

April 8, 2014

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 8, 2014, 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 332**            **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
Chapter 2            PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION ACT OF 2014

Expanding prekindergarten services to specified 4-year-old children; establishing the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; requiring the administration of the Program as a competitive grant program for specified providers; requiring a specified report on the aggregate estimated number of 3-year-old children and the subcategory that includes the estimated number of 3-year-old and 4-year old children from an economically disadvantaged background in each county in the State for the current school year and the next 5 school years; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**SB 6**                **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 3            **Departmental – Transportation)**  
VEHICLE LAWS – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM –  
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Requiring that specified required inspections, maintenance, and repairs of specified commercial motor vehicles be performed by specified preventive maintenance technicians; defining “preventive maintenance technician” as a person who is able to provide evidence of a demonstrated understanding of specified preventive maintenance inspection criteria through specified experiences; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 16**

Chapter 4

**Senator Klausmeier, et al**

**CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY –  
ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND CANCELLATION OF POLICIES –  
AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to issue policies for employer's liability insurance and insurance under a federal compensation law; providing an exception to a specified prohibition to allow the Company to cancel or refuse to renew or issue a policy for failure to reimburse the Company under a policy with deductibles as required under a specified provision of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 26**

Chapter 5

**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT  
HOLDERS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES**

Establishing that specified administrative penalties and procedures that apply to a holder of a commercial driver's license for specified motor vehicle violations under specified circumstances also apply to the holder of a commercial instructional permit; and altering the defined term "serious traffic violation" to include specified violations related to holding a commercial instructional permit.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 33**

Chapter 6

**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – RULES OF THE ROAD – USE OF HIGH  
OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES**

Prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle in a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane except under specified circumstances; authorizing specified vehicles to be driven in HOV lanes at all times; and defining "HOV Lane".

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

- SB 35**  
Chapter 7      **Senator Shank**  
FAMILY LAW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORT – DISSEMINATION  
Repealing a requirement that a specified law enforcement unit provide a copy of a specified domestic violence incident report to the Department of State Police.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 40**  
Chapter 8      **Carroll County Senators**  
COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CIRCUIT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL  
Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 53**  
Chapter 9      **Senator Middleton, et al**  
MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN – CLARIFICATION  
Clarifying that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund may not discriminate among insureds by charging different premiums to insureds who select, as a payment option, the Fund’s installment payment plan instead of a premium finance agreement; and making the Act an emergency measure.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 62**  
Chapter 10     **Senator Astle**  
CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – POWERS AND DUTIES – MEMBER TERMS  
Specifying that the two-term limit for members of the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust applies only to consecutive terms; and repealing a limitation on the ability of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to solicit or accept a gift, bequest, or lease of real or personal property.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 70**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 11                **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**AGRICULTURE – FERTILIZER – LABELING AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND SALE**

Clarifying specified fertilizer labeling requirements and specified restrictions on the use and sale of specified fertilizers and altering the definitions of the terms “guaranteed analysis”, “organic fertilizer”, and “soil conditioner”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 71**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 12                **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – VALUE OF EASEMENT**

Prohibiting, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, and with a specified exception, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from purchasing an agricultural land preservation easement for more than 75% or less than 25% of the fair market value of the land; and authorizing the Foundation to purchase an easement for less than 25% of the fair market value of the land if the asking price is less than 25% of the fair market value of the land.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 72**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 13                **Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS**

Exempting specified buses from provisions of law establishing tandem axle weight limits; clarifying that specified vehicle weight limits apply to specified buses; and increasing to 550 pounds the weight limit tolerance for the use of specified equipment that promotes fuel economy and reduced emissions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 77**  
Chapter 14      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL AND FARM VEHICLES – SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND UTILITY EMERGENCIES**

Altering the definition of “vehicle” to exclude specified farm vehicles for specified purposes relating to vehicle inspections and warnings for defective equipment; repealing a provision prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from adopting regulations applying specified provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to specified farmers and agents or employees of farmers in specified circumstances; repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to declare a utility emergency; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 79**  
Chapter 15      **Senator Middleton, et al**

