal to disclose specified password and related information; prohibiting an employee from downloading specified information or data; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 442 **Senator Colburn**

Chapter 235

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – LOCAL PROJECTS – FUNDING FOR
DEVELOPMENT**

Limiting the dispersal of specified Project Open Space funding to the costs associated with development projects and the construction of recreational facilities under specified circumstances; and exempting specified indoor recreational facilities from specified funding limits if the Department of Natural Resources makes a specified determination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1058 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 236

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – LOCAL PROJECTS – FUNDING FOR
DEVELOPMENT**

Limiting the dispersal of specified Project Open Space funding to the costs associated with development projects and the construction of recreational facilities under specified circumstances; and exempting specified indoor recreational facilities from specified funding limits if the Department of Natural Resources makes a specified determination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 446 **Senator Colburn**

Chapter 237 SALES AND USE TAX – SALES OF DYED DIESEL FUEL

Providing that for the sale of dyed diesel fuel the sales and use tax is to be applied to a specified percentage of the gross receipts; defining specified terms; creating a collection exception for specified dyed diesel fuel sales by specified marinas; requiring specified marinas to assume or absorb the sales and use tax imposed on a retail sale or use and to pay that sales and use tax on behalf of the buyer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 434 **Delegate O'Donnell**

Chapter 238 SALES AND USE TAX – SALES OF DYED DIESEL FUEL

Providing that for the sale of dyed diesel fuel the sales and use tax is to be applied to a specified percentage of the gross receipts; defining specified terms; creating a collection exception for specified dyed diesel fuel sales by specified marinas; requiring specified marinas to assume or absorb the sales and use tax imposed on a retail sale or use and to pay that sales and use tax on behalf of the buyer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 453 **Senators Stone and Jacobs**

Chapter 239 WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL CAUSES OF ACTION –
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE – TIME LIMITS FOR BRINGING CIVIL
ACTION

Providing that a wrongful death cause of action or survival cause of action arising from conduct that constitutes a criminal homicide under State or federal law accrues at a specified time under specified circumstances; establishing a presumption that a party should have discovered the identity of a person who contributed to a criminal homicide under specified circumstances; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 707 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**

Chapter 240

WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL CAUSES OF ACTION –
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE – TIME LIMITS FOR BRINGING CIVIL
ACTION

Providing that a wrongful death cause of action or survival cause of action arising from conduct that constitutes a criminal homicide under State or federal law accrues at a specified time under specified circumstances; establishing a presumption that a party should have discovered the identity of a person who contributed to a criminal homicide under specified circumstances; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 479 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 241

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS –
PATIENT'S ACCESS TO SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN

Repealing a requirement that specified patients be seen by specified physicians who supervise specified physician assistants under specified circumstances; and requiring specified delegation agreements to contain a specified statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 584 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

Chapter 242

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS –
PATIENT'S ACCESS TO SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN

Repealing a requirement that specified patients be seen by specified physicians who supervise specified physician assistants under specified circumstances; and requiring specified delegation agreements to contain a specified statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 489

Senator Astle

Chapter 243

BAIL BONDSMEN – ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS

Providing that if a bail bondsman arranges to accept payment of a bail bond premium in installments, the installment agreement shall include information about the total premium amount owed, down payment made, and other terms of the installment contract; requiring that information about the bail bond premium installment payment agreement be included in an affidavit of surety; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 742

Delegate Barnes

Chapter 244

BAIL BONDSMEN – ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS

Providing that if a bail bondsman arranges to accept payment of a bail bond premium in installments, the installment agreement shall include information about the total premium amount owed, down payment made, and other terms of the installment contract; requiring that information about the bail bond premium installment payment agreement be included in an affidavit of surety; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 506

Senator Raskin, et al

Chapter 245

VEHICLE LAWS – PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES – DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Reducing the period of time that specified individuals at least 25 years old who hold a learner's instructional permit are required to wait before taking an examination for a provisional driver's license; altering specified driving practice requirements before taking examinations for a provisional driver's license that apply to an individual at least 25 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 292 **Delegate Glenn, et al**

Chapter 246 VEHICLE LAWS – PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES –
DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Reducing the period of time that specified individuals at least 25 years old who hold a learner's instructional permit are required to wait before taking an examination for a provisional driver's license; altering specified driving practice requirements before taking examinations for a provisional driver's license that apply to an individual at least 25 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 514 **Senator Shank**

Chapter 247 PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDGUN DISPOSAL
– DECEASED OFFICERS

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to transfer the handgun of a law enforcement officer who is killed or dies in the performance of duty to the next of kin of the deceased officer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 396 **Delegate Serafini, et al**

Chapter 248 PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDGUN DISPOSAL
– DECEASED OFFICERS

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to transfer the handgun of a law enforcement officer who is killed or dies in the performance of duty to the next of kin of the deceased officer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 521 **Senator Shank, et al**
Chapter 249 JUSTICE'S LAW

Expanding the list of persons who can be convicted of first-degree child abuse under specified circumstances to include a family member or household member who has permanent or temporary care or the responsibility for the supervision of a minor; increasing the maximum penalty for first-degree child abuse resulting in death of the victim to imprisonment not exceeding 40 years; and increasing the maximum penalty for a subsequent conviction of child abuse resulting in death of the victim to imprisonment not exceeding 40 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 604 **Delegate Parrott, et al**
Chapter 250 JUSTICE'S LAW

Expanding the list of persons who can be convicted of first-degree child abuse under specified circumstances to include a family member or household member who has permanent or temporary care or the responsibility for the supervision of a minor; increasing the maximum penalty for first-degree child abuse resulting in death of the victim to imprisonment not exceeding 40 years; and increasing the maximum penalty for a subsequent conviction of child abuse resulting in death of the victim to imprisonment not exceeding 40 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 529 **Senator Robey**
Chapter 251 MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE
WHILE DRIVING

Altering the definition of “wireless communication device” to include a handheld or hands-free telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 55 **Delegate Malone**

Chapter 252

**MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE
WHILE DRIVING**

Altering the definition of “wireless communication device” to include a hand-held or handsfree telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 531 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 253

**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – UNDERWRITING
PERIOD – DISCOVERY OF MATERIAL RISK FACTOR**

Requiring an insurer that discovers a material risk factor during the 45-day underwriting period to recalculate the premium for a policy or binder of personal insurance, commercial property insurance, or commercial liability insurance under specified circumstances; requiring the insurer to provide written notice to the insured on a specified form if the insurer recalculates the premium for the policy or binder based on the discovery of a material risk factor; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SB 546 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 254 Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LENDERS AND
MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS**

Requiring an applicant for a mortgage lender license or a mortgage loan originator license to complete, sign, and submit an application in accordance with the process that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation requires; requiring the applicants to provide specified information to the Commissioner; making specified mortgage lender and mortgage loan originator license fees nonrefundable; altering specified reporting requirements for mortgage lender licensees; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 550 **Senator Montgomery, et al**
Chapter 255 **HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES – REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that a cottage food business is not required, under specified circumstances, to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that the owner of a cottage food business may sell only cottage food products that are stored on specified premises and prepackaged with a specified label; requiring the owner of a cottage food business to comply with specified county and municipal laws and ordinances; providing that a specified investigation of a cottage food business may include sampling; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 399 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 256 **HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES – REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that a cottage food business is not required, under specified circumstances, to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that the owner of a cottage food business may sell only cottage food products that are stored on specified premises and prepackaged with a specified label; requiring the owner of a cottage food business to comply with specified county and municipal laws and ordinances; providing that a specified investigation of a cottage food business may include sampling; etc.
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SB 551 **Senators Montgomery and King**
Chapter 257 **PROCUREMENT – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE – CONFLICT
MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
THE CONGO**

Prohibiting a unit of State government from procuring supplies or services from persons that fail to disclose in a specified manner as required by federal law specified information relating to conflict minerals that originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its neighboring countries; defining terms; requiring a unit of State government to provide notice of the prohibition in any solicitation for supplies or services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 425 **Delegate S. Robinson, et al**

Chapter 258

PROCUREMENT – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE – CONFLICT
MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
THE CONGO

Prohibiting a unit of State government from procuring supplies or services from persons that fail to disclose in a specified manner as required by federal law specified information relating to conflict minerals that originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its neighboring countries; defining terms; requiring a unit of State government to provide notice of the prohibition in any solicitation for supplies or services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 565 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 259

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS – KIDNAPPING

Altering the offenses for which a person can be required to register on a specified registry; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to all persons convicted of kidnapping under a specified section of the Criminal Law Article who have been required to register on the State Sex Offender Registry since the enactment of specified Acts of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 942 **Delegate Vallario, et al**

Chapter 260

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS – KIDNAPPING

Altering the offenses for which a person can be required to register on a specified registry; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to all persons convicted of kidnapping under a specified section of the Criminal Law Article who have been required to register on the State Sex Offender Registry since the enactment of specified Acts of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 567 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 261 COMMUNICATIONS TAXES – REFORM COMMISSION

Establishing the Communications Tax Reform Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to assess the feasibility and fiscal implications of a competitively neutral communications tax and fee system that eliminates the disparate treatment of similar communications service providers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 563 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 262 COMMUNICATIONS TAXES – REFORM COMMISSION

Establishing the Communications Tax Reform Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to assess the feasibility and fiscal implications of a competitively neutral communications tax and fee system that eliminates the disparate treatment of similar communications service providers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 581 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 263 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – NATIONAL REGISTER OF
HISTORIC PLACES – ESSEX SKYPARK

Requiring that, on or before August 1, 2012, the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust determine whether Essex Skypark is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with Title 5A of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1108 **Delegate Weir, et al**

Chapter 264

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – NATIONAL REGISTER OF
HISTORIC PLACES – ESSEX SKYPARK**

Requiring that, on or before August 1, 2012, the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust determine whether Essex Skypark is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with Title 5A of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 602 **Senator Dyson**

Chapter 265

**PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –
AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction, with specified exceptions, from adopting local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards if the local amendments weaken specified automatic fire sprinkler systems provisions contained in the Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 366 **Delegate Malone**

Chapter 266

**PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –
AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

Prohibiting a local jurisdiction, with specified exceptions, from adopting local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards if the local amendments weaken specified automatic fire sprinkler systems provisions contained in the Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 603

Senators Montgomery and Conway

Chapter 267

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – LICENSED DENTISTS, PHYSICIANS, AND PODIATRISTS – PERSONALLY PREPARING AND DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES

Requiring licensed dentists, physicians, and podiatrists to comply with specified dispensing, labeling, inspection, packaging, recall procedure, and record keeping requirements as a condition of being allowed to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs or devices and to comply with specified purchase, verification, reporting, and continuing education requirements as a condition of being allowed to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs; requiring specified inspections; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SB 604

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 268

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE – EFFECT OF CONSENT TO OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

Providing that written consent by an uninsured motorist insurer to acceptance of a specified settlement offer may not be construed to limit the right of the uninsured motorist insurer to raise any issue relating to liability or damages in an action against the uninsured motorist insurer and does not constitute an admission by the uninsured motorist insurer as to any issue raised in the action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 715

Delegate Feldman

Chapter 269

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE – EFFECT OF CONSENT TO OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

Providing that written consent by an uninsured motorist insurer to acceptance of a specified settlement offer may not be construed to limit the right of the uninsured motorist insurer to raise any issue relating to liability or damages in an action against the uninsured motorist insurer and does not constitute an admission by the uninsured motorist insurer as to any issue raised in the action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 606**
Chapter 270 **Senator DeGrange**
FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – STATE TREASURY –
COLLATERAL
Clarifying the types of collateral that may be used under specified provisions of law to include a letter of credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank if the letter meets the requirements of the State Treasurer’s office; and authorizing obligations from Federal Home Loan Banks to be used as collateral.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 868**
Chapter 271 **Delegate Conway**
FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – STATE TREASURY –
COLLATERAL
Clarifying the types of collateral that may be used under specified provisions of law to include a letter of credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank if the letter meets the requirements of the State Treasurer’s office; and authorizing obligations from Federal Home Loan Banks to be used as collateral.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 607**
Chapter 272 **Senator Benson**
BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS – PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS –
APPRENTICE LICENSE RENEWAL
Prohibiting the State Board of Plumbing from renewing specified apprentice plumber licenses or apprentice natural gas fitters licenses for more than three consecutive terms if the licensee has not taken or registered to take a journey plumber examination or journeyman gas fitters examination; establishing an exception; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 609**
Chapter 273 **Senator Benson (Chair, Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund)**
TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE SPAY/NEUTER FUND – SUNSET EXTENSION
Altering the date by which the Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund is required to report its findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 936 **Delegate Frush (Chair, Task Force on the Establishment of a
Chapter 274 Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund), et al**

**TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE
SPAY/NEUTER FUND – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the date by which the Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund is required to report its findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 627 **Senators Conway and Middleton**

**Chapter 275 MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CLASS B AND CLASS BLX LICENSES – RESTAURANTS**

Altering the requirement for an alcoholic beverages licensee in Anne Arundel County to be issued a specified Class BLX license for a restaurant; altering the maximum number of Class B licenses and Class BLX licenses in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Charles County, Howard County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County that specified persons may hold or in which specified persons may have a direct or indirect interest.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 640 **Senator Ramirez, et al**

**Chapter 276 PUBLIC SAFETY – POSSESSION OF FIREARMS – CRIMES
COMMITTED IN OTHER STATES**

Prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun if the person was previously convicted of an offense under the laws of another state or the United States that would constitute a crime of violence or a violation of specified provisions of law if committed in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 209**
Chapter 277 **Delegate Mitchell, et al**
PUBLIC SAFETY – POSSESSION OF FIREARMS – CRIMES
COMMITTED IN OTHER STATES
Prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or
shotgun if the person was previously convicted of an offense under
the laws of another state or the United States that would constitute
a crime of violence or a violation of specified provisions of law if
committed in Maryland.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 649**
Chapter 278 **Senator Ramirez, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – ASBESTOS WORKER PROTECTION
Requiring the Department of the Environment to verify specified
information before accrediting an individual to engage in an asbestos
occupation; altering the circumstances under which a penalty may be
composed; increasing the maximum penalty that may be imposed for
specified violations to \$25,000; establishing the Asbestos Worker
Protection Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring payment of
specified penalties and fines into the Fund; specifying the use of the
Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1262**
Chapter 279 **Delegate Hucker, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – ASBESTOS WORKER PROTECTION
Requiring the Department of the Environment to verify specified
information before accrediting an individual to engage in an asbestos
occupation; altering the circumstances under which a penalty may be
composed; increasing the maximum penalty that may be imposed for
specified violations to \$25,000; establishing the Asbestos Worker
Protection Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring payment of
specified penalties and fines into the Fund; specifying the use of the
Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 650

Senator Ramirez, et al

Chapter 280

**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER –
WMATA METRO TRANSIT POLICE**

Prohibiting a person from falsely representing that the person is a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro Transit Police under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from having, using, wearing, or displaying a specified identification or simulation or imitation of a specified identification of a member of the WMATA Metro Transit Police except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 631

Delegate Wilson, et al

Chapter 281

**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER –
WMATA METRO TRANSIT POLICE**

Prohibiting a person from falsely representing that the person is a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro Transit Police under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from having, using, wearing, or displaying a specified identification or simulation or imitation of a specified identification of a member of the WMATA Metro Transit Police except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 655

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 282

**RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDINGS – MASTER
METERS – HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING
SERVICES**

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision authorizing the use of master meters for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning services in residential multiple occupancy buildings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 913 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 283

RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDINGS – MASTER METERS – HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision authorizing the use of master meters for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment in residential multiple occupancy buildings.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 666 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 284

CARROLL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HOUSING UNITS AT INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Authorizing the governing body of Carroll County or of a municipal corporation in Carroll County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified housing units at independent living retirement communities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 668 **Senator Mathias, et al**

Chapter 285

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – ELECTRONIC NOTICES AND VOTING

Authorizing an electric cooperative to provide notice of a meeting of its members by electronic transmission under specified circumstances; authorizing a person to waive notice of a meeting of the members of an electric cooperative by electronic transmission; authorizing voting by electronic transmission under specified circumstances; requiring, under specified circumstances, the bylaws of an electric cooperative to establish the conditions under which electronic voting is allowed; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 623

Chapter 286

Delegate Haddaway–Riccio, et al

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – ELECTRONIC NOTICES AND VOTING

Authorizing an electric cooperative to provide notice of a meeting of its members by electronic transmission under specified circumstances; authorizing a person to waive notice of a meeting of the members of an electric cooperative by electronic transmission; authorizing voting by electronic transmission under specified circumstances; requiring, under specified circumstances, the bylaws of an electric cooperative to establish the conditions under which electronic voting is allowed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 674

Chapter 287

Senator Rosapepe

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – ONLINE COURSES AND SERVICES – DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Authorizing county boards of education to request that the State Department of Education develop or review and approve specified online courses and services; requiring the Department to determine within a specified period of time whether a specified delegation will be made; requiring the Department to develop or review and approve specified courses and services within a specified period of time under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to delegate authority to specified county boards; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1219

Chapter 288

Delegate Boteler, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – ONLINE COURSES AND SERVICES – DEVELOPMENT OR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Authorizing county boards of education to request that the State Department of Education develop or review and approve specified online courses and services; requiring the Department to determine within a specified period of time whether a specified delegation will be made; requiring the Department to develop or review and approve specified courses and services within a specified period of time under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to delegate authority to specified county boards; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 680 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 289 **Budget and Management)**

**STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – CRIMINAL
HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Authorizing specified appointing authorities in the State Personnel Management System to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository State and national criminal history records checks for specified prospective and current employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 689 **Senator Shank**

Chapter 290 **EDUCATION – MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR VIRTUAL
LEARNING – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning within the Department of Education; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council; establishing the mission of the Council; identifying the membership of the Council; establishing the membership term; requiring the State Superintendent or the Governor to appoint a member in the event of a vacancy; requiring the Council members to elect the Council chair; requiring the Council to submit a report and recommendations on or before December 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 745 **Delegate Serafini, et al**

