



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2012 Chapters – Effective January 1, 2013

**HB 438
Chapter 2**

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al
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.

**SB 276
Chapter 50**

Senator Mathias, et al
**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.

- 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.
- SB 302** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor,**
Chapter 55 **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.
- HB 301** **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 120 **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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- HB 89**
Chapter 307 **Delegate Stifler, et al**
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.
- SB 422**
Chapter 504 **Senators Frosh and Colburn**
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.
- Section 2 Only**
- 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.
- Section 2 Only**

- SB 597** **Senator McFadden**
Chapter 548 **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.
- HB 250** **Delegate Oaks, et al**
Chapter 549 **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.
- 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.
- 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.

SB 938
Chapter 626**Senator Mathias****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.

HB 1059
Chapter 627**Delegate Feldman****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.

SB 1004
Chapter 635**Senator Middleton****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.

HB 167
Chapter 652**Delegate Hucker, et al****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.