**LIMITED LINES – TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Altering specified provisions of law relating to limited lines insurance for transportation tickets to relate instead to limited lines travel insurance; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to issue a limited lines license to an individual or a business entity to sell travel insurance; requiring a limited lines travel insurance producer to require specified travel retailer employees or authorized representatives to receive specified instruction or training with specified required content; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 84**  
Chapter 16      **Senator Benson, et al**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – NAME CHANGE**

Changing the name of the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services to the Joint Committee on Access to Behavioral Health Services; altering the duties of the Committee by requiring it to monitor access to specified behavioral health services and specified medically necessary services; and altering the information that must be included in a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 87**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 17                **Departmental – Transportation)**

**DRUNK DRIVING – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM  
– REPEAT OFFENDERS**

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration impose a specified period of suspension to be served before participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program when modifying a specified suspension imposed on specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders; prohibiting specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders from operating a motor vehicle in the course of employment without installation of an ignition interlock system; etc.

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**SB 89**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 18                **Veterans Affairs)**

**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – REQUIREMENT  
FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED – EXCEPTIONS**

Establishing an exception to the requirement that a person have a certificate of need issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission before specified actions are taken relating to a health care facility by altering the definition of a “health care facility” to exclude a comprehensive care facility that is owned and operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and that restricts admissions to specified individuals; and clarifying language.

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**SB 90**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 19                **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,**  
**State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – CERTIFICATION  
TO AUTHORIZE LOBBYING AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF  
REGISTRATION**

Requiring a specified regulated lobbyist to certify under oath or affirmation that the regulated lobbyist is authorized to engage in lobbying for a specified entity; providing for the contents of the certification; authorizing a regulated lobbyist registration to be filed electronically; requiring an electronically filed registration to include a specified certification made by an electronic signature; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 91**  
Chapter 20 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,  
State)**

**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
SCHOOL BOARDS – COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to adopt specified model provisions for school boards; providing that a specified model provision may be adopted or imposed on a school board under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Ethics Commission, after making a specified determination, to issue an order directing a county or municipal corporation or school board to comply with specified provisions of the Public Ethics Law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 92**  
Chapter 21 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,  
State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – ETHICS  
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified regulated lobbyists complete an initial and subsequent ethics training course provided by the State Ethics Commission within 6 months of the regulated lobbyists initial registration; and requiring a specified regulated lobbyist to attend a course provided by the State Ethics Commission at least once in any 2-year period during which the lobbyist has registered with the Ethics Commission.

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**SB 93**  
Chapter 22 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL INCENTIVES PILOT  
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Recreational Incentives Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources; stating that the purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether incentive discounts offered to specified individuals increase the purchase of recreational hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the Department to develop a plan to implement the pilot program, subject to requirements and restrictions; requiring the Department to implement the pilot program in accordance with the developed plan; etc.

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**SB 96**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 23                **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION  
AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Establishing initial permit, permit renewal, and permit  
reinstatement fees for a SHOP Exchange enrollment permit;  
specifying that provisions of the federal Patient Protection and  
Affordable Care Act relating to guaranteed availability of coverage  
apply to specified coverage offered in specified insurance markets;  
repealing specified conversion rights for specified group and blanket  
health insurance contracts; repealing provisions of law governing  
bona fide wellness programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 97**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 24                **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – PROHIBITED  
INDUCEMENTS

Prohibiting a person from paying or allowing or giving, or from  
offering to pay or allow or give any valuable consideration to an  
insured as an inducement to use the services of a public adjuster.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 98**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 25                **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE MARKETING RULES

Requiring an insurance producer, when soliciting or advertising the  
sale of a Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare Advantage Prescription  
Drug Plan, Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D), or Medicare  
Section 1876 cost plan, to comply with the Centers for Medicare and  
Medicaid Services' Medicare Marketing Guidelines, including the  
prohibitions against specified activities.

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**SB 99**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 26                **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

**INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – CIVIL AND CRIMINAL**  
**ACTIONS**

Providing that a criminal prosecution for engaging in insurance fraud may be brought in specified counties; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, for a civil fraud violation, to impose administrative penalties and order restitution under a specified provision of law under specified circumstances; and providing that, if insurance fraud is determined to have occurred in a specified location, a criminal or civil fraud action for all related violations may be joined in the same action.

