



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**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  
Chapter 51****Delegate Conway****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  
Chapter 55****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

**HB 301  
Chapter 120****Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – 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.

- 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**  
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- 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**  
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- 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**                      **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.
- HB 1059**                      **Delegate Feldman**  
**Chapter 627**                **PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – RESCISSION OF POLICY OR BINDER – AUTHORIZED**
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- 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.

**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.