

April 14, 2015

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 14, 2015, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., 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 30

Chapter 3

Senator Peters

PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION – AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Requiring a unit awarding a contract with a specified goal of veteran-owned small business participation to comply with specified requirements depending on the type of procurement being conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 61

Chapter 4

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al

ACTIVE ARMED FORCES MEMBER – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR CERTAIN COURT RECORDS

Requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified papers or records requested by an active armed forces member or by the United States government if the copy is to be used in connection with a claim of the member against the United States government; and requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified marriage records of an active armed forces member that are requested under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 69

Chapter 5

Senator Conway

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – STERILE COMPOUNDING – COMPLIANCE BY NONRESIDENT PHARMACIES AND REPEAL OF PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that specified entities hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before engaging in activities relating to sterile compounding; repealing the requirement that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State hold a specified permit; repealing the qualifications, fees, and other requirements for applying for a sterile compounding permit; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 74

Chapter 6

Senator Feldman, et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

Establishing the Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2016; and terminating the Act after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 76

Chapter 7

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – NONCONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – DEFINITION

Clarifying that the definition of “noncontributory pension benefit”, as it relates to the State Retirement and Pension System, does not include the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 77 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**
Chapter 8

COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – FALSE FINANCING STATEMENTS

Prohibiting a person from causing a financing statement to be filed or recorded with a filing office under specified circumstances; requiring a filing office to accept for filing a financing statement that meets specified requirements and send a specified notice in a specified manner to specified persons under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified person to submit a specified affidavit stating specified information; requiring a filing office to send a specified notice if the filing office receives a specified affidavit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 97 **Senator Norman, et al**
Chapter 9

ELECTION LAW – COUNTING OF PROPERLY CAST BALLOTS

Requiring a ballot properly cast by a voter who dies before the ballot is canvassed to be counted in full unless a law or regulation requires that it be fully or partially rejected for a reason unrelated to the death of the voter; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 102 **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 10

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONVESTED FORMER MEMBERS

Requiring specified accumulated contributions of nonvested former members to be transferred into a specified fund; providing that specified accumulated contributions shall be paid to specified former members under specified circumstances; requiring specified transferred accumulated contributions to be paid to specified nonvested former members from a specified fund under specified circumstances; making conforming changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 104**
Chapter 11 **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT
- Altering the positions eligible for membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals who elect to transfer from the Employees' Retirement System; altering specified eligibility requirements for a normal service retirement allowance for members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; altering eligibility requirements for a deferred vested retirement allowance for members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 109**
Chapter 12 **Senator Conway**
TASK FORCE TO STUDY SMALL AND MINORITY DESIGN FIRM PARTICIPATION IN STATE PROCUREMENT
- Establishing the Task Force to Study Small and Minority Design Firm Participation in State Procurement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to determine specific measures to ensure equitable participation by small and minority design firms in State-funded projects and other specified measures; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- SB 110**
Chapter 13 **Senator Middleton, et al**
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES – DEFINITION
- Altering the definition of “low intensity support services” as it relates to the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration to include a child or an adult who is living in the home, or an adult who is living in the community, and who has a severe chronic disability that is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments and is likely to continue indefinitely; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 122

Chapter 14

Senator Eckardt, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS

Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 540

Chapter 15

Delegate Mautz

PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS

Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 142

Chapter 16

Senator Pugh, et al

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANIES – ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the authority of a premium finance company, with respect to specified motor vehicle insurance, personal insurance, and commercial insurance, to assign rights and obligations under a premium finance agreement and to pledge a premium finance agreement as collateral for a loan.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 148**
Chapter 17 **Senator Klausmeier**
OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PRENEED BURIAL
CONTRACTS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT
- Increasing the time period, from 120 to 150 days, within which a seller of preneed goods or preneed services who is subject to the preneed trust account requirements is required to submit a report regarding preneed burial contracts and preneed trust accounts to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 178**
Chapter 18 **Senators Kasemeyer and Waugh**
ESTATE TAX – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT SCHEDULE –
PENALTY PROHIBITION
- Prohibiting a specified penalty for late payment of the Maryland estate tax if an alternative payment schedule is allowed by the Comptroller and the tax is paid in accordance with the alternative payment schedule; and providing that the Act will apply to an estate that applies for an alternative payment schedule for payment of the Maryland estate tax on or after July 1, 2015, and receives approval by the Comptroller to pay the estate tax in accordance with an alternative payment schedule.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 215**
Chapter 19 **Senator Astle**
PILOTS – RECREATIONAL VESSELS – EMPLOYMENT
REQUIREMENT
- Requiring that a recreational vessel that meets specified parameters employ a licensed pilot to pilot the vessel when it is underway on the navigable waters of the State; defining a specified term; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 217** **Senator Kelley**
Chapter 20 SPECIAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUSTS –
AUTHORIZATION TO FUND
- Providing that specified provisions of law concerning regulations adopted by specified State agencies regarding special or supplemental needs trusts may not be interpreted to require a court order to authorize the funding of a special or supplemental needs trust.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 222** **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**
Chapter 21 **Services)**
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
- Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 223** **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**
Chapter 22 **Services)**
ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL
- Correcting specified errors or omissions in specified articles of 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; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 241** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 23 HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPLIES – REQUIRED
- Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified equipment and supplies used for the treatment of ostomies; providing that the required coverage may be subject to specified deductibles and coinsurance; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans subject to the Act that are issued, delivered or renewed on or after October 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 320