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**SB 100**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 27                **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

**INSURANCE – PREMIUMS AND CHARGES – REVIEW OF**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, when reviewing specified administrative expenses submitted by an authorized insurer that are associated with late payments, to include in the review the cost incurred by an authorized insurer or a vendor of the authorized insurer to accept late payments or installment payments by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer, or electronic check payment.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 101**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 28                **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND**  
**– USE OF FUNDS**

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, or other forms of financial assistance, as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

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**SB 109**            **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 32**       **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,**  
                         **State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS –**  
**ELECTRONIC FILING**

Requiring that specified financial disclosure statements be filed electronically with the State Ethics Commission on or before April 30 of each year; and requiring the Ethics Commission to develop and implement specified procedures for the electronic filing of a financial disclosure statement and for the granting of exemptions to the mandatory electronic filing requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 118**            **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 33**       **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

**JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION –**  
**FACILITIES**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Services adopt regulations requiring the provision of year-round educational services in residential programs; repealing a requirement that the State Department of Education develop and implement an educational program specific to the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School; repealing requirements related to the transmission of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 119**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 34**       **Subsequent Injury Fund Board)**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND –**  
**BILLING ADDRESS NOTIFICATION**

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2014, and on or before July 1 each year thereafter, an employer or its insurer that is liable for payment of specified Subsequent Injury Fund assessments to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of the current billing address to which notices of payment shall be sent; requiring the employer or its insurer to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of any change of billing address within 30 days of the change of address; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**SB 122**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 35      **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

**JUVENILE LAW – DETENTION – COMMUNITY DETENTION  
VIOLATION HEARINGS**

Requiring an intake officer who authorized detention of a child for a violation of community detention to immediately file a petition to authorize continued detention; requiring that a hearing on a specified petition be held no later than the next court day unless extended for no more than 5 days by the court on good cause shown; and requiring notice of the hearing be given to the child and, if they can be located, the child's parents, guardian, or custodian.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 127**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 36      **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MANURE  
TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to determine the amount of specified cost-share matching funds provided under the Manure Transportation Project; and repealing specified caps on the per ton amount of cost-share matching funds available under the Manure Transportation Project.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014**

**SB 129**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 37      **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,  
State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND REGULATED LOBBYISTS –  
LATE-FILING PENALTIES**

Altering specified fees that an official or a regulated lobbyist must pay for failing to file in a timely manner a required report or financial disclosure statement form with the State Ethics Commission.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 130**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 38**        **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND WORKERS’  
COMPENSATION COMMISSION – REPORTS OF ACCIDENTAL  
INJURY OR DISABILITY – ELECTRONIC SHARING**

Repealing a requirement that an employer send copies of specified reports of an accident or injury to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; repealing a requirement that the Workers’ Compensation Commission report to the Commissioner a determination regarding industrial injuries associated with an employer or industry; requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to provide the Commissioner with electronic access to specified employer reports of accidental injury or disability due to occupational disease; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014**

**SB 144**            **Senator Kelley**  
**Chapter 39**        **FAMILY LAW – FOSTER CARE – KINSHIP PARENT AGE  
REQUIREMENTS**

Lowering, from 21 years to 18 years, the age that a person must be to serve as a kinship parent for a child in need of out-of-home placement; and repealing a provision authorizing a local department to waive the age requirement for a potential kinship parent who is at least 18 years of age and who lives with a spouse who is at least 21 years of age.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 152**            **Senator Colburn**  
**Chapter 40**        **MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 –  
DORCHESTER COUNTY – CAMBRIDGE MARINE TERMINAL  
REDEVELOPMENT**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to change the grantee of the grant for the Cambridge Marine Terminal Redevelopment grant from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Cambridge; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

- SB 153**  
Chapter 41      **Senator Middleton, et al**  
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS TO REDUCE THE RATE OF UNINSURED DRIVERS  
Establishing the Task Force to Study Methods to Reduce the Rate of Uninsured Drivers; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations, including those regarding the rate of uninsured drivers in the State and in other states and the ways in which the rate is calculated in Maryland; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 154**  
Chapter 42      **Senator Feldman, et al**  
COMMERCIAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH INTERNET TICKET SALES – PROHIBITION  
Prohibiting a person from intentionally selling or using specified software to circumvent a security measure, an access control system, or any other control or measure on a specified Web site that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process; and providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to specified enforcement and penalty provisions.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 168**  
Chapter 43      **Calvert County Senators**  
CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS  
Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$12,650,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014
- SB 183**  
Chapter 44      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL  
Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.  
EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 184**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
Chapter 45

