



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2014 Budget Bill – Effective April 5, 2014**

(Article III, § 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution states, “... the Budget Bill ..., when and as passed by both Houses, shall be a law immediately without further action by the Governor.”)

**SB 170            The President (By Request – Administration)**  
**Chapter 462      BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2015)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

## 2014 Chapters – Emergency Bills

(Article XVI, § 2 of the Maryland Constitution provides that a law may take effect immediately on signature by the Governor if it contains provisions declaring it “an emergency law ... necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety ...” and if it has received a three-fifths vote for passage in each House of the General Assembly.)

**SB 134            The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

**Chapter 1**

**MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN – ACCESS FOR  
BRIDGE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to include decreasing uncompensated care costs by providing access to affordable, comprehensive health benefits for specified bridge eligible individuals; providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund revenue be used to subsidize health insurance coverage for specified bridge eligible individuals; etc.

**SB 16            Senator Klausmeier, et al**

**Chapter 4**

**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.

- 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.
- SB 152**  
**Chapter 40**                    **Senator Colburn**  
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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

**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.

**SB 247**            **Senator Frosh, et al**

**Chapter 48**

**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.

**HB 73**            **Delegate Simmons, et al**

**Chapter 49**

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- 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.
- SB 641**  
**Chapter 67**      **Senator Mathias, et al**  
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.
- HB 625**  
**Chapter 68**      **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
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.
- 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.

- HB 206**                    **Talbot County Delegation**  
**Chapter 88**                **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.
- HB 238**                    **Delegate Cane**  
**Chapter 90**                **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.
- 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.
- SB 86**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 127**                **Departmental – Transportation)**
- VEHICLE LAWS – SIZE, WEIGHT, AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS**
- Exempting vehicles owned by or under contract with the State or a political subdivision of the State engaged in emergency snow or ice removal from provisions of law governing size, weight, and axle load limits; repealing a provision of law that authorizes the State Highway Administration to issue limited duration special vehicle permits in exceptional cases of vehicles exceeding size or weight limits; and making the Act an emergency measure.

- SB 221**                    **Senator Middleton**  
**Chapter 146**                **FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZED USE**
- Increasing from 10 to 25 miles the radius from a farm within which a person may operate on a highway a vehicle registered as a farm area motor vehicle; requiring an applicant for registration of a farm area motor vehicle to submit with the application specified federal tax documentation of active farming status; making the Act an emergency measure; and providing the Act to remain effective for 5 years from the date of enactment at which time the Act is abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- HB 595**                    **Delegate Niemann, et al**  
**Chapter 233**                **REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – CERTIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
- Providing that no person may require, as a condition of a sale or transfer of owner-occupied residential property to a certified community development financial institution, any affidavit, statement, agreement, or addendum that limits ownership or occupancy of the property by the immediately preceding mortgagor or grantor under specified circumstances; exempting a certified community development financial institution from specified homeowners in foreclosure protection laws; and making the Act an emergency measure.
- HB 882**                    **Delegate Malone**  
**Chapter 241**                **MOTOR VEHICLES – LOW SPEED VEHICLES – POWER SOURCE**
- Altering the definition of the term “low speed vehicle” as it applies to the Maryland Vehicle Law to mean a motor vehicle with a specified maximum speed capability regardless of how the vehicle is powered; and making the Act an emergency measure.

- HB 1164**      **Delegate Luedtke, et al**  
**Chapter 246**    **MARYLAND COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY STANDARDS AND PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW WORKGROUP**
- Establishing the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Implementation Review Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to assess specified needs, design specified plans, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report of its findings to the Governor, the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2014; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
- HB 1530**      **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 254**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – UNPAID CHARGES**
- Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to establish specified procedures by which an owner of residential property, that is also the primary residence of the owner, may apply for a waiver or an extension of time to pay specified charges, including a method by which the owner may appeal a specified decision of the Commission to the Board of County Commissioners or an entity designated by the Board of County Commissioners; and making the Act an emergency measure.
- HB 1531**      **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 255**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES – VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS – EXEMPTION**
- Exempting specified property owned by either a regularly organized volunteer fire department or a volunteer rescue squad from the imposition of specified water or sewer service charges by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; and making the Act an emergency measure.

- SB 846**                    **Senator Jones–Rodwell**  
**Chapter 346**                **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2014**
- Specifying that the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City consists of one alternate and three regular members; authorizing the Board to waive a food requirement for a restaurant operated by a not–for–profit organization in a specified area of the City; authorizing the Board to waive specified restrictions on license transfers; prohibiting, beginning July 1, 2015, a new alcoholic beverages license from being issued and an existing license from being transferred into a specified area; etc.
- HB 831**                    **Delegate Branch, et al**  
**Chapter 347**                **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2014**
- Authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to waive specified food and location restrictions; prohibiting, beginning July 1, 2015, specified alcoholic beverages licenses from being issued within or transferred into a specified area; requiring the Board annually to establish performance measures for specified activities; providing that specified employees of the Board are in the classified civil service of the City; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
- HB 1476**                    **Delegate Jones**  
**Chapter 458**                **MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2008 –  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – THE EMMART–PIERPOINT SAFE  
HOUSE**
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 to alter the purpose for which a specified grant may be used; changing the name of a grantee from the Emmart–Pierpoint Safe House to the Friends of Historical Cherry Hill Church AUMP for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, restoration, and capital equipping of the Cherry Hill Church, located in Baltimore County; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**HB 693** Delegate Bromwell, et al**Chapter 610****HEALTH INSURANCE – ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS –  
PEDIATRIC DENTAL BENEFITS**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to certify stand-alone dental plans for sale outside the Exchange; requiring a stand-alone dental plan to be reviewed and approved by the Maryland Insurance Administration as meeting specified requirements to be certified for sale outside the Exchange; providing that a health benefit plan offered by a health insurance carrier outside the Exchange to individuals or small employers is not required to include specified pediatric dental benefits under specified circumstances; etc.