Senator Nathan–Pulliam

Chapter 24

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE –
WORKGROUP TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO UTERINE
FIBROIDS**

Requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine to convene a workgroup that includes representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified experts and interested stakeholders to study issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State; requiring the workgroup to examine specified issues; and requiring, on or before June 30, 2016, the University of Maryland School of Medicine to report specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 325

Senator Pugh

Chapter 25

**LIFE INSURERS – RESERVE INVESTMENTS – LOANS
SECURED BY REAL ESTATE**

Altering the maximum term, to not more than 30 years, of specified loans on specified nonresidential and nonfarm real estate that a life insurer may include in its reserve investments; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 339

Senator Conway

Chapter 26

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – BELVEDERE
SQUARE**

Repealing a prohibition on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within and the transfer of an existing alcoholic beverages license into a specified area beginning July 1, 2015; prohibiting an existing Class A license from being transferred into specified areas beginning July 1, 2015; and authorizing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a specified area under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 362 **Calvert County Senators**

Chapter 27

CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$51,925,000 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, 2015

SB 371 **Senator Rosapepe**

Chapter 28

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS

Requiring the State Highway Administration, under specified circumstances, to make a determination on whether to designate specified areas as bicycle and pedestrian priority areas by specified dates; clarifying that the Administration and a local government each must make a specified designation before a specified plan is required to be implemented; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 401 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 29

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION – CONNECTING BUILDINGS TO WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – DETECTABLE WIRES

Requiring that any new or replacement piping that is buried or installed for the purpose of connecting a building to a water supply system or sewerage system be buried or installed with an insulated copper tracer wire that is suitable for direct burial and has an American wire gauge (AWG) of at least 10, or an equivalent product that makes the piping detectable; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 418

Senator Lee

Chapter 30

ESTATES – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION – FINAL REPORT AND DISTRIBUTION – EXTENSION

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, a register of wills to extend the time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate for an additional specified period on the filing of a specified request; requiring a request for the extension to be signed by the personal representative and consented to by each interested person; requiring the request to be delivered to the register of wills no later than a specified date; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 423

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 31

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TOWNE CENTRE AT LAUREL – CLASS A LICENSE

Increasing the maximum number of specified Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to convert a specified Class B-DD alcoholic beverages license to be a specified Class A alcoholic beverages license to be issued to an establishment located within the Towne Centre at Laurel; prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners from issuing more than a specified number of Class B-DD (Development District) licenses under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 432

Senator Peters

Chapter 32

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – COMBINATION OF SERVICE – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the manner in which a member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System may combine specified prior eligibility service with the member's current service; clarifying that specified prior service does not need to be subject to a different rate of member contributions; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 442

Senator Eckardt

Chapter 33

**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – DORCHESTER COUNTY
SANITARY COMMISSION – ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT**

Adding the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission as an eligible governmental unit in the Employees' Pension System; and providing that specified individuals are subject to the alternate contributory pension benefit in the Employees' Pension System in the same manner as specified other individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 449

Senator Conway

Chapter 34

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS, AND ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS –
LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified criminal history records checks for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, radiation oncology/therapy, medical radiation, and nuclear medicine technologists, polysomnographic technologists, athletic trainers, perfusionists, and naturopathic practitioners; requiring, beginning October 1, 2016, specified criminal history records checks for specified annual renewal applicants and former licensees who file for reinstatement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 450

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 35

**HEALTH INSURANCE – EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS
FORMS – METHODS FOR SUBMISSION**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to permit an insured, a subscriber, or a member to submit a claim for reimbursement for specified expenses by first-class mail and by facsimile transmission or through a Web site; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations annually to provide a specified notice and instructions on how to submit a claim by facsimile transmission or through a secure Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 465
Chapter 36