**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting specified errors and omissions in the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting specified 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 228**      **Senator Conway**

Chapter 46

**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Repealing the requirement that the election of a president, secretary, and treasurer of the State Board of Pharmacy be from among the pharmacist members of the Board.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**SB 243**      **Cecil County Senators**

Chapter 47

**CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the number of regular members of the Cecil County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and providing for a delayed effective date of June 1, 2015.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015**

**SB 247**

Chapter 48

**Senator Frosh, et al**

**CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY  
DOG – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; prohibiting a judge in a jury trial from making a specified ruling before the jury returns a verdict; establishing that the owner of a dog is liable for injury, death, or loss caused by a dog while the dog is running at large; establishing exceptions; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 73**

Chapter 49

**Delegate Simmons, et al**

**CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY  
DOG – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; prohibiting a judge in a jury trial from making a specified ruling before the jury returns a verdict; establishing that the owner of a dog is liable for injury, death, or loss caused by a dog while the dog is running at large; establishing exceptions; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 269**

Chapter 50

**Senator Conway**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – VOTING  
OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Providing that a voter in a municipal election is subject to the offenses and penalties related to voting specified in § 16–201 of the Election Law Article; and authorizing the State Prosecutor or the State’s Attorney for a specified county to prosecute a person for an offense.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**



**SB 292**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
Chapter 51

**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be conducted on or before December 15, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 294**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
Chapter 52

**MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Maryland Horse Industry Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 297**      **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
Chapter 53

**STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, 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 December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

- SB 306**            **Montgomery County Senators**  
Chapter 54        MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BARBERSHOPS – RESTRICTION ON  
OPERATION REPEALED
- Repealing a specified restriction prohibiting a barbershop in Montgomery County from being open for business more than 6 days per week.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 310**            **Montgomery County Senators**  
Chapter 55        MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MICRO–BREWERY LICENSES AND  
CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES
- Authorizing the Comptroller to issue a Class 7 micro–brewery license in Montgomery County to a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014
- SB 380**            **Senator Conway**  
Chapter 56        STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS – CEASE  
AND DESIST ORDERS AND FINES
- Authorizing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for a violation of specified provisions of law; and requiring the Board to assess specified fines in accordance with regulations; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 399**            **Senator Shank**  
Chapter 57        SECURITY        SYSTEMS        SERVICES        –        COMPLAINT  
INVESTIGATIONS
- Requiring the Secretary of State Police to conduct an investigation that relates to any complaint alleging that an unauthorized person has provided security systems services; and specifying requirements for the complaint.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 404**

Chapter 58

**Senator Kelley, et al**

**MARYLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – NOTICE OF FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENT**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or other office that receives a specified financing statement for filing to provide a specified notice of the filing to the debtor identified on the financing statement under specified circumstances; requiring the Department or other office required to provide the notice to determine the form of the notice; and requiring the notice to contain specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 418**

Chapter 59

**Senator Middleton, et al**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES – FUNDING**

Lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services provided to specified individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 441**

Chapter 60

**Senator Mathias**

**WORCESTER COUNTY – BINGO BOARD – REPEAL**

Abolishing the Worcester County Bingo Board; providing that the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting take the place of the Bingo Board and adopt regulations to administer and enforce the bingo laws in the county; requiring the Department to exercise control and supervision over all games of bingo; requiring a specified representative to consult with the Department and to send specified materials to the Department by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 448**

Chapter 61

**Senator Conway**

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE**

Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for violations of specified provisions of law; altering a specified penalty; providing that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 480**

Chapter 62

**Senator Klausmeier, et al**

**INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND EMPLOYEES – REGISTRATION AS REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Authorizing an employee of the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund to register and maintain registration as a registered lobbyist under specified circumstances; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 555**

Chapter 63

**Carroll County Senators**

**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$20,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**SB 557**