Chapter 291 **EDUCATION – MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR VIRTUAL
LEARNING – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning within the Department of Education; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Council; establishing the mission of the Council; identifying the membership of the Council; establishing the membership term; requiring the State Superintendent or the Governor to appoint a member in the event of a vacancy; requiring the Council members to elect the Council chair; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 741**
Chapter 292 **Senator Forehand, et al**
VEHICLE LAWS – U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS ABSENT FROM STATE – EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF DRIVER’S LICENSE
- Establishing that a Maryland driver’s license held by a member of the U.S. Foreign Service who is residing outside the State or held by the spouse or a dependent of the member shall remain effective during the absence; authorizing an extension of the effective period of a Maryland driver’s license of a member of the Foreign Service or the spouse or a dependent of the member under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 744**
Chapter 293 **Senator Madaleno, et al**
HEALTH INSURANCE – HABILITATIVE SERVICES – REQUIRED COVERAGE, WORKGROUP, AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
- Specifying the format in which specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide a notice about the coverage of habilitative services; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to establish a workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1055**
Chapter 294 **Delegate A. Kelly, et al**
HEALTH INSURANCE – HABILITATIVE SERVICES – REQUIRED COVERAGE, WORKGROUP, AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
- Specifying the format in which specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide a notice about the coverage of habilitative services; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to establish a workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 749 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 295

PHYSICIANS – SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Adding the Maryland Health Care Commission to the list of entities to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission may disclose specified physician information; requiring the State Board of Physicians to disclose information contained in a record to the Maryland Health Care Commission for a specified purpose; adding the Maryland Health Care Commission to the list of entities that must adopt regulations for the transfer of information in a record; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1140 **Delegate Pendergrass, et al**

Chapter 296

PHYSICIANS – SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Adding the Maryland Health Care Commission to the list of entities to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission may disclose specified physician information; requiring the State Board of Physicians to disclose information contained in a record to the Maryland Health Care Commission for a specified purpose; adding the Maryland Health Care Commission to the list of entities that must adopt regulations for the transfer of information in a record; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 756 **Senator Young, et al**

Chapter 297

GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE GROWING – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the membership of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing by adding one member who is a representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 839**
Chapter 298 **Delegates Stifler and Norman**
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MARYLAND WINE
AND GRAPE GROWING – MEMBERSHIP
- Increasing the membership of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing by adding one member who is a representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 764**
Chapter 299 **Senator Kelley, et al**
FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACTS – INDIVIDUAL SURETIES –
CONTRACTS OF SURETY INSURANCE
- Establishing that it is a fraudulent insurance act for an individual surety to make a representation that it has legal authority to issue a contract of surety insurance or to issue a contract of surety insurance, except as provided in specified provisions of law; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis of practices of corporate sureties and individual sureties; requiring the Administration to consult with specified persons or entities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 885**
Chapter 300 **Delegate Jameson, et al**
FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACTS – INDIVIDUAL SURETIES –
CONTRACTS OF SURETY INSURANCE
- Establishing that it is a fraudulent insurance act for an individual surety to make a representation that it has legal authority to issue a contract of surety insurance or to issue a contract of surety insurance, except as provided in specified provisions of law; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis of practices of corporate sureties and individual sureties; requiring the Administration to consult with specified persons or entities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 787

Senator Forehand

Chapter 301

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND UNIFORM PRINCIPAL AND INCOME ACT – CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO AND FROM TRUSTS

Establishing requirements concerning allocation of principal and income for a distribution to a marital trust from an individual retirement account, qualified retirement plan account or similar account or plan, or annuity; requiring a trustee of a marital trust to perform specified duties on request of a surviving spouse under specified circumstances; requiring a marital trust to increase receipts payable to a beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 772

Delegate Waldstreicher

Chapter 302

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND UNIFORM PRINCIPAL AND INCOME ACT – CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO AND FROM TRUSTS

Establishing requirements concerning allocation of principal and income for a distribution to a marital trust from an individual retirement account, qualified retirement plan account or similar account or plan, or annuity; requiring a trustee of a marital trust to perform specified duties on request of a surviving spouse under specified circumstances; requiring a marital trust to increase receipts payable to a beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 794

Senator Garagiola, et al

Chapter 303

HORSE RACING – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – USE OF FUNDS FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Authorizing for specified years the use of Purse Dedication Account funds by Ocean Downs Race Course and Rosecroft Raceway for operating assistance to support at least 40 live racing days annually at each course; placing restrictions on the receipt of Purse Dedication Account grants; requiring racing licensees to provide specified information to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; prohibiting the use of specified funds for a contribution to a campaign finance entity or for an independent expenditure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 797 **Senator Frosh, et al**

Chapter 304

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – WITNESSES –
PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS OR INFORMATION
INVOLVING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Prohibiting a labor organization or an agent of a labor organization from being compelled to disclose under specified circumstances any communication or information received or acquired in confidence while acting in a representative capacity concerning an employee grievance; requiring a labor organization or its agent to make a specified disclosure; providing exceptions; providing that the provisions of federal or State labor law control in the event of a conflict between the federal or State law and the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 804 **Senator Brinkley, et al**

Chapter 305

HUMAN SERVICES – SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINERS –
NONDISCRIMINATION

Altering various provisions of law establishing specified rights and privileges for individuals with disabilities to include service animal trainers who are accompanied by an animal that is being trained or raised as a service animal; altering various provisions of law relating to the use of service animals by individuals with disabilities to include service animal trainers; and altering the definition of “service animal trainer”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 814 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 306

PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATORS – ACCESSIBILITY LIFT
MECHANIC LICENSE

Authorizing the Elevator Safety Review Board to establish specified fees for the application, issuance, and renewal of licenses issued to specified accessibility lift mechanics; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations to certify a licensed accessibility lift mechanic as an accessibility lift mechanic specialist; requiring a person to be licensed by the Board as an accessibility lift mechanic before providing specified services; establishing requirements for an applicant for an accessibility lift mechanic license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 89 **Delegate Stifler, et al**

Chapter 307 PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATORS – ACCESSIBILITY LIFT
MECHANIC LICENSE

Authorizing the Elevator Safety Review Board to establish specified fees for the application, issuance, and renewal of licenses issued to accessibility lift mechanics; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations to certify a licensed accessibility lift mechanic as an accessibility lift mechanic specialist; requiring a person to be licensed by the Board as an accessibility lift mechanic before providing specified services; establishing requirements for an applicant for an accessibility lift mechanic license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 853 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 308 BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS

Altering the definition of “public school employee” as it relates to collective bargaining units of employees in Baltimore County; altering the composition of a unit of employees in Baltimore County; and including a unit of supervisory employees among specified units authorized in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SB 856 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 309 COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – MARYLAND
MEDIATION CONFIDENTIALITY ACT

Establishing that specified communications made in the course of and relating to specified mediations may not be disclosed by the mediators, parties to the mediations, or specified persons who participate in or are present for the mediations, under specified circumstances; establishing exceptions for specified communications; defining terms; providing that the Act may be cited as the Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 858**
Chapter 310 **Senator Raskin, et al**
PUBLIC LIBRARY – ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE – DESIGNATION
Designating public libraries as providing essential community services during an emergency for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1001**
Chapter 311 **Delegate Hixson, et al**
PUBLIC LIBRARY – ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE – DESIGNATION
Designating public libraries as providing essential community services during an emergency for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 868**
Chapter 312 **Senator Conway**
RESIDENTIAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – CERTIFICATION – MODIFICATIONS
Requiring the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals, in consultation with the Children’s Cabinet, to establish a tiered certification structure for residential child and youth care practitioners; requiring the Board to establish training requirements for the residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set reasonable fees for specified services; authorizing the Board to waive the fees under specified circumstances; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 862**
Chapter 313 **Delegate Hammen**
RESIDENTIAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – CERTIFICATION – MODIFICATIONS
Requiring the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals, in consultation with the Children’s Cabinet, to establish a tiered certification structure for residential child and youth care practitioners; requiring the Board to establish training requirements for the residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set reasonable fees for specified services; authorizing the Board to waive fees under specified circumstances; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 870 **Senator Conway (Chair, Education, Health, and
Chapter 314** **Environmental Affairs Committee)**

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – ATHLETIC TRAINER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – EDUCATION, SUPERVISION, AND
ADMINISTRATION

Altering the date by which specified individuals need to be certified
to qualify for the waiver of specified education requirements under
specified provisions of law; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 688 **Delegate Costa**

Chapter 315 **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – ATHLETIC TRAINER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – EDUCATION, SUPERVISION, AND
ADMINISTRATION**

Altering the date by which specified individuals need to be certified
to qualify for the waiver of specified education requirements under
specified provisions of law; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 889 **Senator Stone**

Chapter 316 **CRIMINAL LAW – MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Increasing, from 1 to 2 years, the period of time within which a
prosecution for misdemeanor possession of child pornography must
be instituted after the offense was committed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 349 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**

Chapter 317 **CRIMINAL LAW – MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Increasing, from 1 to 2 years, the period of time within which a
prosecution for misdemeanor possession of child pornography must
be instituted after the offense was committed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 903

Senator Astle

Chapter 318

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –
AUDITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PHARMACIES OR
PHARMACISTS**

Altering requirements a pharmacy benefits manager must comply with when conducting an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from disrupting the provision of services to the customers of a pharmacy during an audit; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions relating to an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist, with a specified exception; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from recouping by setoff specified money until conditions are fulfilled; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 838

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 319

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –
AUDITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF PHARMACIES OR
PHARMACISTS**

Altering requirements a pharmacy benefits manager must comply with when conducting an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from disrupting the provision of services to the customers of a pharmacy during an audit; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions relating to an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist, with a specified exception; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from recouping by setoff specified money until conditions are fulfilled; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 918

Senator Ferguson, et al

Chapter 320

**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS – OCCUPATION
AND EMPLOYER**

Requiring the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the occupation and employer of an individual who makes contributions of a cumulative amount of \$500 or more to the campaign finance entity during an election cycle; requiring the treasurer to include in a campaign finance report the occupation and employer of an individual who makes contributions to the campaign finance entity of a cumulative amount of \$500 or more in an election cycle; requiring the State Board of Elections to provide specified notice to a campaign treasurer; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1103 Delegates Cardin and Summers

Chapter 321 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS – OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

Requiring the treasurer to include in a campaign finance report the occupation and employer of an individual who makes contributions to the campaign finance entity of a cumulative amount of \$500 or more in an election cycle; requiring the State Board of Elections to provide specified notice to a treasurer of a campaign finance entity if a contributor makes cumulative contributions exceeding a specified amount during a specified period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 919 Senators Ferguson and Kittleman

Chapter 322 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – RETENTION OF RECORDS

Altering record retention requirements applicable to campaign finance entities by requiring that the account books and related records of a campaign finance entity be preserved until the earlier of 10 years after the creation of the record or 2 years after the campaign finance entity files a final campaign finance report.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1007 Delegate George, et al

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 941 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Chapter 324 FIDUCIARY INSTITUTIONS – PROTECTION OF ELDER
ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL ABUSE – REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring specified fiduciary institutions to report suspected financial abuse of an elder adult under specified circumstances; requiring the report to be made to specified individuals and entities at specified times and by specified means; providing that a fiduciary institution is not required to investigate an allegation by an elder adult that financial abuse of the elder adult has occurred or to make a report if the same matter has already been reported; establishing specified civil penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1257 **Delegate Kramer, et al**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 954 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 326 MEDICAL RECORDS – ENHANCEMENT OR COORDINATION OF
PATIENT CARE

Authorizing specified health care providers to share medical records and specified information with insurance carriers and accountable care organizations for the purposes of enhancing or coordinating patient care and for other purposes under specified circumstances and subject to limitations; requiring specified notices; establishing specified limits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 967 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 327 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – STUDENT
TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishing a Student Transfer Advisory Committee; providing for the composition, officers, and staffing of the Committee; requiring the Committee to review and analyze articulation and student support services, including admission and advising practices and any other student transfer related issues referred to the Committee by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2013, and each odd-numbered year thereafter; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 975 **Senator Pugh**

Chapter 328 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ZOO LICENSE

Creating a Class BWL–MZ license for use at a zoo in Druid Hill Park in Baltimore City; specifying that the license may be used to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption only on the land and in the facilities used by the zoo; requiring an applicant who has another alcoholic beverages license to exchange that license for a Class BWL–MZ license; authorizing the licensee to designate an agent for a specified purpose; authorizing the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at multiple locations under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1319 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

Chapter 329 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ZOO LICENSE

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 977** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 330 **TRANSPORTATION – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
– BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**
- Requiring each public institution of higher education, when it revises its facility master plan, to address bicycle and pedestrian circulation on and around the institution’s campus; and requiring the institution to include in the facility master plan measures to incorporate bikeways and pedestrian facilities and to promote biking and walking on the campus.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1278** **Delegate Cardin**
Chapter 331 **TRANSPORTATION – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
– BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 984** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 332 **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**
- Authorizing a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Ward 27, Precinct 48 of the 43rd Legislative District of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 994** **Senator Brinkley**
Chapter 333 **ENVIRONMENT – TEMPORARY DEWATERING DEVICES AND
WELL DRILLING – NOTIFICATION TO MUNICIPALITIES**
- Requiring a person that installs a temporary dewatering device to notify a municipality under specified circumstances; and requiring a well driller, when applying for a permit to drill a well, to notify a municipality under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 998** **Senator Garagiola**
Chapter 334 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – PLUG-IN VEHICLES –
DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
- Requiring a custodian of Motor Vehicle Administration records containing personal information to disclose specified personal information related to plug-in vehicles for specified use by an electric company subject to specified restrictions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1279** **Delegates Malone and McHale**
Chapter 335 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – PLUG-IN VEHICLES –
DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
- Requiring a custodian of Motor Vehicle Administration records containing personal information to disclose specified personal information related to plug-in vehicles for specified use by an electric company subject to specified restrictions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 1006** **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 336 MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – FUND
PRODUCERS – COMMISSIONS
- Altering the commission the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is required to pay to a fund producer of a policyholder to whom a private passenger auto insurance policy is issued by the Fund; and requiring the Fund, on or before a specified date, to report to specified legislative committees on specified information concerning the implementation of a specified commission payment structure.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 1024** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 337 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MULTIPLE LICENSES
- Increasing from 30 to 60 the total number of additional Class H alcoholic beverages licenses that the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners may issue to specified Class B or Class H alcoholic beverages license holders.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 1033 **Senator Jennings**
Chapter 338 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the chairman and treasurer of a campaign finance entity to provide electronic mail addresses of the chairman and treasurer to the State Board of Elections and notify the State Board of a change in the electronic mail addresses by a specified date if the chairman and treasurer consent to receiving specified notice only by electronic mail; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1285 **Delegate Summers, et al**
Chapter 339 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the chairman and treasurer of a campaign finance entity to provide electronic mail addresses of the chairman and treasurer to the State Board of Elections and notify the State Board of a change in the electronic mail addresses by a specified date if the chairman and treasurer consent to receiving specified notice only by electronic mail; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1077 **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 340 MORTALITY AND QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE –
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date of specified provisions of law requiring the Mortality and Quality Review Committee to make specified reports, recommendations, and findings regarding incidents of injury and requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to provide specified data to the Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1455 **Delegates Costa and Hubbard**
Chapter 341 MORTALITY AND QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE –
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date of specified provisions of law requiring the Mortality and Quality Review Committee to make specified reports, recommendations and findings regarding incidents of injury and requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to provide specified data to the Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 7**
Chapter 346 **Delegate Olszewski**
CRIMINAL LAW – BETTING, WAGERING, AND GAMBLING –
FANTASY COMPETITION
Exempting fantasy competitions from Maryland gaming prohibitions;
authorizing the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 9**
Chapter 347 **Delegate Howard, et al**
EDUCATION – CHILDREN AND YOUTH – REPORTING OF
INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT HEALTH, WELL-
BEING, AND GROWTH
Requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December
1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, to report specified information
to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning matters
relating to student growth, health, and well-being; and encouraging
county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the
county boards' health education curriculum.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 57**
Chapter 348 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**
DORCHESTER COUNTY – SAILWINDS OF CAMBRIDGE, INC. –
SERVICE OF ALCOHOL – WRISTBANDS
Altering provisions of law to authorize Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc.,
instead of Sailwinds Park, Inc., to obtain and renew a specified
alcoholic beverages license in Dorchester County; authorizing
Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. to distribute wristbands to specified
individuals at specified events; and prohibiting Sailwinds of
Cambridge, Inc. from serving alcoholic beverages to individuals who
are not wearing wristbands at specified events under specified
circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 60**
Chapter 349 **Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt**
TALBOT COUNTY – ZONING REGULATIONS – ENFORCEMENT
Authorizing the legislative body of Talbot County to provide by local
law for an administrative proceeding to enforce specified zoning
regulations; allowing the local law to include specified authority to
impose specified fines and penalties for zoning violations; and
making a conforming change.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 72 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 350 Services)**

STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD
CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND
PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child
Care Program Professionals in accordance with the provisions of the
Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July
1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to specified authority of
the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes
and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before
July 1, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit specified reports to
specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 74 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 351 Services)**

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING DESIGN
BOARDS – SUNSET PROVISIONS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Certified Interior Designers in
accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation
Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, termination provisions
relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board;
requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and
regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1,
2023; and repealing termination provisions relating to the
Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards' Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 96 **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 352

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT –
POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE

Authorizing a court to impose probation before judgment for a second
controlled dangerous substance crime if the court requires the
defendant to graduate from drug court or successfully complete a
substance abuse treatment program as a condition of probation and
the defendant meets the requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 100**
Chapter 353 **Delegate Pena–Melnik**
VITAL RECORDS – CERTIFICATES OF DEATH – AMENDMENTS TO CAUSE OF DEATH
Authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to amend the cause of death on a certificate of death at any time after registration without a court order.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 111**
Chapter 354 **Delegate Anderson, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – FAILURE TO RETURN RENTAL VEHICLE – NOTICE
Providing that a person may not be prosecuted for the abandonment or refusal to return a rented motor vehicle if, within 5 days after a written demand for the return of the motor vehicle is mailed by regular mail and certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the person who leased or rented the motor vehicle, the person returns or accounts for the motor vehicle to the person who delivered the motor vehicle; and providing that a prosecution may not be started until 5 days after the written demand is mailed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 134**
Chapter 355 **Carroll County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE
Establishing for archery hunters in Carroll County a 50–yard safety zone within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 158**
Chapter 356 **Delegate Beidle, et al**
PROPERTY TAX – HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING TAX CREDIT – NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS
Altering the definition of “high performance building” for purposes of the high performance building tax credit to include a residential building that achieves at least a silver rating according to the International Code Council’s 700 National Green Building Standards; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2012.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 182 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 357 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS – SALARY**

Increasing the salary of the members of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections to \$3,000; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent members of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