Chapter 64

**Carroll County Senators**

**CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Requiring that the Sheriff of Carroll County receive an annual salary of \$90,000 beginning on December 1, 2014, and thereafter; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Carroll County while serving in a specified term of office; and providing that a specified limitation does not apply to a specified individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 564**                    **Senator Simonaire**  
Chapter 65                ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PENALTY

Increasing a specified penalty for specified violations of the water pollution control law from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each violation and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 total.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 834**                    **Delegates Frush and Hubbard**  
Chapter 66                ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PENALTY

Increasing a specified penalty for specified violations of the water pollution control law from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each violation and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 total.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 641**                    **Senator Mathias, et al**  
Chapter 67                KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS        ORAL        CHEMOTHERAPY  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law relating to coverage of cancer chemotherapy to include specified policies or contracts issued or delivered by specified entities that provide essential health benefits required under specified provisions of federal law; and making the Act an emergency measure.  
EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 625**                    **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
Chapter 68                KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS        ORAL        CHEMOTHERAPY  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law relating to coverage of cancer chemotherapy to include specified policies or contracts issued or delivered by specified entities that provide essential health benefits required under specified provisions of federal law; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 644**

Chapter 69

**Senator Ferguson, et al**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN DATA POLICY – COUNCIL ON OPEN DATA**

Establishing a State policy that open data be machine readable and released to the public in specified ways; establishing a Council on Open Data; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, chairs, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to promote the policy on open data by providing specified guidance and policy recommendations, advocating for specified practices, and making recommendations on the purchasing of specified data processing devices, systems, or software; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**SB 661**

Chapter 70

**Senator Pugh, et al**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EQUITY PARTICIPATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM – SMALL BUSINESSES**

Altering the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program to encourage and help socially or economically disadvantaged individuals to create and develop small businesses and acquire existing businesses in the State; making conforming changes to specified findings of the General Assembly, the authority of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and the contents of specified business plans; altering the amount the Authority may invest using equity participation financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 583**

Chapter 71

**Delegate Davis**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EQUITY PARTICIPATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM – SMALL BUSINESSES**

Repealing the definitions of “franchise” and “technology-based business”; making conforming changes to specified findings of the General Assembly, the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program, the authority of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and the contents of a specified business plan; repealing specified distinctions in the amount the Authority may invest in specified enterprises using equity participation financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 790**

Chapter 72

**Senator Kelley, et al**

HEALTH INSURANCE – COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CARRIERS AND ENROLLEES – CONFORMITY WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available a specified form for enrollees to use to request confidential communications from health insurance carriers in accordance with specified provisions of federal law; requiring carriers to accept a specified form for a specified purpose under specified circumstances; providing that a notice given by an insurer under specified circumstances is subject to specified provisions of federal law; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 891**

Chapter 73

**Senator Middleton, et al**

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – AUTHORITY OF ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES – VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT – REGULATIONS

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission provide for the voluntary relinquishment of the authority of specified acute care hospitals to provide cardiac surgery services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**SB 930**

Chapter 74

**Senator Conway**

ELECTION LAW – FILING DEADLINES FOR PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION AND POST-GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

Altering the deadline date for a campaign finance entity to file a pre-primary election campaign finance report and a post-general election campaign finance report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 960**

Chapter 75

**Senator Ferguson**

ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

Altering the composition of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee to reflect changes made to the State's legislative districts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 975**

Chapter 76

**Senator Montgomery, et al**

**SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision of law relating to the definition of “small business” as used for the purposes of the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 1044**

Chapter 77

**Senators Middleton and Benson**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY – CONSUMER PROTECTION – REPORT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015, on the status of the Commission’s efforts to provide appropriate protections for consumers in connection with competitive retail electricity supply and retail gas supply and recommendations regarding ratepayer protections; specifying the contents of the report; requiring the Commission to convene a workgroup of interested persons, including retail electricity suppliers, to advise the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

**HB 928**

Chapter 78

**Delegates Rudolph and James**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY – CONSUMER PROTECTION – REPORT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015, on the status of the Commission’s efforts to provide appropriate protections for consumers in connection with competitive retail electricity and retail gas supplies and recommendations for ratepayer protections; specifying the contents of the report; requiring the Commission to convene a specified workgroup to advise the Commission on the information and recommendations that should be included in the report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014