**HB 186 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 358 Departmental – Environment)**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT
PROCEEDINGS – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Clarifying the right of parties to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals a decision by a circuit court regarding specified final permit determinations by the Department of the Environment; applying the Act retroactively to affect specified appeals pending in a circuit court on the effective date of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 187 Delegates K. Kelly and Simmons

Chapter 359 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – FILING ON
BEHALF OF DECEASED PERSON**

Authorizing a person's attorney or personal representative to file a petition for expungement on behalf of the person if the person died before disposition of the underlying charge by nolle prosequi or dismissal; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 190 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 360 **Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – NOISE CONTROL

Requiring the Department of the Environment to revise specified noise standards and sound level limits under specified circumstances; repealing requirements that the Department develop a specified plan, coordinate specified programs, and keep specified records; repealing requirements for the adoption and enforcement of noise standards, sound level limits, or noise control regulations by the Department or other units; authorizing a political subdivision to enforce specified sound level limits and noise control regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 192 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 361 **KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-**
BREWERY LICENSES

Adding Kent County to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued; adding the county to the list of counties in which the license holder may sell at retail beer brewed under the license for consumption off the licensed premises under specified conditions; providing that the license may be issued to a holder of a Class D beer (off-sale) license; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 224 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 362 **GARRETT COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX**

Altering the definition of “transient charge”, as it relates to Garrett County, for purposes of provisions of law authorizing specified counties to impose a hotel rental tax on transient charges collected by specified hotels; and increasing from 5% to 6% the maximum hotel rental tax rate that may be set in Garrett County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 254 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 363 **CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BLX**
LICENSES

Lowering to \$450,000 the minimum capital investment for dining room facilities and kitchen equipment required for a restaurant to qualify for a Class BLX on-sale license in Cecil County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 281 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 364

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REAL PROPERTY – EXCEPTION FOR PREREQUISITES TO RECORDING

Providing that a specified provision of law regarding the transfer of property on the assessment books or records does not apply in St. Mary's County for a deed transferring property to the county when the controller or treasurer of the county has certified that the conveyance does not impair the security for any public taxes, assessments, and charges due on the remaining property of the grantor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 324 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 365

CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSES

Adding Cecil County to the list of jurisdictions in which the holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license may sell malt beverages for off-premises consumption in sealed refillable containers under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 341 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee**

Chapter 366

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination date; renaming the Commission; requiring that an evaluation of the Commission be performed by July 1, 2022; repealing a requirement for the Commission to submit specified reports to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2002; requiring the Commission to submit specified reports by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 342 **Delegate Smigiel, et al**

Chapter 367

EDUCATION – REGIONAL SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOR CECIL, KENT, AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Requiring the State Department of Education, jointly with specified local boards of education, to study the feasibility of establishing a regional school of the arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne’s counties; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 394 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**

Chapter 368

OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the Office of Cemetery Oversight in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Office; exempting private family cemeteries that do not conduct public sales from specified permitting and registration, perpetual care, and preneed contract requirements of the Maryland Cemetery Act; adding a representative from a crematory to the Advisory Council on Cemetery Operations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 398 **Delegate Niemann, et al**

Chapter 369

WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – INVESTIGATION OF FELONY THEFT SCHEME

Adding a theft scheme or continuing course of conduct under a specified provision of law involving an aggregate value of property or services of at least \$10,000 to those crimes for which evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 402 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 370

**LAND RECORDS – DORMANT MINERAL INTERESTS AND
NATURAL GAS AND OIL LEASES – COURT ORDER AND
RECORDATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a court order that terminates a dormant mineral interest to identify specified information; requiring a clerk of the court that issued the order to record the order in the land records; and prohibiting a clerk of court from recording an instrument that effects a specified real property lease dealing in natural gas and oil unless the instrument is accompanied by a complete intake sheet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 423 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 371

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION
ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the agricultural preservation advisory board in St. Mary's County to require that at least three of the five members are actively pursuing the production of agricultural products for profit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 448 **Delegates Morhaim and Reznik**

Chapter 372

**PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – PURCHASING AND
RECYCLING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS**

Requiring a State unit to purchase specified electronic products that are listed on the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool registry or meet specified standards when purchasing electronic products for use by the State; requiring a State unit to award a procurement contract to specified recyclers of electronic products when awarding a procurement contract for electronics recycling services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 472 Delegates McIntosh and Feldman

Chapter 373

WORKGROUP ON LEAD LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR RENTAL PROPERTY

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to convene a workgroup to evaluate and make recommendations relating to lead liability protection for owners of pre-1978 rental property; requiring the Commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup on or before December 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 475 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 374

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REDISTRICTING BOARD – REVISIONS

Requiring a Redistricting Board to be appointed in St. Mary's County following each decennial census of the United States; requiring the Board to be composed of specified appointees; requiring the Board to propose a specified redistricting plan; requiring the Board to hold specified hearings; requiring the Board to prepare and submit a redistricting plan to the Board of County Commissioners by a specified date and after public hearings have been held; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 476 Delegate Hammen, et al

Chapter 375

BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing and establishing requirements for the use of specified vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore City to enforce specified State and local laws restricting the presence of specified vehicles during specified times; establishing that a vehicle height monitoring system may be used under the Act only if its use is authorized by an ordinance adopted by the Baltimore City Council; providing for the contents of a citation under the Act; establishing a maximum fine of \$500 for a third or subsequent violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 306 **Senator Ferguson (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 376 **Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing and establishing requirements for the use of specified vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore City to enforce specified State and local laws restricting the presence of specified vehicles during specified times; establishing that a vehicle height monitoring system may be used under the Act only if its use is authorized by an ordinance adopted by the Baltimore City Council; providing for the contents of a citation under the Act; establishing a maximum fine of \$500 for a third or subsequent violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 499 **Delegates Niemann and Frush**

Chapter 377

VEHICLE LAWS – DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE TO AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLER AND RECYCLER OR SCRAP PROCESSOR

Repealing a provision of law that authorizes specified persons to transfer specified inoperable vehicles to an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor without providing a certificate of title or fulfilling notice requirements; repealing a provision of law that authorizes an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor to require specified vehicle transferors to execute an indemnity agreement; altering the notice requirements for an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 512 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 378

ENVIRONMENT – GARRETT COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT – IMPOSITION OF LATE FEES

Authorizing the sanitary district in Garrett County to charge a late fee for specified unpaid water and sewer usage charges; authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to require the payment of any applicable late fees in addition to specified other charges before reconnecting water service; and providing that a charge that is in default will accrue interest from the date of default and at a rate set by the County Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 516 Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 379

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – PENSION

Increasing the pension of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Allegany County under specified circumstances; and making a technical change.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 518 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 380

FREDERICK COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER’S FEES

Setting the amount of the auctioneer’s fee allowed in Frederick County relating to specified tax sales to be the lowest responsive bid for each property sold.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 525 Delegate Clagett, et al

Chapter 381

STATE PERSONNEL – HIRING PROHIBITION – INDIVIDUALS TERMINATED WITH PREJUDICE

Prohibiting an appointing authority from hiring an individual who has been terminated with prejudice from State service; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 545 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Delegate Oaks

Chapter 382

CRIMES – THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

Prohibiting a person from being in or on the motor vehicle of another with the intent to commit theft of property that is on the motor vehicle; establishing a penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 573**
Chapter 383 **Delegate K. Kelly, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – BAIL BONDSMAN SOLICITATION – PENALTY
Prohibiting an employee of a courthouse or correctional facility from soliciting business as a bail bondsman on the grounds of a courthouse or correctional facility; clarifying that a specified person at a specified location may not approach, entice, or invite a person to use the services of a specific bail bondsman; altering the penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 589**
Chapter 384 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – MEPHEDRONE
Listing mephedrone and specified similar chemical compounds on Schedule I for purposes of designating controlled dangerous substances that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 595**
Chapter 385 **Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES
Specifying that a holder of a specified manufacturer’s license may apply for and obtain specified additional manufacturer’s licenses for the same premises or elsewhere.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 596**
Chapter 386 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
CHILD WITH A DISABILITY – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEETING – DOCUMENT ACCESS
Providing that the parents of a child with a disability may notify appropriate school personnel that they not want to receive specified documents; authorizing school personnel to provide a copy of specified documents relating to the development of an individualized education program for a child with a disability to the parents of the child in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 644 Delegates Oaks and Niemann

Chapter 387

ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF LEAD POISONING

Altering the application of the Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing law to apply to specified property constructed before 1978; exempting specified properties built between specified dates from requirements relating to risk reduction standards; authorizing the Department of the Environment or a local health department to order lead abatement in specified property under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to enforce the terms of a specified abatement order in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 658

Chapter 388

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EMERGENCY PLANS FOR HUMAN SERVICE FACILITIES AND DIALYSIS CENTERS

Providing that specified facilities and centers are solely responsible for any financial obligation arising from voluntary or mandatory activation of a specified emergency plan; specifying that the Act does not prohibit a specified facility or center from applying for and receiving specified reimbursement; requiring specified kidney dialysis centers to have specified emergency plans; requiring the plans to include specified policies and procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 668

Chapter 389

Delegate Schulz, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES – TRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND MOTOR HOMES

Establishing a specified historic motor vehicle registration for trucks, tractors, and motor homes; establishing qualifications for a historic motor vehicle registration under the Act; establishing registration fees; prohibiting the use of a historic motor vehicle for general daily transportation or for commercial transportation on highways; altering the definition of “historic motor vehicle”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 686 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 390

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CITY OF TAKOMA PARK –
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B ON- AND OFF-SALE
LICENSE MC 17-12

Adding an off-sale privilege to the Class B beer and light wine
license issued for hotels and restaurants in the City of Takoma Park;
and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2014.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 717 **Delegate Hershey, et al**

Chapter 391

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTILLERIES – TOURS, SAMPLES,
AND SALES

Expanding the privileges of a distillery license so that the holder of
the license may conduct guided tours of the licensed premises, serve
not more than a specified number of samples of products
manufactured at the licensed premises, sell products manufactured
on the licensed premises for consumption off the licensed premises
under specified circumstances, and sell related merchandise;
prohibiting a license holder or entity in which a license holder has a
pecuniary interest from acting as a caterer of food; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 721 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 392

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SOLICITATION AND COLLECTION
OF MONEY OR DONATIONS FROM OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLES
– ADOPTION OF A PERMIT PROGRAM MC 10-12

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to enact a local law to
require a person to obtain a specified permit before standing in a
roadway or median divider or on a sidewalk adjacent to a roadway to
solicit and collect money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle;
prohibiting a person from soliciting or collecting money or donations
except in compliance with a permit obtained in accordance with local
law; providing for the application a provision of the Act and issuance
of a permit issued under a local law under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 786** **Delegate Olszewski, et al**
Chapter 393 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CREDIT UNIONS AND
 DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT
 SAVINGS PROMOTION RAFFLES
- Repealing a contingency on provisions of law that authorize specified depository institutions and credit unions to conduct savings promotion raffles; altering the circumstances under which depository institutions may conduct savings promotion raffles; requiring a depository institution or credit union offering a savings promotion raffle to post and disclose in specified materials a statement describing the terms and conditions of the raffle; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 802** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 394 EDUCATION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
 BUDGETS – TRANSPARENCY PG 410–12
- Requiring a specified Web site of the Prince George’s County Board of Education to include specified budget data; requiring the Web site to include annual data and to be searchable based on individual schools; and providing for a delayed effective date.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013
- HB 803** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 395 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION –
 OPERATION OF SCHOOLS – YEAR–ROUND BASIS PG 405–12
- Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of Education to operate one or more schools within the county on a year–round basis under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 805 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 396

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION –
RECYCLING PROGRAM – SCHOOL FACILITIES PG 403–12**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop and implement a recycling program for all facilities under the jurisdiction of the county board; requiring the county board to address specified issues while developing a recycling program; and requiring the county board to submit a report including specified information to the Prince George's County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2012, regarding the recycling program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

**HB 834 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 397 Human Resources)**

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE

Authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to establish an alternative response program for specified reports of child abuse or neglect; requiring the Department of Human Resources to establish a specified advisory council; prohibiting specified reports of child abuse or neglect from being assigned for an alternative response; authorizing specified reports of child abuse and neglect to be reassigned for an alternative response; providing for the confidentiality, maintenance, and expungement of records; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 835 Delegate Barnes

Chapter 398

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL
DISABILITY BENEFITS – WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN
AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Altering the definition of "public safety employee" so as to apply a specified workers' compensation provision relating to permanent partial disability benefits to police officers employed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 841 **Delegate Frick, et al**

Chapter 399 **FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – OPEN WINDOWS AND DOORS**

Authorizing a food service facility to operate with the outer windows or outer doors of the facility open unless the local health department finds evidence of specified vermin or flying insects while the facility is operating with the outer doors or outer windows open; requiring a food service facility to take specified actions under specified circumstances; authorizing a local health department to take specified actions under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 879 **Delegate Morhaim**

Chapter 400 **ENVIRONMENT – STATEWIDE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Making specified provisions of law relating to registration under the Statewide Electronics Recycling Program applicable to specified manufacturers; altering specified fees to be paid to the Department of the Environment; requiring that specified sales data be treated as confidential and proprietary; requiring a manufacturer that has a takeback program to provide information relating to the destruction and sanitization of data from returned electronic devices in a specified manner; increasing fines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 897 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 401 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX –
INSTALLMENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE PG 416–12**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to provide, by law, a specified installment payment schedule for county, municipal, and special taxing district property taxes due on owner-occupied residential property if the homeowner is at least 62 years old and the property does not contain specified encumbrances; requiring the governing body to provide, by law, for provisions necessary to carry out the installment payment schedule; applying the Act to tax years after June 30, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 898 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 402

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS PG 418–12

Providing for specified exemptions from county property tax for specified economic development projects located in designated focus areas in Prince George's County; establishing requirements in order to qualify for the property tax exemption; requiring specified annual reports on projects for which Prince George's County has entered into payment in lieu of taxes agreements; requiring the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive to submit a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 901 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 403

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS PG/MC 110–12

Requiring specified buildings owned by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be high performance buildings under specified circumstances; exempting specified building types from specified high performance building standards; authorizing the Commission to request specified waivers from specified high performance building standards; authorizing a county council, with approval of the county executive, to issue a specified waiver under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 902 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 404

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAM – TERMINATION EXTENSION PG/MC 102–12

Continuing from July 1, 2012, until July 1, 2017, specified provisions relating to procurement from minority business enterprises by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

- HB 904** **Prince George's County Delegation**
Chapter 405 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONES –
HOTLINE NUMBER ON SIGNS PG 406–12
- Requiring that a hotline number to report information concerning suspected illegal drug activity be included on all new and replacement signs designating specified areas as drug free school zones in Prince George's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 924** **Delegate Beitzel**
Chapter 406 VEHICLE LAWS – LOCAL AUTHORITY – USE OF HIGHWAYS
BY SNOWMOBILES
- Altering the authority of local jurisdictions to designate a portion of a highway for snowmobile use to facilitate access between trails by repealing the requirement that the snowmobile trails accessed be designated by the Department of Natural Resources; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1005** **Washington County Delegation**
Chapter 407 WASHINGTON COUNTY – TIP JARS – ACCOUNTABILITY AND
OVERSIGHT
- Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to require that the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association submit financial reports; authorizing the county commissioners to adopt specified regulations; authorizing the county commissioners to withhold funds under specified circumstances; requiring the Association to submit its budget to the county commissioners annually; prohibiting specified funds from being used for specified fire and rescue services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1017** **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 408 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY MARYLAND INSURANCE OF LAST RESORT PROGRAMS**
- Establishing the Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation by authorizing reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on subjects including potential benefits to the State from the affiliation of one or more of the State-created insurers of last resort; requiring the Task Force to report its preliminary and final findings on or before specified dates; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 1023** **Calvert County Delegation**
Chapter 409 **CALVERT COUNTY – LITTER CONTROL LAW – LOCAL ORDINANCE**
- Authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to adopt a specified ordinance to prohibit littering and to impose specified criminal and civil penalties for a violation of the ordinance.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1031** **Delegates Alston and Vallario**
Chapter 410 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RIGHT OF APPEAL FROM FINAL JUDGMENTS – CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA**
- Providing that an appeal from a final judgment entered following a conditional plea of guilty may be taken in accordance with the Maryland Rules; and defining “conditional plea of guilty”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1046** **Howard County Delegation**
Chapter 411 **HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES – GOLF COURSES HO. CO. 7–12**
- Changing from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at golf courses in Howard County that hold a 7-day Class GC license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1047 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 412

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE BEER CONTAINERS HO. CO. 10–12

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue a refillable container permit to a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license under specified circumstances; authorizing a holder of a Class B special beer and wine license to sell draft beer in refillable containers not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces for consumption off the licensed premises; requiring that specified applicants meet specified advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1054 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 413

CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Authorizes the governing body of Charles County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property subject to a perpetual conservation easement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1089 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 414

CALVERT COUNTY – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SHERIFF – CANDIDATES

Requiring the Sheriff of Calvert County to appoint as assistant sheriff an individual who is an active duty deputy sheriff and holds a specified rank in the Calvert County Sheriff's office or an individual who is not a current employee of the Sheriff's Office; authorizing the Sheriff to appoint the assistant sheriff without subjecting the candidate to a written examination; establishing that the assistant sheriff serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1120**
Chapter 415 **Delegate Carter, et al**
MISSING CHILDREN – SEARCH EFFORTS AND
COLLABORATION (PHYLICIA’S LAW)
- Altering a factor that a law enforcement agency considers when evaluating a report regarding a missing child; altering the requirement that a law enforcement agency institute appropriate search procedures to locate specified missing children to include the coordination of volunteer search teams; requiring the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children to publish specified information relating to missing children in the State; authorizing the Clearinghouse to maintain a list of organizations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1122**
Chapter 416 **Delegate Valderrama, et al**
JUVENILES – CONFINEMENT IN JUVENILE FACILITIES –
REPORT
- Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to make a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2012, regarding the manner in which the Department will work toward ensuring that youth charged as adults can be detained in juvenile detention facilities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1138**
Chapter 417 **Delegate Carter, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING OR ARREST OF MINOR –
NOTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN
- Requiring a law enforcement officer who charges a minor with a criminal offense to make a reasonable attempt to notify the minor’s parent or guardian of the charge; and requiring a law enforcement officer or the officer’s designee who takes a minor into custody to make a reasonable attempt to notify the minor’s parent or guardian of the arrest within 48 hours of the arrest of the minor.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1141 Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 418

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CARDIAC SURGERY AND PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Requiring, with a specified exception, a certificate of need for the establishment of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) services; requiring, beginning on July 1, 2012, a certificate of conformance before an acute general hospital may establish emergency PCI services or elective PCI services; prohibiting the Maryland Health Care Commission from issuing a certificate of conformance unless the Commission finds that the proposed emergency PCI services or proposed elective PCI services meet specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1161 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 419

CHARLES COUNTY – ASSESSMENT FOR ABATEMENT OF ZONING VIOLATION

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to assess for abatement of zoning violations; adding the assessment to the annual tax bill of the property; specifying how the assessment will be collected; subjecting assessments to specified interest and penalties; and specifying that an assessment is a lien against the property.

CONTINGENT

HB 1175 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 420

HOWARD COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – STUDENTS IN UNPAID WORK–BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES HO. CO. 9–12

Authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to waive the requirement that a participating employer reimburse the county for the cost of specified workers’ compensation insurance coverage for students placed in unpaid work–based learning experiences.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1180 Delegates Rudolph and Malone

Chapter 421

VEHICLE LAWS – REQUIRED SECURITY – ELECTRONIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring insurers and other providers of required vehicle security to report the issuance of specified new policies, changes to specified fleet policies, and terminations or lapses of required security electronically within a specified period of time; defining “fleet policy”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1182 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 422

CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – BINDING ARBITRATION

Authorizing a specified collective bargaining agreement in Charles County to contain a grievance procedure providing for binding arbitration of the interpretation of contract terms and clauses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1189 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 423

HOWARD COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING HO. CO. 11–12

Authorizing the representatives of full-time deputy sheriffs at the rank of corporal and below in the Office of the Sheriff of Howard County to bargain collectively with the Sheriff on specified issues; authorizing deputy sheriffs to take specified actions with regard to collective bargaining; providing for the procedures for certifying a labor organization as a certified labor organization for collective bargaining; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1220 **Delegate Haynes**

Chapter 424

SECONDARY EDUCATION – ELECTRONIC READER PILOT PROGRAM – STUDY

Requiring the State Department of Education to study establishing an electronic reader pilot program in specified middle schools or high schools in the State in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the Department to determine whether to establish an electronic reader pilot program and report findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1235 **Delegate Zucker, et al**

Chapter 425

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEM – NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 SERVICES

Altering the responsibilities of the Emergency Number Systems Board to include establishing planning guidelines for next generation 9–1–1 services system plans and deployment of next generation 9–1–1 services; and defining “next generation 9–1–1 services”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1290 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**

Chapter 426

LAND USE

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Land Use Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to zoning, planning, subdivision, and other land use mechanisms, including comprehensive plans, historic preservation, and related matters; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, including the Regional District and the Metropolitan District; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1130 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 427** **Services – Code Revision)**

LAND USE – CROSS-REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS

Correcting specified cross-references to the Land Use Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; correcting specified errors and omissions in and relating to the Land Use Article; adding to a specified list of public general laws that may affect land use in specified local jurisdictions; defining a term; clarifying the application of specified provisions; making stylistic changes; and providing for the termination of a specified provision of the Act, subject to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1303 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 428** **Departmental – Agriculture)**

**AGRICULTURE – COST SHARING FOR WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL**

Increasing from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the maximum amount of State cost sharing for water pollution control projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1304 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 429** **Departmental – Agriculture)**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL WASTE
TECHNOLOGY FUND**

Repealing provisions relating to financial assistance for animal waste technology projects from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund; establishing an Animal Waste Technology Fund in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the purpose and goal of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1305 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 430 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORITY TO
ESTABLISH FREE FISHING AREAS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to create free fishing areas in tidal and nontidal waters of the State where a person may catch finfish for recreational purposes without the otherwise required licenses or authorizations; and creating an exemption for free fishing areas to the requirement that a person obtain an angler's license before fishing in the nontidal waters of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1308 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 431 CALVERT COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF
OPERATION

Altering the length of time a school bus may be operated in Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1326 **Delegate Norman**

Chapter 432 HARFORD COUNTY – DISPOSITION OF FEE FOR PERFORMING
MARRIAGE CEREMONY – FUNDS FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Altering the distribution of the fee collected for performing a marriage ceremony in Harford County to require that \$20 be paid to the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1329 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 433 **Departmental – Transportation)**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION –
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the requirements for the appointment of the commissioners of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission; requiring that one of the appointees from Montgomery County and one of the appointees from Prince George's County serve as alternate members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1334** **Delegates McDermott and Cluster**
Chapter 434 LIFE–THREATENING INJURY BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR
VESSEL WHILE IMPAIRED BY A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
SUBSTANCE – PENALTY (AVA’S LAW)
- Increasing the penalty for causing life–threatening injury as a result of negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1372** **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 435 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**
- NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND PERMITS
- Requiring that specified appropriations for fishery management purposes be allocated in a specified manner between the recreational and commercial fisheries; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to assess specified costs on specified commercial fishing licensees; repealing a provision of law that limits the number of participants in the commercial and charter boat fishery; establishing a \$50 application fee for the transfer of a commercial fishing license or authorization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1387** **Delegate Murphy**
Chapter 436 CHARLES COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS –
FARMERS’ MARKETS
- Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a winery special event permit to a Class 4 Maryland limited winery for unlimited use 1 day each week at farmers’ markets in Charles County that are listed on the Farmers’ Market Directory of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1418** **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 437 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CORAM NOBIS – FAILURE TO SEEK
APPEAL
- Providing that the failure to seek an appeal in a criminal case may not be construed as a waiver of the right to file a petition for writ of error coram nobis.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1435** **Delegate Stukes, et al**
Chapter 438 MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP –
REVISION
- Altering the composition of the Maryland Veterans Commission by replacing the member appointed from a list of individuals submitted by the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc. with a member appointed from a list of individuals submitted by the National Association for Black Veterans; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 1436** **Delegates Conway and McDermott**
Chapter 439 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER
AND WINE FESTIVALS
- Authorizing the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue not more than three licenses each year for displaying and selling beer and wine at beer and wine festivals in the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1438** **Delegate Clagett**
Chapter 440 CITY OF FREDERICK – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK
– TAXI DRIVER APPLICANTS
- Authorizing the City of Frederick Police Department to request State and national criminal history records checks for taxi driver applicants in the City of Frederick from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository; requiring the Police Department to submit sets of fingerprints of taxi driver applicants and pay specified fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a records check; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1457** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 441 CHARLES COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF
RIGHTS ACT
- Providing for specified rights of a correctional officer in Charles County relating to employment, investigation, and discipline under specified circumstances; providing for the procedures for the investigation or interrogation of a correctional officer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1463

Delegate Griffith

Chapter 442

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 –
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PRINCE GEORGE’S VFD**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to change the name of a specified grantee from Prince George’s VFD to the Prince George’s County Fire Department; adding the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Kentland Volunteer Fire Department, and the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department as grantees to a specified grant; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1476

Delegate Rudolph

Chapter 443

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 –
CECIL COUNTY – LOWER SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE
GREENWAY**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to add the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Perryville as a grantee to a specified grant; extending the deadline for the grantees to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided; requiring that the Board of Public Works expend or encumber the proceeds of a specified loan by June 1, 2014; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 22, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 22, 2012, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 151 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 444

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, AND 2011

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,119,424,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified matching fund requirements by specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1101 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 445 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL PRESUMPTIONS AND STUDY**

Altering the diseases and cancers that are considered occupational diseases suffered in the line of duty and are compensable in a specified manner; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, with the agreement of specified stakeholders, to contract with a specified individual to study specified types of cancers that specified individuals may contract in the line of duty; providing for the purpose of the study; providing that any funding needed for the study shall be from sources other than the Department; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 235 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 446 **PROCUREMENT – INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Specifying that specified persons shall be considered as engaging in investment activities in Iran under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works, on or before January 1, 2013, to use credible and publicly available information to create a list of persons that engage in investment activities in Iran; requiring the Board to update the list every 180 days; requiring the Board, before adding a person to the list, to provide the person with written notice that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 440 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 447 **PROCUREMENT – INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Specifying that specified persons shall be considered as engaging in investment activities in Iran under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works, on or before December 31, 2012, to use credible and publicly available information to create a list of persons that engage in investment activities in Iran; requiring the Board to update the list every 180 days; requiring the Board, before adding a person to the list, to provide the person with written notice that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 294 **Senator Miller, et al**
Chapter 448 FAMILY FARM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate up to \$5,000,000 of the value of qualified agricultural property; providing that the Maryland estate tax on qualified agricultural property may not exceed 5% of the value of specified agricultural property exceeding \$5,000,000; providing for the recapture of specified Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 444 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 449 FAMILY FARM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate up to \$5,000,000 of the value of qualified agricultural property; providing that the Maryland estate tax on qualified agricultural property may not exceed 5% of the value of specified agricultural property exceeding \$5,000,000; providing for the recapture of specified Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 442 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 450 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND INNOVATION
INITIATIVE

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; authorizing the Initiative to award grants to specified entities under specified circumstances; establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative Fund; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to undertake specified high impact economic development activities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 8

Senator Astle

Chapter 451

MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUND – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WARRANTS

Authorizing a warrant official to certify to the Comptroller the existence of an outstanding warrant; providing that the Comptroller may not pay Maryland income tax refunds to individuals with outstanding warrants under specified circumstances; providing that the requirement applies only to residents of Anne Arundel County or individuals with warrants from Anne Arundel County; requiring the Comptroller to withhold and pay required amounts under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 19

Senator Peters, et al

Chapter 452

SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Repealing a termination provision applicable to a sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans' organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 319

Delegate Proctor, et al

Chapter 453

SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Repealing a specified termination provision applicable to a sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans' organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 23

Senator Reilly

Chapter 454

PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Elevator Safety Review Board to add a member representing the elevator interior renovation industry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 109** **Delegate Vitale**
Chapter 455 PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP
- Altering the membership of the Elevator Safety Review Board to add a member representing the elevator interior renovation industry.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 40** **Senators Astle and Garagiola**
Chapter 456 SALES AND USE TAX – MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT – ENERGY STAR WINDOWS AND DOORS
- Exempting from the sales and use tax sales of machinery and equipment to be used directly and predominantly to produce Energy Star windows or Energy Star entry doors for residential real property and utilities used to operate the machinery or equipment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1301** **Delegate Howard**
Chapter 457 SALES AND USE TAX – MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT – ENERGY STAR WINDOWS AND DOORS
- Exempting from the sales and use tax sales of machinery and equipment to be used directly and predominantly to produce Energy Star windows or Energy Star entry doors for residential real property and utilities used to operate the machinery or equipment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 58** **Senator Kelley**
Chapter 458 EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE RELATIONSHIPS – PAYMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – FUNDING
- Altering a provision of law relating to funding the education of specified students with disabilities in informal kinship care relationships; and defining “least restrictive environment”.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 67

Senator Glassman, et al

Chapter 459

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS

Altering the residency requirement for applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 82

Senator Zirkin

Chapter 460

MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – CLAIMS FOR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH – PAYMENT LIMITATION

Increasing from \$20,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount payable from the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for specified claims on account of injury to or death of one individual arising from a motor vehicle accident; increasing from \$40,000 to \$60,000 the maximum amount payable from the Fund for specified claims on account of injury to or death of more than one individual arising from a motor vehicle accident; providing for the allocation of penalties among specified funds on or after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 123

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

Chapter 461

REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – NOTICE TO LOCAL SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Requiring the purchaser of specified residential property at a foreclosure sale to provide a copy of the court order ratifying the sale to the local supervisor of assessments within a specified period of time; specifying exceptions; requiring the supervisor of assessments to provide a receipt to the person providing a copy of the ratification order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 133 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 462

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR PERMITS – PERMIT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting a manufacturer that distributes its own prescription devices that are approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from specified permit requirements; altering the information required to be included in an application for a wholesale distributor permit; limiting a requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy or its designee conduct a specified inspection to apply only to applicants that hold prescription drugs or devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 316 **Delegate Costa, et al**

Chapter 463

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR PERMITS – PERMIT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting a manufacturer that distributes its own prescription devices that are approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from specified permit requirements; altering the information required to be included in an application for a wholesale distributor permit; limiting a requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy or its designee conduct a specified inspection to apply only to applicants that hold prescription drugs or devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 135 **Senators Gladden and Frosh**

Chapter 464

GROUND LEASES – REGISTRATION – FAILURE TO REGISTER

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting ground rent payments, bringing a specified action, or obtaining a specified lien unless the ground lease is registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the ground lease holder has mailed a bill to specified addresses; repealing a deadline for registering a ground lease with the Department; requiring the State Department of Assessments, on specified request, to cause a specified notice to be filed in the land records of a specified county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 177 Delegate McIntosh, et al

Chapter 465

GROUND LEASES – REGISTRATION – FAILURE TO REGISTER

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting ground rent payments, bringing a specified action, or obtaining a lien unless the ground lease is registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the ground lease holder has mailed a bill to specified addresses; repealing a deadline for registering a ground lease with the Department; repealing provisions of law relating to the extinguishment of the reversionary interest of a ground lease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

**SB 143 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

Chapter 466

EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLANS

Requiring a local board of education to submit updates to the local board's comprehensive master plan on or before October 15, 2012, October 15, 2013, and October 15, 2014; and altering the dates by which a local board is required to submit a comprehensive master plan and an annual update.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 167 Senator Currie

Chapter 467

**TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH
DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending termination provisions and altering dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 231 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 468 **Disabilities)**

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM

Altering the method used by the Attendant Care Program in the Department of Disabilities to determine sliding payment scales for specified eligible individuals; altering the description of a specified category of eligible individuals at risk of nursing facility placement; authorizing the Secretary of Disabilities to waive specified proportional requirements under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 250 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 469 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –**

REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that specified retirees of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System are subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance under specified circumstances; reducing from 9 to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System or Correctional Officers System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers; and providing for the effective dates of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 84 **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 470 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –**

REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that specified retirees of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System are subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance under specified circumstances; reducing from 9 to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System or Correctional Officers System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers; providing for the effective dates of specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 251 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 471 **TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR
THE DEAF EXEMPTION**

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System who are employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf; providing that the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf may employ a specified number of specified retirees who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; requiring that the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf is responsible for specified reimbursements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 256 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 472 **PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL
POLICIES – NOTICES OF PREMIUM INCREASES**

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to a named insured and an insurance producer a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is in excess of \$1,000 and an increase over the expiring policy premium of the lesser of 3% or \$300; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 876 **Delegate Jameson**

Chapter 473 **PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL
POLICIES – NOTICES OF PREMIUM INCREASES**

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to a named insured and an insurance producer a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is in excess of \$500 and an increase over the expiring policy premium of the lesser of 3% or \$300; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 273 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 474 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES –
CERTIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Altering the timing of a specified reimbursement to specified accumulation funds for specified administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency; requiring the Board of Trustees to send specified certifications and notifications of the amounts payable by local employers for administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency on or before February 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 292 Senator Garagiola, et al

Chapter 475 EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ
CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – EXTENSION

Extending the date by which the Office of Student Financial Assistance may award an initial Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship; and extending the date by which the Office may renew a Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 293 Senator Miller, et al

Chapter 476 EDUCATION – CORE CONTENT AREAS – ACCOUNTABILITY
PROGRAM

Requiring the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals that conform with specified objectives for subject areas that include science and social studies; requiring each public school to survey current student achievement in science and social studies; requiring the State Board and the State Superintendent to implement assessment programs in specified subjects and requiring programs to provide specified information and feedback; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 1227** **Delegate Busch, et al**
Chapter 477 EDUCATION – CORE CONTENT AREAS – ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM
- Requiring the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals that conform with specified objectives for subject areas that include science and social studies; requiring each public school to survey current student achievement in science and social studies; requiring the State Board and the State Superintendent to implement assessment programs in specified subjects; requiring specified grade band assessments and end-of-course assessments to be implemented; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 296** **Senator Manno, et al**
Chapter 478 INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS
- Allowing a credit against the State income tax for costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances and to construct or renovate specified sensitive compartmented information facilities; providing for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 297** **Senator Kelley**
Chapter 479 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS
- Prohibiting a person from preparing or issuing or requiring the preparation or issuance of a certificate of insurance unless the certificate of insurance form has been filed with and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing an exception; prohibiting a person from altering or modifying an approved certificate of insurance; requiring the Commissioner to disapprove a certificate of insurance form or withdraw approval of a certificate of insurance form under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 463 Delegate Rudolph

Chapter 480

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS

Prohibiting a person from preparing or issuing or requiring the preparation or issuance of a certificate of insurance unless the certificate of insurance form has been filed with and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing an exception; prohibiting a person from altering or modifying an approved certificate of insurance; requiring the Commissioner to disapprove a certificate of insurance form or withdraw approval of a certificate of insurance form under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 314 Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 481

STATE PERSONNEL – TRAUMATIC EVENTS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Requiring a unit of the Executive Branch of State government to obtain mental health support services for specified individuals affected by a traumatic event that occurs in a State facility of a unit and results in the death of an individual; requiring specified mental health support services to be provided to an employee within 48 hours after the traumatic event occurs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1193 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

Chapter 482

STATE PERSONNEL – TRAUMATIC EVENTS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Requiring a unit of the Executive Branch of State government to obtain mental health support services for specified individuals affected by a traumatic event that occurs in a State facility of a unit and results in the death of an individual; requiring specified mental health support services to be provided to an employee within 48 hours after the traumatic event occurs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 332 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 483

FAMILY SECURITY TRUST FUND – REQUIREMENT TO TRANSFER INTEREST TO THE GENERAL FUND – EXEMPTION

Exempting the Family Security Trust Fund, under specified circumstances, from a requirement that specified interest accrue to the General Fund; and requiring the State Treasurer, under specified circumstances, to pay investment earnings into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 71 **Delegate Morhaim**

Chapter 484

FAMILY SECURITY TRUST FUND – REQUIREMENT TO TRANSFER INTEREST TO THE GENERAL FUND – EXEMPTION

Exempting the Family Security Trust Fund, under specified circumstances, from a requirement that specified interest accrue to the General Fund; and requiring the State Treasurer, under specified circumstances, to pay investment earnings into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 335 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 485 **Judicial Compensation Commission)**