- SB 1106**      **Senator Feldman**  
Chapter 79      **BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS – REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS –  
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**
- Requiring applicants for a license or certificate to provide real estate appraisal services to apply for a national and State criminal history records check, submit a complete set of fingerprints, and pay the fees for the records checks; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide the records and a specified receipt of the application to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015
- HB 11**      **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –  
Chapter 80      Departmental – Environment)**
- ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED  
USES**
- Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to pay specified debt issued by a local government for the cost of connecting properties served by on-site sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; altering conditions for the funding of specified costs; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014
- HB 13**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By  
Chapter 81      Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
- OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PERPETUAL CARE  
TRUST FUNDS AND PRENEED TRUST ACCOUNTS –  
REGULATION**
- Clarifying that realized capital gains are not income of a perpetual care trust fund and shall be deposited in the trust fund as principal; providing that a specified restriction on the use of perpetual care trust funds to make loans or investments in the real property of a cemetery applies to the buildings and structures appurtenant to the property; clarifying that realized capital gains are income of a preneed trust account; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 102**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
Chapter 82      **Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

**PROCUREMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding the Secretary of Information Technology as a member of the Procurement Advisory Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 105**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
Chapter 83      **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – POWERS –**  
**AUTHORITY TO AWARD FUNDS AND MAKE AGREEMENTS**  
**WITH GRANTEES AND PAYEES**

Authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to award specified funds received from any person or government agency; authorizing the Commission to make agreements with a grantee or payee of funds, property, or services; requiring the Commission, in awarding specified funds, to use a specified process and evaluate proposals for funding using a panel that consists of specified individuals; and requiring the Commission to provide specified information on its Web site and submit a specified report to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 106**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
Chapter 84      **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene), et al**

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

Extending to December 31, 2016 the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; and altering to fiscal years through 2017 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, 2014

- HB 129**      **Delegate S. Robinson**  
Chapter 85      **PUBLIC ETHICS – CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – EXEMPTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS**
- Providing that the trustees and employees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust are exempt from the provisions of the Public Ethics Law subject to the adoption of conflict of interest provisions for nonprofit organizations; requiring the Trust to keep on file and make available for public inspection specified conflict of interest provisions; and making specified technical changes.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014
- HB 178**      **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**  
Chapter 86      **FAMILY LAW – ADOPTION, SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES – RELATIVES OF MINORS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT**
- Expanding search, contact, and reunion services to include contacting specified relatives of a minor in out-of-home placement to develop a placement resource or facilitate a family connection if the minor was adopted through a local department of social services and a local department determines that reunification with the minor's adoptive parents is not in the minor's best interests.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- HB 179**      **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**  
Chapter 87      **ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**
- Altering the membership requirements for adult public guardianship review boards.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 206**

Chapter 88

**Talbot County Delegation**

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 –  
TALBOT COUNTY – OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Oxford Community Center to consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 219**

Chapter 89

**Delegate Jameson, et al**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
COMMISSION – ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS**

Requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission, on a request of a party to a proceeding pending before the Commission, to issue a subpoena for specified purposes; authorizing the Commission to assess the whole cost of the proceeding against the requesting party if the Commission determines after an evidentiary hearing that the subpoena was requested in bad faith; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014**

**HB 238**

Chapter 90

**Delegate Cane**

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 –  
TALBOT COUNTY – EASTON HEAD START CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Easton Head Start Center to consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2013; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 246**

Chapter 91

**Delegate Malone, et al**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES FOR USED VEHICLES – PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police to establish the manner and format for the submission of an inspection certificate for the transfer of a used motor vehicle; establishing that the Division may authorize electronic submission of an inspection certificate for a used motor vehicle; requiring the Division to authorize the use of inspection certificate forms for the submission of an inspection certificate; requiring the Department to submit a specified report on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 255**

Chapter 92

**The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Program; authorizing the Program to disclose specified information to specified persons under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a direct full evaluation of the Program on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 258**      **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative  
Chapter 93      Services)**

STATE BOARD OF AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID  
DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS –  
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, 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 December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified General Assembly committees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**HB 270**      **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative  
Chapter 94      Services – Code Revision)**

GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code, to be designated and known as the “General Provisions Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to rules of interpretation, the form and administration of official oaths, the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, acquisition of land by the United States and jurisdiction of the State and United States over specified land, and the State seal, flag, emblems, designations, and commemorative days and months; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 300**      **Charles County Delegation  
Chapter 95**

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Specifying that a provision of law that prohibits the Charles County Board of License Commissioners from issuing specified licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within specified distances of specified schools applies to licenses with on–sale and off–sale privileges; providing the size of a sign be not less than 24 by 36 inches which the Charles County Board of License Commissioners is required to supply to specified applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 315**      **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**  
Chapter 96    **Administration)**

**EQUITY COURT JURISDICTION – IMMIGRANT CHILDREN –  
CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP**

Altering the jurisdiction of an equity court to include custody or guardianship of an immigrant child pursuant to a motion for Special Immigrant Juvenile factual findings requesting a specified determination; and defining the term “child” to mean an unmarried individual under the age of 21 years under specified circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 329**      **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 97    **FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING PERMITS**

Increasing to four the number of gaming events that a specified organization in Frederick County may hold in a calendar year in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 346**      **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 98    **Departmental – Planning)**

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – REVIEW OF CAPITAL  
PROJECTS – DUTIES OF DIRECTOR**

Clarifying the duties of the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust with respect to the review of specified capital projects; and clarifying the applicability of specified review requirements to specified categories of capital projects.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 459**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 99    **Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR  
PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians to provide education loan repayments to physician assistants who provide primary care in designated professional shortage areas under specified circumstances; and expanding the definition of “primary care” to include women’s health.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 467**      **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 100   **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS**

Repealing specified provisions of law regarding the issuance of a work permit by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a county superintendent of schools; authorizing a parent or guardian of a minor to apply for a work permit by completing a specified online application; and authorizing the Commissioner to issue a work permit under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 582**      **Delegates Beidle and Parrott**

Chapter 101   **LICENSED TREE EXPERTS – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a licensed tree expert to provide specified notice to the Department of Natural Resources of the status of any company that engages in the business or work of the treatment, care, or removal of trees under the tree expert's license and of the liability and property damage insurance and workers' compensation insurance carried by each company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 658**      **Delegate Carter, et al**

Chapter 102   **JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT – STUDY ON APPEALS UNDER THE  
MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT**

Requiring the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government to study how to improve the administrative process for resolving appeals under the Maryland Public Information Act; requiring the Joint Committee to report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014





**HB 999**      **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative  
Chapter 106**   **Services – Code Revision)**

**CODE REVISION – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Revising, without substantive changes, specified provisions of the Annotated Code in order to effectuate the purposes of the Code Revision process; repealing as obsolete provisions of law relating to the time allowed for clerks of court and registers of wills to complete unfinished business on retirement; revising, without substantive change, provisions related to operation of stores by mining companies, the DNA Technology Fund, the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, open meetings of State boards and commissions; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**HB 1109**      **Delegate Swain, et al**  
**Chapter 107**   **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEARCH WARRANTS –  
PROCEDURES**

Requiring an application for a search warrant to be dated; providing the ways in which an application for a search warrant may be submitted to a judge; providing the ways in which an applicant for a search warrant and a judge may converse about a search warrant application; providing the ways in which a judge may issue a search warrant; requiring a judge to file a copy of a specified search warrant, application, and affidavit with the court; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**HB 1381**      **Anne Arundel County Delegation**  
**Chapter 108**   **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY INCREASES**

Increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to \$128,657 for calendar year 2014 and \$133,000 for calendar year 2015, and each subsequent calendar year; repealing a specified requirement that the annual salary of the sheriff equal the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at a specified rate in the pay scale; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of the Act; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**HB 1403**      **Delegate Norman, et al**

Chapter 109      HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – BANKRUPTCY – INTEREST IN  
MANUFACTURED HOME

Altering specified provisions of law concerning an exemption for a specified amount in an individual's interest in owner-occupied, residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding to include an interest in a manufactured home that has been converted to real property in a specified manner; and applying the Act prospectively.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 1552**      **Wicomico County Delegation**

Chapter 110      WICOMICO COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – SALARIES

Increasing the salary of each judge of the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County from \$6,400 to \$9,500; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County while serving in a term of office beginning before October 1, 2014.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Sincerely,

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Executive Director