JUDGES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – CONTRIBUTION RATES AND VESTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering the rate of member contributions for members of the Judges’ Retirement System; requiring individuals who become members of the Judges’ Retirement System on or after a specified date to earn a specified amount of eligibility service before becoming eligible to receive specified retirement allowances; altering the calculation of a normal service retirement allowance for specified members in the Judges’ Retirement System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 337 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 486

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, MEDICATION TECHNICIANS, AND ELECTROLOGISTS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting individuals who provide gratuitous care for specified individuals from the requirement that an individual must be licensed or certified before practicing specified health occupations; exempting individuals who respond to a disaster situation in the State from the requirement that an individual must be licensed before practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to grant specified licenses by endorsement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 238 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

Chapter 487

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, MEDICATION TECHNICIANS, AND ELECTROLOGISTS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting individuals who provide gratuitous care for specified individuals from the requirement that an individual must be licensed or certified before practicing specified health occupations; exempting individuals who respond to a disaster situation in the State from the requirement that an individual must be licensed before practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue specified licenses by endorsement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 343 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 488

STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – APPLICATION

Making additional State units that are responsible for the management of specified funds subject to requirements under current law concerning the use of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firms, as specified; specifying that an annual report that must be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by all of the units that are subject to the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firm requirements include diversity information, as specified; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 277 **Delegate Walker, et al**

Chapter 489

STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – APPLICATION

Making additional State units that are responsible for the management of specified funds subject to requirements under current law concerning the use of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firms, as specified; specifying that an annual report that must be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by all of the units that are subject to the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firm requirements include diversity information, as specified; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 346 **Senators Glassman and Jacobs**

Chapter 490

HARFORD COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY – SUNDAYS

Authorizing a person in Harford County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 352**
Chapter 491 **Senator Forehand, et al**
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER
HOTLINE INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a specified manner a specified sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information; requiring an agency that determines a violation has occurred to provide a notice to the business owner of a bus station or truck stop or the business owner’s agent; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 607**
Chapter 492 **Delegate Hucker, et al**
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER
HOTLINE INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a specified manner a specified sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information; requiring an agency that determines a violation has occurred to provide a notice to the business owner of a bus station or truck stop or the business owner’s agent; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 354**
Chapter 493 **Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al**
BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES
- Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in specified wards and precincts of specified legislative districts of Baltimore City to allow holders of Class A beer, wine and liquor licenses to hold tastings daily throughout the year; establishing a \$750 annual license fee; and authorizing a Class B–D–7 license to be transferred from a specified location to another location in Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 362 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 494 EDUCATION – AGE FOR COMPULSORY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE – EXEMPTIONS

Altering from 16 to 17 the maximum age at which children are required to attend a public school regularly during the entire school year, subject to specified exceptions; requiring specified children to return to attendance at school under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to complete specified tasks on or before specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 364 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 495 LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY
GRASMICK TEACHER SCHOLARS

Establishing the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award in the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Office to assist in the repayment of specified loans owed by specified public school teachers in the State who teach specified subjects or teach in specified schools in Maryland for a specified period of time; providing that a recipient of the Award shall be known as a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar; etc.

CONTINGENT

HB 613 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 496 LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY
GRASMICK TEACHER SCHOLARS

Establishing the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award in the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by specified public school teachers in the State who teach specified subjects or teach in specified schools in Maryland for a specified amount of time; providing that a recipient of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award shall be known as a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 390** **Caroline County Senators**
Chapter 497 CAROLINE COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY – SUNDAYS
Authorizing a person in Caroline County to hunt deer on specified
Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment
during specified months.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 405** **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 498 LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD – PURPOSE AND
MEMBERSHIP
Establishing the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in the
Department of Business and Economic Development; and altering
the membership of the Advisory Board.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 141** **Delegate Feldman**
Chapter 499 LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD – PURPOSE AND
MEMBERSHIP
Establishing that the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in
the Department of Business and Economic Development is to
recommend State and federal policies, priorities, practices, and
legislation to expedite the creation of private sector jobs through the
commercialization of life sciences research; and altering the
membership of the Advisory Board.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 415** **Senator Montgomery, et al**
Chapter 500 HANDLING HUMAN REMAINS WITH DIGNITY ACT OF 2012
Requiring a funeral establishment or crematory, on taking custody of
the body of a decedent in accordance with all authorizations required
by law, to maintain the body in a specified manner; requiring a
funeral establishment or crematory to maintain the body of a
decedent with refrigeration and at a specified temperature under
specified circumstances; prohibiting the body of a decedent from
being embalmed or artificially preserved except under specified
circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 540 **Delegate Reznik (By Request – State Board of Morticians and
Chapter 501** **Funeral Directors), et al**

HANDLING HUMAN REMAINS WITH DIGNITY ACT OF 2012

Requiring a funeral establishment or crematory, on taking custody of the body of a decedent in accordance with all authorizations required by law, to maintain the body in a specified manner; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to maintain the body of a decedent with refrigeration and at a specified temperature under specified circumstances; prohibiting the body of a decedent from being embalmed or artificially preserved except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 421 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 502 **PUBLIC SAFETY – EXPLOSIVES – PACKAGE OF COMPONENTS**

Altering the definition of “explosives” to include two or more components that are advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components to create a specified explosive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 875 **Delegate Conway, et al**

Chapter 503 **PUBLIC SAFETY – EXPLOSIVES – PACKAGE OF COMPONENTS**

Altering the definition of “explosives” to include two or more components that are advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components to create a specified explosive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 422 **Senators Frosh and Colburn**

Chapter 504 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS –
CITATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

Declaring the intention of the General Assembly to monitor specified issues and determine whether modification of the Act is required at a specified time; authorizing an individual to file an application for a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; authorizing the District Court commissioner to issue a summons or an arrest warrant under specified circumstances; requiring a police officer to charge a person by citation for specified misdemeanors and local ordinance violations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 261

Chapter 505

Delegate Vallario, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS – CITATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Declaring the intention of the General Assembly to monitor issues and determine whether modification of a specified Act is required; authorizing an individual to file an application for a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; authorizing a District Court commissioner to issue a summons or an arrest warrant under specified circumstances; requiring a police officer to charge a person by citation for specified misdemeanors and local ordinance violations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 431

Chapter 506

Senator Young, et al

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS – REVISIONS

Altering the definition of “on duty” in the workers’ compensation law to include the performance of specified duties assigned to deputy sheriffs or members of a specified fire police unit; altering the definition of “volunteer company” to include a volunteer fire police unit; specifying that a covered member of a volunteer company may not be considered a paid covered employee of the company for receiving as a membership benefit a yearly stipend of \$5,200 or less to help offset out-of-pocket expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1085

Chapter 507

Delegate Schulz, et al

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS – REVISIONS

Altering the definition of “on duty” in the workers’ compensation law to include the performance of specified duties assigned to deputy sheriffs or members of a specified fire police unit; altering the definition of “volunteer company” to include a volunteer fire police unit; specifying that a covered member of a volunteer company may not be considered a paid covered employee of the company for receiving as a membership benefit a yearly stipend of \$5,200 or less to help offset out-of-pocket expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 439 **Senators Brinkley and Young**

Chapter 508

**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CITATIONS
ISSUED BY INSPECTORS**

Removing Frederick County from the list of counties whose alcoholic beverages inspectors are prohibited from carrying a weapon when issuing a citation for specified violations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 452

Chapter 509

Senator Middleton, et al

**OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS – RESTRICTIONS ON SALE,
DISTRIBUTION, AND SHIPMENT – EXEMPTIONS**

Specifying that provisions of law relating to the regulation of other tobacco products do not apply to a seller located outside the State when selling, holding for sale, shipping, or delivering specified cigars or pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; providing that specified provisions of law regulating the sale and distribution of other tobacco products do not apply to the order, purchase, sale, or shipment of specified cigars or pipe tobacco by a licensed other tobacco products retailer or licensed tobacconist; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 570

Chapter 510

Delegate Davis, et al

**OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS – RESTRICTIONS ON SALE,
DISTRIBUTION, AND SHIPMENT – EXEMPTIONS**

Specifying that provisions of law relating to the regulation of other tobacco products do not apply to a seller located outside the State when selling, holding for sale, shipping, or delivering specified cigars or pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; requiring the Comptroller to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2012, on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 455 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 511 STATE PERSONNEL – SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS – STATUS

Repealing provisions of law that designate specified positions and employees as special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Correctional Enterprises to hire specified individuals consistent with specified policies and procedures as of July 1, 2012; establishing that specified special appointment positions in the Maryland Correctional Enterprises are managerial, supervisory, and confidential positions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 526 **Delegate Clagett, et al**
Chapter 512 STATE PERSONNEL – SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS – STATUS

Repealing provisions of law that designate specified positions and employees as special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or the Maryland Correctional Enterprises to hire specified individuals consistent with specified policies and procedures as of July 1, 2012; establishing that specified special appointment positions in the Maryland Correctional Enterprises are managerial, supervisory, and confidential positions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 456 **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 513 HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM
RATE REVIEW

Prohibiting a carrier that issues or delivers a health benefit plan in the State from charging a premium or changing a premium before the applicable premium rate or premium rate change is filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner; requiring any applicable premium rate or premium rate change to be filed with the Commissioner in accordance with specified provisions of law and regulations applicable to specified carriers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 465** **Delegate Hammen**
Chapter 514 **HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM RATE REVIEW**
- Prohibiting a carrier that issues or delivers a health benefit plan in the State from charging a premium or changing a premium before the applicable premium rate or premium rate change is filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner; requiring any applicable premium rate or premium rate change to be filed with the Commissioner in accordance with specified provisions of law and regulations applicable to specified carriers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 463** **Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators**
Chapter 515 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS – EXCLUSION FROM INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**
- Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self-insurance purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 174** **Delegate George**
Chapter 516 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS – INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**
- Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self-insurance purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 474** **Senator Pinsky**
Chapter 517 **STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG – REPEAL**
- Repealing provisions of law relating to the requirements that must be met to qualify as a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug; prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from placing a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug on inactive status; prohibiting the Board from reinstating the certificate of a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 348 Delegate Hubbard

Chapter 518

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR–ALCOHOL AND DRUG – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law relating to the requirements that must be met to qualify as a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug; prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from placing a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug on inactive status; prohibiting the Board from reinstating the certificate of a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 476 Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 519

STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION

Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 515 Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 520

STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION

Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make recommendations on the coordination of financial education and capability efforts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 477**
Chapter 521 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – TERMINATION PROVISIONS
Altering the termination provisions of a specified job creation tax credit earned by a qualified business entity under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1107**
Chapter 522 **Delegate Olszewski, et al**
JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – TERMINATION PROVISIONS
Altering the termination provisions of a specified job creation tax credit earned by a qualified business entity under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 485**
Chapter 523 **Senator Kelley, et al**
CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES –
REGULATION
Requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, before January 1, 2023, equal 15% of specified expenses of a facility; requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, beginning on January 1, 2023, equal 25% of specified expenses of a facility; beginning January 1, 2014, providing for the manner in which specified requirements relating to assets held by providers shall be met; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 556**
Chapter 524 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES –
REGULATION
Requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, before January 1, 2023, equal 15% of specified expenses of a facility; requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, beginning on January 1, 2023, equal 25% of specified expenses of a facility; beginning January 1, 2014, providing for the manner in which specified requirements relating to assets held by providers shall be met; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 496 **Senators Gladden and Middleton**

Chapter 525

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – UNEXECUTED WARRANT,
SUMMONS, OR OTHER CRIMINAL PROCESS – INVALIDATION
AND DESTRUCTION**

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to make a specified request to a State's Attorney to have a specified unexecuted warrant, summons, or other criminal process invalidated and destroyed under specified circumstances; authorizing the State's Attorney to petition a specified administrative judge for the invalidation and destruction of a specified unexecuted warrant, summons, or other criminal process; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 497 **Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al**

Chapter 526

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – PAROLE AND PROBATION
EMPLOYEES**

Exempting specified individuals who are retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System from specified earnings offsets under specified circumstances if the individuals are reemployed as parole and probation employees; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a specified report on specified retirees on or before September 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 630 **Delegate Haynes, et al**

Chapter 527

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – PAROLE AND PROBATION
EMPLOYEES**

Exempting specified individuals who are retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System from specified earnings offsets under specified circumstances if the individuals are reemployed as parole and probation employees; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a specified report on specified retirees on or before September 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 507 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 528

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – INTEREST PAYABLE ON
ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS

Altering the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; requiring the interest rate to be adjusted under specified circumstances; altering the interest rate payable by banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 533 **Delegate Feldman, et al**

Chapter 529

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – INTEREST PAYABLE ON
ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS

Altering the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; requiring the interest rate to be adjusted under specified circumstances; altering the interest rate payable by banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 524 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 530

MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITY
FUND PROGRAM

Transferring the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program from the State Department of Education to the Governor's Office for Children; altering the name of the Program; limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit organizations and establishing specified parameters for awarding grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 540 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 534 MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION –
PREAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES –
BENCHMARKS

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to work with payors and providers to attain benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services; requiring the benchmarks to include, on or before specified dates, establishment or utilization of specified features; providing that the benchmarks do not apply to specified preauthorizations; requiring the Commission to establish by regulation a process through which a payor or provider may be waived from attaining benchmarks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 470 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

Chapter 535 MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION –
PREAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES –
BENCHMARKS

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to work with payors and providers to attain benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services; requiring the benchmarks to include, on or before specified dates, establishment or utilization of specified features; providing that the benchmarks do not apply to specified preauthorizations; requiring the Commission to establish by regulation a process through which a payor or provider may be waived from attaining benchmarks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 542 **Senator Jones–Rodwell**

Chapter 536 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – AUTHORIZED
PARTICIPANTS

Expanding the list of participants that may place specified funds in the Local Government Investment Pool to include specified units of State Government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 575** **Delegate Gutierrez, et al**
Chapter 537 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS
- Expanding the list of participants that may place specified funds in the Local Government Investment Pool to include specified units of State government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 549** **Senator Montgomery, et al**
Chapter 538 SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REVISION
- Altering the definition of “small business” under the Small Business Reserve Program; including small businesses that meet either the limitation on employees employed by the business or the limitation on gross sales of the business under the Small Business Reserve Program; requiring the Department of General Services, in consultation with specified others, to study and evaluate the Small Business Reserve Program and report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2013; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 456** **Delegate Reznik, et al**
Chapter 539 SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REVISION
- Altering the definition of “small business” under the Small Business Reserve Program; including small businesses that meet either the limitation on employees employed by the business or the limitation on gross sales of the business under the Small Business Reserve Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 571 **Senator Montgomery, et al**

Chapter 540

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before December 1, 2012, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 390 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**

Chapter 541

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before December 1, 2012, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 579 **Senator Glassman, et al**

Chapter 542

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FARM BREWERY MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE

Creating a Class 8 farm brewery manufacturer's license; specifying an annual fee for the license; authorizing a licensee to sell and deliver beer manufactured in a facility on the licensed farm or in another facility to specified persons; requiring that the beer be manufactured in a specified manner; specifying the privileges that may be exercised by a licensee, including providing samples of beer, selling foods, storing beer, and brewing and bottling beer; authorizing a licensee to sponsor special activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1126 **Delegate Schulz, et al**
Chapter 543 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FARM BREWERY
MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE

Creating a Class 8 farm brewery manufacturer's license; specifying an annual fee; authorizing a licensee to sell and deliver beer manufactured in a facility on the licensed farm or in another facility to specified persons; requiring that the beer be manufactured in a specified manner; specifying the privileges of a licensee, including providing samples, selling foods, storing beer, and brewing and bottling beer; prohibiting a licensee from selling or allowing to be consumed specified beverages; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 580 **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 544 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE
FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to acquiring, constructing, substantially improving, or refinancing a principal residence; providing that the subtraction does not apply to more than a specified amount for specified individuals; providing for an addition modification to the State income tax under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 600 **Delegate Zucker, et al**
Chapter 545 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE
FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to acquiring, constructing, substantially improving, or refinancing a principal residence; providing that the subtraction does not apply to more than a specified amount for specified individuals; providing for an addition modification to the State income tax under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- SB 591**
Chapter 546 **Senator Stone**
REAL PROPERTY – MANUFACTURED HOMES – AFFIXATION TO AND SEVERANCE FROM REAL PROPERTY
- Providing for the affixation of a manufactured home to real property under specified circumstances; requiring an affidavit of affixation to contain or be accompanied by specified information, documentation, and statements; providing that an affidavit of affixation is not necessary to convey or encumber a manufactured home; requiring the owner of a manufactured home that is to be severed from real property to file, under specified circumstances, an affidavit of severance containing specified information and statements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 678**
Chapter 547 **Delegates Niemann and McMillan**
REAL PROPERTY – MANUFACTURED HOMES – AFFIXATION TO AND SEVERANCE FROM REAL PROPERTY
- Providing for the affixation of a manufactured home to real property under specified circumstances; requiring an affidavit of affixation to contain or be accompanied by specified information, documentation, and statements; providing that an affidavit of affixation is not necessary to convey or encumber a manufactured home; requiring the owner of a manufactured home that is to be severed from real property to file, under specified circumstances, an affidavit of severance containing specified information and statements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 597**
Chapter 548 **Senator McFadden**
ELECTIONS – BALTIMORE CITY – ELECTION DATES
- Altering the dates of specified elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; and specifying the term of municipal officers in Baltimore City who are elected in a specified year.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013
- HB 250**
Chapter 549 **Delegate Oaks, et al**
ELECTIONS – BALTIMORE CITY – ELECTION DATES
- Altering the dates of specified elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; specifying the term of municipal officers in Baltimore City who were elected in a specified year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

- HB 497** **Delegate Myers, et al**
Chapter 553 PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EPINEPHRINE AVAILABILITY AND USE –
POLICY REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to authorize specified school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to specified students under specified circumstances; requiring that the policy include specified information; requiring specified public schools to submit a report to the State Department of Education; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 647** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 554 DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES – REPORTING
- Requiring the court, on request of the State’s Attorney, to make a specified finding as to whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime; requiring the State to bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime; requiring a finding by the court that a crime is a domestically related crime to become part of the court record for specified purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1146** **Delegate Dumais, et al**
Chapter 555 DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES – REPORTING
- Requiring the court, on request of the State’s Attorney, to make a specified finding as to whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime; requiring the State to bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime; requiring a finding by the court that a crime is a domestically related crime to become part of the court record for specified purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 652
Chapter 556 **Senator Middleton, et al**
RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING

Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit; specifying the methods by which the Commission shall determine the energy savings of geothermal systems; providing that energy generated from a geothermal Tier 1 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if it is connected to a distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1186
Chapter 557 **Delegate Jameson, et al**
RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING

Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit; specifying the methods by which the Commission shall determine energy savings of geothermal systems; providing that energy generated from a geothermal Tier 1 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if it is connected to a distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 654
Chapter 558 **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES

Altering minimum percentages of average daily receipts from the sale of food that Baltimore County restaurants must maintain for a specified purpose; authorizing the Baltimore County Board of Liquor License Commissioners to approve the transfer of specified licenses in existence in a specified election district on a specified date to specified election districts based on a specified rule; establishing limits on the number of licenses that may be transferred into a single election district during specified periods; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 659 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 559

STATE PROCUREMENT – DISCLOSURE – LOCATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

Requiring, under specified circumstances, a bidder to disclose specified information regarding whether services required under a procurement contract will be performed outside the United States; prohibiting a public employer from knowingly contracting for specified services unless the services are to be provided in the United States, except under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 865 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 560

STATE PROCUREMENT – DISCLOSURE – LOCATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

Requiring, under specified circumstances, a bidder to disclose specified information regarding whether services required under a procurement contract will be performed outside the United States; prohibiting a public employer from knowingly contracting for specified services unless the services are to be provided in the United States, except under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 672 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 561

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – SALARY SETTING

Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the qualifications and compensation for the deputy chief investment officer and managing director in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from setting or increasing the salaries of specified employees above a specified amount; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from granting bonuses under specified authority; requiring the State Retirement Agency to submit a report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 806** **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 562 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT
DIVISION – SALARY SETTING
- Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the qualifications and compensation for the deputy chief investment officer and managing director in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from setting or increasing the salaries of specified employees above a specified amount; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from granting bonuses under specified authority; requiring the State Retirement Agency to submit a report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 678** **Senator Forehand**
Chapter 563 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL
CHARGE TRANSFERRED TO JUVENILE COURT
- Altering provisions relating to the expungement of specified criminal records by authorizing a person to file, and requiring a court to grant, a petition for expungement of a criminal charge transferred to the juvenile court under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 691** **Senator Shank, et al**
Chapter 564 EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF
2012
- Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish a program to implement earned compliance credits, which create a specified reduction in a specified period of active supervision for specified individuals, and to develop policies and procedures for the implementation of a program to implement earned compliance credits; authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission or the court to adjust a period of supervision for a specified individual placed on probation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 670 **Delegate Hough, et al**
Chapter 565 **EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish a program to implement earned compliance credits, which create a specified reduction in a specified period of active supervision for specified individuals, and to develop policies and procedures for the implementation of a program to implement earned compliance credits; authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission or the court to adjust a period of supervision for a specified individual placed on probation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 708 **Senator Montgomery**
Chapter 566 **COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES – WRITTEN POLICIES**

Requiring a county board of education to adopt, on or before July 1, 2013, specified written policies relating to the procurement of green product cleaning supplies for use in its schools, subject to specified exceptions; and requiring a county board, on or before June 30 each year, to provide notice to the State Department of Education if it does not procure green product cleaning supplies for use in the schools because doing so is not practicable or economically feasible.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1019 **Delegate Murphy, et al**
Chapter 567 **COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES – WRITTEN POLICIES**

Requiring a county board of education to adopt, on or before July 1, 2013, specified written policies relating to the procurement of green product cleaning supplies subject to specified exceptions; and requiring a county board, on or before June 30 each year, to provide written notice to the State Department of Education if it does not procure green product cleaning supplies for use in the schools because doing so is not practicable or economically feasible.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 739 **Senator Madaleno, et al**
Chapter 568 **TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT**

Establishing a legislative review and evaluation process for specified tax credits allowed against specified taxes; establishing dates for review and other legislative action with regard to specified tax credits; providing for the repeal of specified and obsolete tax credits; providing for a specified construction of the repeal of tax credits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 764 **Delegate Frick, et al**
Chapter 569 **TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT**

Establishing a legislative review and evaluation process for specified tax credits allowed against specified taxes; establishing dates for review and other legislative action with regard to specified tax credits; providing for the repeal of specified and obsolete tax credits; providing for a specified construction of the repeal of the tax credits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 745 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 570 **INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CONVERSION TO
CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY**

Providing that the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund be converted into a statutorily created, private, nonprofit, and nonstock workers' compensation insurer to be named the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company; requiring the Company to be authorized, examined, and regulated by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a specified manner; requiring the Fund to begin paying a specified amount to the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Fund on or before July 1, 2013; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 746 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 571

COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES – UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND – SURCHARGE

Expanding the services that are subject to the Universal Service Trust Fund surcharge; requiring the surcharge to be applied to specified bills and to be payable at a specified time; altering the maximum amount of a specified surcharge; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to direct specified companies to add the surcharge to bills for services under specified circumstances; requiring specified companies to act as collection agents for the Fund and to remit proceeds to the Comptroller for deposit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

HB 1087 **Delegates Hixson and Davis**

Chapter 572

COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES – UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND – SURCHARGE

Expanding the services that are subject to the Universal Service Trust Fund surcharge; requiring the surcharge to be applied to specified bills and to be payable at a specified time; altering the maximum amount of a specified surcharge; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to direct specified companies to add the surcharge to bills for services under specified circumstances; requiring specified companies to act as collection agents for the Fund and to remit proceeds to the Comptroller for deposit in the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 765 **Senators Mathias and Middleton**

Chapter 573

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – STUDY ON TENANT PAYMENT OF LANDLORD UTILITY BILLS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on developing a mechanism to allow specified tenants to pay for utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults on the responsibility; requiring the Public Service Commission to report findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1269 **Delegate Barnes, et al**

Chapter 574 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – STUDY ON TENANT
PAYMENT OF LANDLORD UTILITY BILLS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on developing a mechanism to allow specified tenants to pay for utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults on the responsibility; requiring the Public Service Commission to report findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 778 **Senator Pugh**

Chapter 575 COMMERCIAL LAW – RENTAL–PURCHASE AGREEMENTS –
DISCLOSURES

Requiring a specified lessor to maintain specified records for a specified period of time; requiring a lessor to provide a written receipt and a written statement to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring that a written receipt contain specified information; prohibiting a lessor from bringing a specified court action unless a specified notice is given to the consumer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 997 **Delegate Washington, et al**

Chapter 576 COMMERCIAL LAW – RENTAL–PURCHASE AGREEMENTS –
DISCLOSURES

Requiring a specified lessor to maintain specified records for a specified period of time; requiring a lessor to provide a written receipt and a written statement to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring that a written receipt contain specified information; prohibiting a lessor from bringing a specified court action unless a specified notice is given to the consumer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 779 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 577

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – STUDY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and all funds managed by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the capacity to select minority fund managers across all asset classes and to determine methods that best assure the recruitment and selection of minority companies for fund-to-fund management or direct management by the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 916 **Delegate Braveboy**

Chapter 578

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – STUDY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and all funds managed by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the capacity to select minority fund managers across all asset classes and to determine methods that best assure the recruitment and selection of minority companies for fund-to-fund management or direct management by the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 781 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 579

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SERVICES DELIVERED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for health care services delivered through telemedicine in a specified manner; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding a health care service from coverage solely because it is delivered by telemedicine and not in another manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1149 **Delegate Lee, et al**

Chapter 580

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SERVICES
DELIVERED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for health care services delivered through telemedicine in a specified manner; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding a health care service from coverage solely because it is delivered by telemedicine and not in another manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 783 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 581

**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
APPLICABILITY**

Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 537 **Delegate Jones, et al**

Chapter 582

**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
APPLICABILITY**

Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 791

Senator Garagiola

Chapter 583

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY AND SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS

Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1187

Delegate Jameson, et al

Chapter 584

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY AND SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS

Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 792

Senator Garagiola, et al

Chapter 585

LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES – LEND LOCAL ACT OF 2012

Establishing a Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses in the Department of Housing and Community Development for a specified purpose; providing that specified loans qualify under the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to confirm with the Department of General Services that specified loans are made to specified businesses; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish procedures for a specified notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 571 **Delegate Frick, et al**

Chapter 586

**LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES –
LEND LOCAL ACT OF 2012**

Establishing a Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses in the Department of Housing and Community Development for a specified purpose; providing that specified loans qualify under the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to confirm with the Department of General Services that specified loans are made to specified businesses; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish procedures for a specified notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 807 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

Chapter 587

**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LAND
ACQUISITION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the amount of gain resulting from a payment made by the Maryland Department of Transportation for the acquisition of a portion of an individual's property on which the individual's principal residence is located; limiting the subtraction to a specified amount; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 811 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 588

**INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – FINES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Requiring the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration to investigate allegations and to impose penalties under specified circumstances; providing that a fine imposed for specified insurance fraud violations is mandatory and not subject to suspension; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to impose an administrative penalty for specified insurance fraud violations and to order restitution to specified insurers or self-insured employers of specified proceeds paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1094 **Delegate Rudolph**

Chapter 589

INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – FINES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Requiring the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration to investigate allegations and to impose penalties under specified circumstances; providing that a fine imposed for specified insurance fraud violations is mandatory and not subject to suspension; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to impose an administrative penalty for specified insurance fraud violations and to order restitution to specified insurers or self-insured employers of specified proceeds paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 812 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 590

INSURANCE – SUSPECTED FRAUD – LIABILITY FOR REPORTING OR FOR FURNISHING OR RECEIVING INFORMATION

Altering the list of persons to whom a person may report suspected insurance fraud and not be subject to civil liability; and providing that a person is not subject to civil liability for furnishing or receiving information related to suspected, anticipated, or completed fraudulent insurance acts under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1097 **Delegate Rudolph**

Chapter 591

INSURANCE – SUSPECTED FRAUD – LIABILITY FOR REPORTING OR FOR FURNISHING OR RECEIVING INFORMATION

Altering the list of persons to whom a person may report suspected insurance fraud and not be subject to civil liability; and providing that a person is not subject to civil liability for furnishing or receiving information related to suspected, anticipated, or completed fraudulent insurance acts under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 820 **Senator Pipkin, et al**

Chapter 592 **TRANSPORTATION – TOLL, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE
INCREASES – REQUIRED PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on a proposal to increase tolls, fees, mileage rate ranges, pricing periods, toll zones, or other charges on any part of specified transportation facilities projects in a specified manner before the Authority adopts the proposal; requiring the authority to provide to the public specified information and studies in a specified manner; requiring the Authority to provide the public with an opportunity for written comments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 841 **Senator Pinsky**

Chapter 593 **STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSES –
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL
HYGIENISTS**

Requiring specified limited licensees to pass a specified examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to issue a specified license; clarifying that the Board or its designee will give a specified examination; altering specified examination requirements that specified dentists licensed in specified states are required to satisfy to be granted a specified license in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 754 **Delegate Kach**

Chapter 594 **STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSES –
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL
HYGIENISTS**

Requiring specified limited licensees to pass a specified examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to issue a specified license; clarifying that the Board or its designee will give a specified examination; altering specified examination requirements that specified dentists licensed in specified states are required to satisfy to be granted a specified license in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 843 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 595

**INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – FULLY
ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education that enroll Maryland students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first Maryland student; prohibiting specified institutions from operating in the State; subjecting an institution to a fine if it fails to register with the Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1223 **Delegate Guzzone**

Chapter 596

**INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – FULLY
ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education that enroll Maryland students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first Maryland student under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified institutions from operating in the State; providing for an exception from the requirement for registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 852 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 597

**SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CALCULATION OF TAX**

Altering the sales and use tax rate for a mandatory gratuity charge or service charge in the nature of a tip under specified circumstances; modifying the calculation of the sales and use tax rate applicable to charges for labor, materials, or property used in connection with the sale of an alcoholic beverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 918 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 598 SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CALCULATION OF TAX

Altering the sales and use tax rate for a mandatory gratuity charge or service charge in the nature of a tip under specified circumstances; modifying the calculation of the sales and use tax rate applicable to charges for labor, materials, or property used in connection with the sale of an alcoholic beverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 855 **Senator Raskin**

Chapter 599 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY
ACT – REVISIONS

Establishing that specified statutory provisions relating to limited liability companies apply unless otherwise agreed on in the limited liability company's articles of organization, in the operating agreement, or by unanimous consent; repealing the requirement that the purposes for which a limited liability company is formed be stated in the articles of organization; altering the requirements for a resident agent; repealing provisions relating to a member's authority regarding abandoning the business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 777 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 600 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY
ACT – REVISIONS

Establishing that certain statutory provisions relating to limited liability companies apply unless otherwise agreed on in the limited liability company's articles of organization, in the operating agreement, or by unanimous consent; repealing the requirement that the purposes for which a limited liability company is formed be stated in the articles of organization; altering the requirements for a resident agent; repealing provisions relating to a member's authority regarding abandoning the business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 861 **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 601 PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE

Repealing a specified limitation on the authority of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance; altering the circumstances under which a vendor that collects premiums for portable electronics insurance need not keep the premiums in a segregated account; providing an exception to a specified requirement to itemize premiums and charges; altering information that must be submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1093 **Delegates Love and Jameson**
Chapter 602 PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE

Repealing a limitation on the authority of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance; altering the circumstances under which a vendor that collects premiums for portable electronics insurance need not keep the premiums in a segregated account; providing an exception to a specified requirement to itemize premiums and charges; altering information that must be submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 864 **Senator DeGrange**
Chapter 603 GAMING – ELECTRONIC MACHINES – REGULATION

Authorizing the operation of instant bingo games using electronic machines; altering the definition of “slot machine”; clarifying that a specified handheld device is not considered a slot machine; specifying that provisions of law do not apply to paper tip jar gaming where authorized; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to make determinations regarding gaming devices and requiring the Commission to issue specified regulations; altering the purpose of the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 867 **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 604

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate specified oral health education, develop a process to monitor specified implementation of oral health education, and submit a summary to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015 and every 5 years thereafter; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage specified county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the boards' health education curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1401 **Delegate Oaks, et al**

Chapter 605

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate specified oral health education, develop a process to monitor specified implementation of oral health education, and submit a summary to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015 and every 5 years thereafter; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage specified county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the boards' health education curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 869 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 606

MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – HOTELS – MANDATORY MASTER CONTROL DEVICE

Requiring that guest rooms in newly constructed hotels be equipped with a device that turns off light fixtures after a specified period of time; authorizing the required device to control heating, ventilation, or air conditioning default settings; requiring the Department to adopt specified provisions as a part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 940 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 607

**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –
HOTELS – MANDATORY MASTER CONTROL DEVICE**

Requiring that guest rooms in newly constructed hotels be equipped with a device that turns off lighting fixtures after a specified period of time; authorizing the required device to control heating, ventilation, or air conditioning default settings; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt specified provisions as a part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 880 **Senator Jones–Rodwell**

Chapter 608

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF
MEMBERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS**

Providing that if an individual who was a member of one of the several systems in the State Retirement and Pension System on June 30, 2011, becomes a member of another one of the several systems on or after July 1, 2011, the individual shall be considered a new member of the subsequent system as of the date the individual joins the system, and is subject to the same requirements to which an individual who was a member of the subsequent system on June 30, 2011, and remains a member on July 1, 2011, is subject; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 801 **Delegate Griffith, et al**

Chapter 609

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF
MEMBERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS**

Providing that if an individual who was a member of one of the several systems in the State Retirement and Pension System on June 30, 2011, becomes a member of another one of the several systems on or after July 1, 2011, the individual shall be considered to be a new member of the subsequent system as of the date the individual joins the system, and is subject to the same requirements to which an individual who was a member of the subsequent system on June 30, 2011, and remains a member on July 1, 2011, is subject; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 885 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 610 PAROLE AND PROBATION – EMPLOYEE CASELOADS –
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to consider a specified caseload for parole and probation employees when considering employee disciplinary actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1121 **Delegate Guzzone, et al**

Chapter 611 PAROLE AND PROBATION – EMPLOYEE CASELOADS –
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to consider a specified caseload for parole and probation employees when considering employee disciplinary actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 894 **Senator Jones–Rodwell**

Chapter 612 BALTIMORE CITY – REPRESENTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF
EMPLOYEES

Requiring that, if the Office of the Attorney General appoints specified individuals who were employees of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City who were providing specified services for the Child Support Enforcement Administration during a specified period, and continue providing specified services on or after a specified date, the employees shall be placed in specified positions in the State Personnel Management System and receive specified rights, service credit, leave, and other rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1261 **Baltimore City Delegation, et al**

Chapter 613

BALTIMORE CITY – REPRESENTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES

Requiring that, if the Office of the Attorney General appoints specified individuals who were employees of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City who were providing specified services for the Child Support Enforcement Administration during a specified period and continue providing specified services on or after a specified date, the employees shall be placed in specified positions in the State Personnel Management System and receive specified rights, credit, leave, and specified other rights; providing exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 895 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 614

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – PERMITS AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS

Requiring that a mortuary transport service be issued a permit by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors before removing or transporting human remains; establishing fees and requirements for obtaining a permit; requiring permit holders to use vehicles that have passed a specified inspection; requiring permit holders to employ only specified registered transporters; requiring that individuals employed by specified permit holders be registered with the Board before removing and transporting human remains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 753** **Delegate Kach**
Chapter 615 MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – PERMITS AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS
- Requiring that a mortuary transport service be issued a permit by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors before removing or transporting human remains; establishing fees and requirements for obtaining a permit; requiring permit holders to use vehicles that have passed a specified inspection; requiring permit holders to employ only specified registered transporters; requiring that individuals employed by specified permit holders be registered with the Board before removing and transporting human remains; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 899** **Senator Gladden, et al**
Chapter 616 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – EMERGENCY SUSPENSION RESCINDED
- Providing that a State correctional officer who receives an emergency suspension without pay after being charged with a felony and who is not convicted of the felony shall have the emergency suspension rescinded and any lost time, compensation, status, and benefits restored; and providing that the Act does not apply to a State correctional officer under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 930** **Delegate Proctor, et al**
Chapter 617 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – EMERGENCY SUSPENSION RESCINDED
- Providing that a State correctional officer who receives an emergency suspension without pay after being charged with a felony and who is not convicted of the felony shall have the emergency suspension rescinded and any lost time, compensation, status, and benefits restored; and providing that the Act does not apply to a State correctional officer under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 901 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 618 CREDIT REGULATION – RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES AND
CLOSED END CREDIT – DEBT CANCELLATION AGREEMENTS
– DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “debt cancellation agreement”, for purposes of specified provisions of law governing retail installment sales and closed end credit, to include, under specified circumstances, an agreement under which the outstanding balance of a loan is reduced by the actual cash value of a motor vehicle or of specified collateral at the time of loss; altering the definitions of “outstanding balance” and “remaining loan balance” to exclude deferred payments and a specified portion of any financed taxes and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1027 **Delegates Barkley and Vaughn**

Chapter 619 CREDIT REGULATION – RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES AND
CLOSED END CREDIT – DEBT CANCELLATION AGREEMENTS
– DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “debt cancellation agreement”, for purposes of specified provisions of law governing retail installment sales and closed end credit, to include, under specified circumstances, an agreement under which the outstanding balance of a loan is reduced by the actual cash value of a motor vehicle or of specified collateral at the time of loss; altering the definitions of “outstanding balance” and “remaining loan balance” to exclude deferred payments and a specified portion of any financed taxes and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 920 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 620 ETHICS ONLINE DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2012

Requiring that specified ethics statements and reports be made available to the general public on the Internet through an online registration program; requiring that the ethics statements and reports be submitted in an electronic format; providing that a legislator is not required to report specified information under specified circumstances if reporting the information would violate standards of client confidentiality or professional conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 921 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 621 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS

Continuing the State Board of Nursing by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, to contract with an independent entity for a specified management and personnel study with costs paid from the Board of Nursing Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 928 **Senators Astle and Middleton**

Chapter 622 HEALTH INSURANCE – FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing an insurance producer who is licensed to sell health insurance to charge reasonable fees for an administrative service that is sold by the insurance producer to an employer; providing that fees may not be charged by an insurance producer for specified services; requiring an insurance producer, before a fee for administrative services is charged, to disclose specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 982 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 623 HEALTH INSURANCE – FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing an insurance producer who is licensed to sell health insurance to charge reasonable fees for an administrative service that is sold by the insurance producer to an employer; providing that fees may not be charged by an insurance producer for specified services; requiring an insurance producer, before a fee for administrative services is charged, to disclose specified information; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 929 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 624 **ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CONTACT VOLTAGE – SURVEYS
AND MITIGATION – THE DEANNA CAMILLE GREEN ACT OF
2012**

Requiring specified electric companies to file with the Public Service Commission for approval a specified list or voltage survey plan on or before a specified date; requiring an electric company to file a voltage survey plan for Commission approval within a specified period of time; requiring an electric company to conduct specified surveys of specified objects and surfaces within specified contact voltage risk zones at specified times and under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 520 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

Chapter 625 **ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CONTACT VOLTAGE – SURVEYS
AND MITIGATION – THE DEANNA CAMILLE GREEN ACT OF
2012**

Requiring specified electric companies to file with the Public Service Commission for approval a specified list or voltage survey plan on or before a specified date; requiring an electric company to file a voltage survey plan for Commission approval within a specified period of time; requiring an electric company to conduct specified surveys of specified objects and surfaces within specified contact voltage risk zones at specified times and under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 938 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 626 **PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – RESCISSION OF
POLICY OR BINDER – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing an insurer to rescind a policy or binder of personal automobile insurance if the applicant's initial premium payment is made by a check or other remittance that is not honored on presentation to a specified financial institution; requiring an insurer to continue or reinstate a policy under specified circumstances; requiring that an insurer, to rescind the policy or binder, send a specified notice to specified persons within a specified period of time in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 1059

Delegate Feldman

Chapter 627

PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – RESCISSION OF POLICY OR BINDER – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing an insurer to rescind a policy or binder of personal automobile insurance if the applicant's initial premium payment is made by a check or other remittance that is not honored on presentation to a specified financial institution; requiring an insurer to continue or reinstate a policy under specified circumstances; requiring that an insurer, to rescind the policy or binder, send a specified notice to specified persons within a specified period of time in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 969

Senator Conway

Chapter 628

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – LICENSURE OF CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring specified individuals to be licensed by the Board as clinical professional art therapists before performing specified work in the State; establishing education and experience requirements to qualify for a license under the Act; requiring the Board to waive requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1207

Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 629

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – LICENSURE OF CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring specified individuals to be licensed by the Board as clinical professional art therapists before performing specified work in the State; establishing education and experience requirements to qualify for a license under the Act; requiring the Board to waive requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 990 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 630

**OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER – FINANCIAL
OBLIGATIONS AND TAXING AUTHORITY**

Altering a provision that places a limit on the amount of specified bonds that may be issued by a local governing body in connection with a specified convention center facility in a resort area and a tax on the sale of food and beverages in the resort area so that the limit applies to the total outstanding principal amount of the bonds; extending the time during which Ocean City and the Stadium Authority each own a specified leasehold interest in the Ocean City Convention Center and its expansion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 997 **Senator Garagiola**

Chapter 631

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE USERS AND
CHARGING STATIONS – EXCLUSIONS**

Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as the terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as the term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to include specified persons and to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1280 **Delegate McHale, et al**

Chapter 632

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE USERS AND
CHARGING STATIONS – EXCLUSIONS**

Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as those terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as that term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to include specified persons and to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 1003 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 633 LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION
ACT – REVISIONS

Revising the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation Act; altering the maximum amounts of specified contractual obligations of specified impaired or insolvent insurers for which the Corporation may become liable under specified circumstances; authorizing the Corporation to elect to succeed to the rights and obligations of specified insolvent insurers relating to specified reinsurance contracts within 180 days after the date of an order of liquidation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1340 **Delegate Cullison**
Chapter 634 LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION
ACT – REVISIONS

Revising the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation Act; altering the maximum amounts of specified contractual obligations of specified impaired or insolvent insurers for which the Corporation may become liable under specified circumstances; authorizing the Corporation to elect to succeed to the rights and obligations of specified insolvent insurers relating to specified reinsurance contracts within 180 days after the date of an order of liquidation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 1004 **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 635 RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE
ENERGY CREDITS – THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS

Specifying that energy from a specified thermal biomass system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; specifying that a person that owns and operates a thermal biomass system is eligible to receive a renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; specifying that an eligible person shall receive a renewable energy credit equal to a specified amount; requiring that the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a specified biomass system be measured in a specified way; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 1018 **Senator Kasemeyer**

Chapter 636

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RECTIFIERS – TOURS, SAMPLES,
AND SALES**

Expanding the privileges of a rectifying license so that the holder of the license may conduct guided tours of the licensed premises and serve not more than a specified number of samples of products manufactured at the licensed premises; prohibiting a license holder or entity in which a license holder has a pecuniary interest from acting as a caterer of food; specifying the times when specified activities may be conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1316 **Delegate Hershey, et al**

Chapter 637

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RECTIFIERS – TOURS, SAMPLES,
AND SALES**

Expanding the privileges of a rectifying license so that the holder of the license may conduct guided tours of the licensed premises, and serve not more than a specified number of samples of products manufactured at the licensed premises; prohibiting a license holder or entity in which a license holder has a pecuniary interest from acting as a caterer of food; specifying the times when specified activities may be conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 1036 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –
Chapter 638** **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance specified projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1037 **Senator DeGrange**

Chapter 639

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS

Amending prior authorizations of State Debt to alter the requirement that specified grantees provide specified matching funds; extending the deadline for specified grantees to present evidence that a matching fund will be presented; providing that specified grants may not terminate before specified dates; changing the locations of specified capital projects; repealing a requirement that a specified grantee grant a historical easement; altering the purpose of specified grants; changing the names of specified grantees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1044 **Senators Colburn and Mathias**

Chapter 640

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D LICENSES

Clarifying that there is a Class D beer, wine and liquor tavern license in Wicomico County; establishing a Class D beer, wine and liquor entertainment and amusement license in the County; specifying requirements that the premises that is the subject of a license application must meet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 1059 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 641

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMPTROLLER – DEPARTMENTS OF LIQUOR CONTROL AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS

Expressly requiring the Comptroller to enforce provisions of law applicable to specified activities conducted by a department of liquor control or a liquor control board; and making specified powers of liquor control boards subject to the enforcement authority of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1432 Delegate Barkley

Chapter 642

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMPTROLLER – DEPARTMENTS OF LIQUOR CONTROL AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS

Expressly requiring the Comptroller to enforce provisions of law applicable to specified activities conducted by a department of liquor control or a liquor control board; and making specified powers of liquor control boards subject to the enforcement authority of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1073 Senator Middleton

Chapter 643

ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES AND WIND GENERATING STATIONS

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive the requirement for an electric company to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to waive the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction related to an existing overhead transmission line designed to carry a specified amount of voltage; authorizing an electric company to undertake necessary construction related to an existing overhead transmission line; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1427 Delegates Jameson and Schuh

Chapter 644

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Authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive the requirement for an electric company to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to waive the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction related to an existing overhead transmission line designed to carry a specified amount of voltage under specified circumstances; authorizing an electric company to undertake specified construction; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

- HB 16**
Chapter 645 **Delegate Haddaway–Ricchio**
TALBOT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIOLATIONS –
ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS
- Authorizing specified alcoholic beverages inspectors in Talbot County to issue citations for specified alcoholic beverages violations in the inspectors’ jurisdiction.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 19**
Chapter 646 **Delegate Kach**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY
SERVICE CREDIT – RESERVISTS
- Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System who are members of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States to receive 4 months of service credit for each full year of military service, not to exceed a total of 36 months; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 94**
Chapter 647 **Delegate Haddaway–Ricchio, et al**
VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE
REGISTRATION PLATES
- Repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue specified commemorative registration plates; requiring rather than authorizing the Administration to issue a special Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plate; requiring the Administration to disburse specified fees to the Chesapeake Bay Trust; requiring the Administration to consult with the Chesapeake Bay Trust on specified matters; repealing the termination provision for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Plate Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 99**
Chapter 648 **Delegate Kipke**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SEMIPERMANENT FOOD
SERVICE FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring the operator of a specified semipermanent food service facility to meet specified requirements regarding wastewater disposal and access to a potable water supply; defining “semipermanent food service facility”; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 101 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 649

HEALTH – GENERAL – POSTHUMOUS USE OF DONOR SPERM AND EGGS

Prohibiting a person from using sperm or eggs from a known donor for the purpose of assisted reproduction under specified circumstances; establishing requirements for a valid consent; establishing penalties for violation of provisions of the Act; altering the definition of “child” for purposes of inheritance, to include a child conceived from the genetic material of a person after the person’s death under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 125 Frederick County Delegation and Washington County Delegation

Chapter 650

FREDERICK COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – JOB CREATION BY SMALL BUSINESSES

Authorizing the governing body of Frederick County and the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property owned or leased by specified new or existing business entities that meet specified requirements; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 138 Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 651

CARROLL COUNTY – POLLING PLACES – ELECTIONEERING BOUNDARIES

Specifying that in Carroll County the line beyond which electioneering is prohibited outside a polling place is to be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit to the polling place.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 167 **Delegate Hucker, et al**

Chapter 652 AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – ARSENIC
PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing specified commercial feed intended for use as poultry feed that contains roxarsone or any other additive that contains arsenic; authorizing a person to use, sell, or distribute specified commercial feed that contains histostat; providing for the termination of the Act under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to provide a specified notification; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 175 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 653 BALTIMORE COUNTY REVENUE AUTHORITY – PUBLIC
ETHICS LAW

Altering the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include each board member and the chief executive of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority in the definition of “local official” for all purposes of the Baltimore County Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 213 **Delegate Branch, et al**

Chapter 654 BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT TRANSIT-
ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUND

Establishing the Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for specified purposes; providing for the contents and uses of the fund; providing that a portion of revenues from projects and other money shall be paid into the Fund under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified money from the Fund to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City in a specified manner; adding the Fund to a specified list of exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 215 **Delegate Stukes, et al**

Chapter 655

**BALTIMORE CITY – INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH (IO–YOUTH)
PILOT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish an Investment in Our Youth (IO–YOUth) Pilot Program; providing that the Program must be established as a qualified organization eligible to receive tax–deductible charitable contributions under federal law; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to provide summer jobs for specified youths by hiring them to work for the City of Baltimore or by providing grants to specified nonprofit organizations that will provide summer jobs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 245 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 656

**CHARLES COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF
OPERATION**

Altering the length of time a school bus may be operated in Charles County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 269 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 657) **Departmental – Natural Resources)****

**NATURAL RESOURCES – BOATING – DISCLOSURE OF
PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Repealing a requirement that an owner of a specified vessel submit a written request to the Department of Natural Resources to prohibit the Department from disclosing specified information to any person; narrowing the prohibition against and exception for the disclosure of specified records held by the Department by applying the prohibition and exception only to personal information about the owner of a registered vessel; and clarifying the application of specified exceptions to the prohibition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 283 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee and**
Chapter 658 **Delegate Elliott**

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS

Continuing the State Board of Pharmacy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; repealing specified provisions relating to physician–pharmacist agreements to be approved by the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Pharmacy; repealing a provision requiring fees related to therapy management to be established in regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 284 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 659 **Departmental – Education)**

EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-COUNTY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS – PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Altering a provision relating to funding the education of disabled children placed in out-of-county living arrangements; and defining “least restrictive environment C” and “least restrictive environment F”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 329 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 660 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY – LICENSES AND HOURS FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION**

Altering the hours for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at a video lottery facility in Anne Arundel County to match the hours of operation for a video lottery facility; providing that a subsidiary of a specified entity may be issued an entertainment facility license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 362 Delegates Rudolph and James

Chapter 661

NORTHEAST MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

Establishing the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Board members; providing for a chair of the Board and the establishment of committees; prohibiting Board members from receiving compensation but entitling Board members to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; authorizing the Board to apply, accept, and expend specified gifts, appropriations, or grants; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 392 Delegate Hammen, et al

Chapter 662

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to make the issuance and renewal of specified alcoholic beverages licenses conditional on the substantial compliance of the license holder with the terms of a memorandum of understanding between a community association and an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; establishing that the existence of a memorandum of understanding does not affect any requirement of any individuals to file a specified protest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 421 Delegate Feldman

Chapter 663

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS – DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS

Altering the calculation of workers' compensation death benefits for a dependent of a deceased covered employee who died due to an occupational disease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 457 **Delegate Howard, et al**

Chapter 664

**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY OR CAPITAL TRANSIT
CONSTRUCTION TRAINING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to use the maximum amount of specified federal funds available for highway or capital transit construction training program and supportive services, including skill improvement programs; requiring the Department to administer specified highway construction and supportive services programs in collaboration with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 493 **Delegates Simmons and Kramer**

Chapter 665

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
APPRENTICESHIPS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; establishing the duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly by a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 509 **Delegate K. Kelly, et al**

Chapter 666

PUBLIC HEALTH – INMATES – HIV TESTING

Authorizing specified courts to order specified inmates to furnish blood samples or cheek swabs to be tested for the presence of HIV under specified circumstances; requiring specified courts to hold specified hearings under specified circumstances before ordering a specified test; requiring a specified correctional employee or the employee's representative and a specified inmate or the inmate's representative to be notified of specified information; providing that only specified evidence may be admitted at specified hearings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 511 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee and Delegate
Chapter 667** **Hubbard**

**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Renaming the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians to be the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists; transferring the Board and specified functions, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and records from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; renaming environmental sanitarians to be environmental health specialists; altering the length of terms and the number of terms specified Board members may serve; establishing a State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 568 **Delegate Rosenberg**
Chapter 668 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM –
CREDIT ALLOCATION**

Authorizing the allocation of the Sustainable Communities tax credit among the partners, members, or shareholders of an entity in any manner agreed to by specified persons in writing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 641 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 669 **HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C VIRUSES – PUBLIC
AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND OUTREACH**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as funds are available, to conduct a needs assessment, initiate a statewide public awareness campaign, solicit funding, and review and recommend initiatives related to the hepatitis B virus; requiring the Department, as funds are available, to coordinate with the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to develop specified hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 651 **Delegate Waldstreicher (By Request – Task Force on Prisoner
Chapter 670** **Reentry), et al**

**CHILD SUPPORT – INCARCERATED OBLIGORS – SUSPENSION
OF PAYMENTS AND ACCRUAL OF ARREARAGES**

Establishing that child support payments are not past due and arrearages may not accrue during any period when the obligor is incarcerated and for a specified period after the obligor's release from confinement under specified circumstances; authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to adjust an incarcerated obligor's payment account in specified cases to reflect the suspension of the accrual of arrearages under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 679 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 671

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND HEALTH LITERACY –
EDUCATION**

Requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to work collaboratively with specified universities and colleges of social work, public health, and allied health to develop specified courses; changing the name of the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program to be the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 680 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 672

**EDUCATION – TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE INCORPORATING
THE SUBJECT OF AGRICULTURE IN EXISTING CURRICULAR
AREAS**

Requiring the State Board of Education and the University of Maryland Extension, after consultation with local boards of education, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and other organizations that promote education about sustainable agriculture, to create a task force to explore options for incorporating the subject of agriculture, including sustainable agriculture and other agricultural issues, in all existing curricular areas; and terminating the Act after May 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 700 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 673

**COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE –
REVISIONS TO TITLE 1**

Revising, updating, reorganizing, and clarifying Title 1 of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code (MUCC) relating to general provisions applicable to the MUCC; establishing a short title; clarifying the transactions to which Title 1 of the MUCC applies; providing for the effect of Title 1 of the MUCC on a specified federal law; authorizing the subordination of an obligation or a right to performance under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 713 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 674

**COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE –
SECURED TRANSACTIONS – REVISION**

Altering the circumstances under which a secured party has control of electronic chattel paper; establishing specified rules applicable to collateral to which a security interest attaches within a specified period of time; establishing specified rules applicable to a financing statement naming an original debtor that is filed pursuant to the law of a specified jurisdiction; altering the circumstances under which a specified licensee or buyer of specified collateral takes free of a security interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

HB 723 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 675

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL
SYSTEM AND WELL EASEMENTS – RURAL ZONES MC 7-12**

Providing that, with specified exceptions, in Montgomery County an on-site sewage disposal system or well located in a rural zone may only serve a specified property under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 724 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 676

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL GUIDANCE
COUNSELORS AND PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKERS –
REPORTING

Requiring local school systems to report information on the duties and activities of school guidance counselors and pupil personnel workers that are designed to promote college readiness of students in grades 6 through 12 to the State Department of Education on or before December 31, 2012; requiring the State Department of Education to report specified information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 725 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 677

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL
ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL MC 5–12

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to direct that voting by mail be utilized in specified special elections for the Montgomery County Council; specifying the application of specified provisions of law to a special election for the Montgomery County Council; requiring the local board of elections to mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each registered voter who is eligible to vote in a special election conducted by mail unless the voter has requested that the ballot be transmitted by other means; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 766 **Delegate Vallario, et al**

Chapter 678

STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – CRIME
VICTIMS AND ADVOCATES

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day to honor the individuals in the State who have become crime victims and the advocates who serve those victims; and requiring the Governor annually to take appropriate steps to publicize Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 770** **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 679 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ELECTRIC COMPANIES –
NEW GENERATION FACILITIES AND CUSTOMER CREDITS
AND THE ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM
- Providing that if a party to a merger or acquisition of an electric company or an electric company affiliate must distribute a credit to customers under an agreement with the Public Service Commission, the Commission shall consider the adequacy of the current funding of the electric universal service program in providing specified assistance; providing that specified funds deposited into the electric universal service fund are in addition to, and may not substitute for, specified funds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 807** **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 680 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
CONTRIBUTION RATES AND REINVESTMENT OF SAVINGS –
TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS
- Clarifying how contribution rates for the employees’ and teachers’ retirement and pension systems are calculated to reflect legislative changes that result in a change to normal cost or accrued liabilities; repealing a requirement that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System certify a calculation of the difference between specified contributions resulting from specified legislative changes; altering the method for determining an amount to be included in the annual budget bill; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 824** **Delegate Hammen (Chair, Health and Government**
Chapter 681 **Operations Committee)**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – APPOINTMENT AND TERM
OF CHAIR
- Requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the State Board of Physicians; and establishing the term of office of the chair.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 827 **Delegate Hubbard**

Chapter 682 POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS – EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Altering the education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to waive specified education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography if, in addition to meeting other requirements, an applicant has passed a specified examination on or before September 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 866 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 683 TITLE INSURANCE – CLOSING OR SETTLEMENT PROTECTION PRACTICES – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to study closing or settlement protection practices of the title insurance industry and to make specified recommendations; requiring the commissioner to consider specified matters in conducting the study; requiring the Commissioner to report findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 884 **Delegate Summers, et al**

Chapter 684 ELECTRIC, GAS, SEWER, AND WATER SERVICE – DEFAULT NOTICE TO CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

Requiring specified persons that directly bill the governing body of a condominium or a person designated by the governing body billed for the water, sewer, electric, or gas service to post notice conspicuously at or near the entry to the common area when a specified charge is in default for a specified time period; authorizing specified persons to enter onto the common area of specified condominium property at specified times to post a notice at or near the entry to the common area; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 896 **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 685 **Delegation**

THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
TRANSPARENCY AND RATE RELIEF ACT OF 2012 PG/MC 107–
12

Requiring, beginning on a specified date, specified information regarding the number of payments of a front foot benefit charge to be printed on property tax bills in Prince George's County; establishing a Task Force to Study Rates and Charges in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations to the governor and the Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 900 **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 686 **Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS –
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR TRAFFIC MITIGATION
PG/MC 109–12

Repealing a limitation on a specified impact fee; altering the requirement that the Prince George's County Council provide credit in lieu of payment of development impact fees to include payments made regarding specified permanent or interim public transportation projects; requiring the County Council to provide credit in lieu of payment of specified development impact fees for specified payments related to subdivision approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 903 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 687

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE PG 407–12

Establishing the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Citizen's Advisory Committee in Prince George's County; providing for the purposes, membership, and duties of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to elect officers from among its members; requiring a specified office in the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide specified assistance to the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to meet at least once each month; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 906 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 688

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES PG 401–12

Authorizing Prince George's County, by ordinance, to impose and collect a fee for the provision of administrative hearing services for the resolution of disputes involving a common ownership community located in the county; and authorizing Prince George's County to include specified provisions in the ordinance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 910 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 689

FREDERICK COUNTY – BUDGETARY PROCESSES

Renaming specified balances in the general fund of Frederick County; requiring that if a specified committed general fund balance is appropriated and expended by the County Commissioners of Frederick County, the County Commissioners shall replenish the committed general fund balance by the end of the following third fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 919 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 690

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, AND RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – PAYMENT OF TAXES PG 302–12

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County from issuing or renewing a license unless the Board is provided verification that undisputed taxes have been paid or that payment has been provided for; authorizing the Board to condition the issuance of a license for which a transfer has been approved on verification of specified information; and specifying that tax verification requirements apply to the principals and owners of specified entities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 920 Delegate Rosenberg

Chapter 691

MARYLAND UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT – DEFINITIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Altering the definition of “agency contract” to include a specified agreement in which a student–athlete authorizes a person to assess and plan for the financial benefits that may arise out of the student–athlete's professional sports career; altering the definition of “athlete agent” to include specified individuals who facilitate the connection to a student–athlete signing an agency contract or who enter into a specified agreement with a student–athlete or solicit or recruit the student–athlete to enter into the agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 929 Delegate Stein, et al

Chapter 692

ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING RATES AND WASTE DIVERSION – STATEWIDE GOALS

Altering dates by which specified counties must include and implement recycling and waste diversion goals in the counties' recycling plans; increasing specified recycling and waste diversion goals that must be included in the counties' recycling plans; establishing statewide waste diversion and recycling goals; authorizing the statewide recycling goals to be met through cooperative efforts of specified parties; authorizing a specified county to combine its recycling rate with the recycling rates of specified adjacent counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 975 **Delegate Kach, et al**

Chapter 693

**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – FOREST
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EXPENSES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$500 of specified expenses incurred by individuals in connection with land preservation under the Forest Conservation and Management Program within the Department of Natural Resources, if the individual's application is approved by the Department; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 979 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 694

**CALVERT COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING
DATE**

Altering the date by which Calvert County may file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 991 **Delegates Rosenberg and Carr**

Chapter 695

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE RENOVATION AND REPAIR
NEEDS OF SENIOR HOMEOWNERS**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, with the assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources, to create a task force to study methods for identifying and understanding the renovation and repair needs of low-income and limited-income senior homeowners and identifying resources to assist senior homeowners; requiring the task force to consult with and enlist the participation of specified stakeholders; requiring a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1009 **Delegate Hubbard**

Chapter 696

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND
THERAPISTS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR TRAINEES
– REGISTRY AND CODE OF ETHICS REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to maintain a registry of and adopt a code of ethics for individuals working as trainees under the supervision of approved alcohol and drug counselor supervisors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1050 **Delegates Barkley and Davis**

Chapter 697

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEES – ADULT
ENTERTAINMENT – EXCEPTION

Providing that specified prohibitions in specified jurisdictions against alcoholic beverages licensees allowing specified types of adult entertainment are not applicable to licensees who are operators of theaters, art centers, or similar establishments that present performances expressing matters of serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value; altering a prohibition against specified activity; terminating an exemption from a prohibition against specified activity in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1052 **Delegates Beitzel and Frush**

Chapter 698

WILDLIFE POACHING PREVENTION ACT

Repealing provisions of law that authorize a court to suspend the hunting license or privileges of a person who has been convicted of hunting offenses; repealing standards and prohibited acts related to the suspension of a hunting license or hunting privileges; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources or the court, in addition to other penalties, to suspend for up to a specified period of time the hunting license or privileges of a person who is convicted of a State or federal hunting violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1068** **Delegate Burns, et al**
Chapter 699 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS MADE – NOTICE
- Requiring insurers that issue policies of homeowner's insurance in the State to provide applicants and insureds with a notice that states the claim-related grounds under which the insurer may cancel or refuse to renew the policy; requiring insurers to provide the notice at specified times and in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 1080** **Delegate Walker, et al**
Chapter 700 EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES – HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION GUIDELINES
- Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified organizations and health care providers, to develop a model policy for preseason-practice heat acclimatization guidelines for student athletes; requiring local boards of education to adopt preseason-practice heat acclimatization guidelines for student athletes; requiring specified guidelines to include requirements for the duration of a practice time, a walk-through, and a recovery period during preseason practice; and defining terms.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1081** **Delegate Rosenberg**
Chapter 701 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT REFORM ACT OF 2012
- Providing that a person who has been granted a homestead property tax credit and is subsequently found to not qualify for the credit shall be assessed property taxes otherwise due; requiring that a person be assessed, under specified circumstances, a penalty equal to a specified amount; requiring a specified penalty to be separately itemized on the person's tax bill; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1117 Delegates Hershey and Jameson

Chapter 702 ZONING, CONSTRUCTION, AND STORMWATER – PERMITS
AND VARIANCES – SOLAR PANELS

Providing that, for the purposes of issuing a permit or a variance relating to zoning, construction, or stormwater for a project to install a solar panel, any calculation relating to the impervious surface of the project required by the State or local governing authority issuing the permit or variance may include only the foundation or base supporting the solar panel; establishing an exception; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1123 Delegate Mizeur

Chapter 703 ENVIRONMENT – PRESUMPTIVE IMPACT AREAS –
CONTAMINATION CAUSED BY GAS WELLS IN DEEP SHALE
DEPOSITS

Establishing for each permit to drill a gas well in deep shale deposits a presumptive impact area around the gas well; requiring a permittee to replace a water supply under specified circumstances; authorizing the permittee to avoid restoration under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring a permittee to replace a water supply or compensate an owner under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1124 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 704 ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION –
REVISIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Repealing a requirement that each sanitary district in St. Mary's County be a separate taxing district; repealing a prohibition against a specified adverse effect as a result of a change in sanitary district lines; altering the notice requirements for specified water supply and sewerage system studies and plans; repealing a requirement that the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County make a specified decision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1148 Delegate Lee, et al

Chapter 705 COURTS – VICTIMS OF CRIME – INTERPRETERS

Altering specified requirements relating to the use of interpreters in court proceedings to include the appointment of an interpreter for a victim or victim's representative who is deaf or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language; authorizing a victim or a victim's representative to apply for appointment of a specified interpreter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1188 Delegate Ross, et al

Chapter 706 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Creating the Lacrosse Opportunities Program in the State Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse in their communities; requiring the State Superintendent of Education to administer the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2014, to include at least \$40,000 for the Program in the annual budget submission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1196 Delegates Ready and Pena–Melnyk

Chapter 707 PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT – CONFLICT OF INTEREST – EXEMPTION

Providing that assisting in the drafting of specifications, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals does not include submitting specified oral comments on specifications; providing that assisting in the drafting of specifications, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals for specified procurements of health, human, social or educational services does not include comments solicited from specified persons as part of specified requests for information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- HB 1201** **Delegate Conway, et al**
Chapter 708 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN –
USE AND CONFLICTS OF LAW
- Requiring the Smart Growth Subcabinet to meet at least biannually with specified individuals to discuss specified local government issues; prohibiting use of the State Development Plan to deny a State-issued permit or specified State funding; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 1214** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 709 EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MAXIMUM STUDENT
ENROLLMENT POLICY – STUDY
- Requiring the State Department of Education to study the establishment of a policy on maximum student enrollment in public schools during the first phase of a specified study of the adequacy of education funding in the State.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1228** **Delegate Bohanan**
Chapter 710 REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS – FUNDING
FORMULA
- Authorizing that operating funds for regional higher education centers administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission be distributed using a specified funding formula, as provided in the State budget; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the inclusion of outcome and performance measures in a specified funding formula; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- HB 1238** **Delegate Dumais**
Chapter 711 MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND – NET
INTEREST EARNINGS
- Including the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund in the list of funds whose net interest earnings do not accrue to the General Fund of the State; and providing that specified charges may not be made against the Fund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1254 **Delegate Vaughn, et al**
Chapter 712 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK FUND
 – MINIMUM APPROPRIATION

Increasing the minimum General Fund appropriation to the Small Business Development Center Network Fund that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill beginning in fiscal year 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1264 **Howard County Delegation (By Request)**
Chapter 713 HOWARD COUNTY – MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT,
 PAWNBROKER OR SECONDHAND DEALER ESTABLISHMENT,
 AND TAXICAB LICENSES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
 CHECKS HO. CO. 8–12

Authorizing the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to request from the Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for an applicant for a massage establishment license, pawnbroker or secondhand dealer establishment license, taxicab license, or renewal of a massage establishment license, pawnbroker or secondhand dealer establishment license, or taxicab license; requiring that the department submit two complete sets of the applicant's fingerprints and specified fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1272 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
Chapter 714 PUBLIC HEALTH – ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES –
 DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS PROHIBITED

Prohibiting a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale to a minor electronic devices that can be used to deliver nicotine to the individual inhaling from the device, including electronic cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, or pipes; specifying an exception to the prohibition; providing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor subject to a specified fine; establishing a defense for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1289 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 715 **Departmental – Business and Economic Development)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – QUALIFIED DISTRESSED
COUNTIES – ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TAX CREDIT**

Altering the definition of “qualified distressed county” for specified purposes; authorizing specified businesses to claim an income tax credit under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit if the number of qualifying positions filled by the qualified business falls below 25, but does not fall below 10; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1296 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 716 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF
COURSE LICENSE**

Authorizing the St. Mary’s County Alcohol Beverage Board to issue a special Class M–G beer, wine and liquor license for use at a specified golf course; specifying that a licensee may be a golf course manager; providing for an annual license fee; specifying that the license may be used to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption only on the land and in the facilities used for golfing purposes; authorizing a golf course manager to designate an agent for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1306 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 717 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE
LEASING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to charge an application fee, rent, and an aquaculture development surcharge for water column leases; reducing the length of time that the Department is required to advertise an aquaculture lease application in a local newspaper; prohibiting a leaseholder from placing specified oysters on a lease; repealing provisions of law that authorize and govern the dredging of oysters on leased ground in specified areas of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1325 **Delegate O'Donnell**

Chapter 718 NATURAL RESOURCES – CRABS – CATCH TIMES FOR
TROTLINE GEAR

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations establishing an earlier beginning of the workday for tidal fish licensees who catch crabs using trotline gear; prohibiting the Department from restricting the tidal fish licensees' workday to less than 11 hours, including time spent setting or taking up gear; and prohibiting trotline gear from being set earlier than the catch time established by the Department.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1327 **Delegate Lafferty**

Chapter 719 COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM – SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY DESIGNATION – TIME EXTENSION

Extending the date until which existing community legacy areas and designated neighborhoods will be considered sustainable communities for the purposes of the Community Legacy Program; and extending the date by which sponsors of existing community legacy areas and designated neighborhoods are required to file for redesignation as a sustainable community for the purposes of financial assistance under the Program.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1356 **Delegate Barkley**

Chapter 720 HEALTH INSURANCE – DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE –
COVERAGE

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and dental plan organizations to provide coverage for dental preventive care, including dental cleanings, if specified conditions are met; prohibiting a carrier from imposing a specified frequency limitation on dental preventive care; prohibiting specified provisions from being construed to require coverage for a specified service; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1368 **Delegate Schulz**

Chapter 721 **FREDERICK COUNTY – MIDDLETOWN WINE FESTIVAL
LICENSE**

Authorizing in Frederick County the creation of a Middletown Wine Festival license; authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of specified licenses; specifying that the license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine for consumption on or off the premises on the days and for the hours designated for the Middletown Wine Festival; providing for a license fee; authorizing the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown to hold not more than two 1-day Middletown Wine Festivals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1411 **Delegate George, et al**

Chapter 722 **ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION –
WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM FEES**

Altering specified application fees for minor wetlands and waterways projects and major and minor modifications; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring application fees for the installation of specified lifts or for specified maintenance, repair, or replacement under specified circumstances; prohibiting modification of specified fees without legislative enactment; requiring the Board of Public Works to establish a minimum compensation rate for specified structures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1429 **Delegate Lee, et al**

Chapter 723 **STATE GOVERNMENT – STATUE OF HARRIET TUBMAN**

Requiring the Governor to authorize the gift of a statue of Harriet Tubman to the United States government and request the United States Congress to place the statue in Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center or other appropriate federal property located in Washington, D.C.; and requiring the Governor to establish the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission that would raise funds to pay the costs associated with the statue and represent the State in selecting a sculptor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1445 Delegate Stifler

Chapter 724

PLUMBING AND HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION EMPLOYEES – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – LICENSE REQUIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION

Prohibiting a person from employing an individual to provide or assist in providing plumbing or heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services on a specified public work contract unless the person is licensed by the State Board of Plumbing, the Baltimore County Plumbing Board, or the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and prohibiting a person from classifying a specified employee under a specified public work contract at a specified work classification higher than the employee's license type.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1446 Delegates Otto and McDermott

Chapter 725

SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS

Authorizing persons in Somerset County and Worcester County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

On May 22, 2012, the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following joint resolution(s), which you passed:

SJ 2 Senators Raskin and Forehand

Res. No. 3

MARYLAND RATIFICATION OF THE 17TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Ratifying the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution relative to the popular election of United States Senators.

HJ 3 Delegate Morhaim, et al

Res. No. 4

MARYLAND RATIFICATION OF THE 17TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Ratifying the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution relative to the popular election of United States Senators.

SJ 3

Res. No. 5

**Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –
Judicial Compensation Commission)**

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION –
RECOMMENDATIONS

Establishing the compensation of the members of the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, the circuit courts, and the District Court of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 29, 2012

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(c), of the Maryland Constitution states:

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor's signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bill after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the Bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 24, 2012, and is assigned the following Chapter number:

SB 737 **Senator Rosapepe**

Chapter 726

**NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE – REVOCATION
OR SURRENDER – BAN ON EMPLOYMENT**

Prohibiting specified nursing homes or nursing home management firms from knowingly employing or retaining as a consultant an individual who has surrendered a specified license under specified circumstances to the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators or has had a license revoked by the Board based on specified grounds for discipline except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from reimbursing specified institutions and management firms under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Having chosen not to sign the following bill after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the Bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 26, 2012, and is assigned the following Chapter number:

HB 1118 **Delegate Morhaim**

Chapter 727

**NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE – REVOCATION
OR SURRENDER – BAN ON EMPLOYMENT**

Prohibiting specified nursing homes or nursing home management firms from knowingly employing or retaining as a consultant an individual who has surrendered a specified license under specified circumstances to the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators or has had a license revoked by the Board based on specified grounds for discipline except in specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from reimbursing specified institutions and management firms under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

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