Senator Klausmeier, et al

CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to take specified actions relating to a subsidiary for specified purposes subject to specified requirements and under specified circumstances; altering the staggering of terms of members of the Board; authorizing the Governor to remove specified members for incompetence or misconduct; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to remove specified members under specified circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 498
Chapter 37

Senator Montgomery, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or other State or local agency to conduct an inventory of specified sexual assault kit evidence on or before January 1, 2016; requiring a specified agency to prepare a report regarding untested sexual assault evidence collection kits on or before March 1, 2016; requiring the report to be submitted to the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified report and specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 541
Chapter 38

Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes specified construction and is located in a specified food desert retail incentive area; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 553 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 39 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MOTOR CLUBS – SCOPE OF LAW – FEES

Providing that specified entities are not regulated as motor clubs in the State; requiring specified information to be filed in the application for a motor club; providing for the contents of a motor club service contract; and prohibiting a person from representing that the person is licensed or authorized to provide motor club services unless the person holds a license issued by the Insurance Commissioner, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 555 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 40 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

LIFE INSURANCE – CASH SURRENDER VALUES –
SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Providing that the effects on the basic cash value of supplemental life insurance, annuity benefits, or family coverage as described under specified provisions of law shall be the same as the effects on cash surrender values under those provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 596 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 41 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SURVEYS, INSPECTIONS, AND
EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to survey freestanding ambulatory care facilities in accordance with federal regulations, with an exception; requiring the Department to survey each freestanding birthing center at least once per calendar year; requiring the Department to inspect the operations of each home health agency at least every 3 years; altering the frequency from two times to once each year at which the Department must make a site visit and conduct a survey of each licensed nursing home; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 602

Chapter 42

Senator Miller, et al

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Establishing the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; requiring the Council to develop a statewide framework of sentencing and corrections policies to further reduce the State's incarcerated population, reduce spending on corrections and reinvest in strategies for specified purposes; requiring the Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 604

Chapter 43

Senator King, et al

HUMAN RELATIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – PROTECTION FOR INTERNS

Establishing specified protections for interns and applicants for internships from specified discriminatory acts; providing that a specified intern has access to a specified complaint resolution procedure or, under specified circumstances, may file a complaint with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights for specified nonmonetary administrative remedies; providing that the Act does not create an employment relationship between an employer and an intern for the purposes of specified remedies or specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 626

Chapter 44

Senators Montgomery and Lee

REGISTERED NURSES – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONALLY PREPARING AND DISPENSING DRUGS AND DEVICES

Requiring specified registered nurses who personally prepare and dispense specified drugs and devices in local health departments in accordance with specified provisions of law or to specified patients to comply with a specified formulary and specified requirements; establishing the Committee on Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices by Registered Nurses in Local Health Departments; providing for the composition, terms, chair, and staffing of the Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 641**
Chapter 45 **Senator Klausmeier**
PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
OUTCOMES PARTNERSHIP FUND
- Altering the definition of “eligible populations” to allow funds from the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund to be used for services provided to drug offenders under the supervision of the problem solving courts; altering the information an applicant is required to include in a request for Partnership funding; authorizing a participating county, under specified circumstances, to use Partnership funding to continue or expand funding for eligible functions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 685**
Chapter 46 **Senator Benson, et al**
FAMILY LAW – INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR FOSTER
CHILDREN AND FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN
- Requiring the juvenile court to determine whether a local department made a reasonable effort, for a child at least 18 years of age, to enroll the child in health insurance that will continue after the child is emancipated, screen and assist the child with eligibility for public assistance, and establish a plan for stable housing for at least 12 months and sufficient income after emancipation; requiring a local department to advise a child before emancipation of the right to reenter care and procedures for reentering care; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 689**
Chapter 47 **Senator Benson, et al**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – DEPUTY
SHERIFFS
- Extending a specified tax rate reduction under the Prince George’s County transfer tax to the sale of specified property to a Prince George’s County deputy sheriff under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 702**
Chapter 48 **Senator Jennings, et al**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOMES
NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
- Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a credit against the county property tax for owner-occupied residential real property within a specified proximity to a specified refuse disposal system; prohibiting the governing body of Baltimore County from granting a credit for taxable years beginning after a specified date; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- SB 707**
Chapter 49 **Senator Eckardt**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX RETURNS – MANUFACTURERS
AND WHOLESALERS – DUE DATE
- Allowing the Comptroller to specify, by regulation, the dates on which alcoholic beverage manufacturers or wholesalers with specified sales, deliveries, or transfers of specified alcoholic beverages must file an alcoholic beverage tax return; and requiring that any filing date established by the Comptroller must be a least 5 days later than a specified day specified for filing an alcoholic beverage tax return.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 763**
Chapter 50 **Senator Peters, et al**
TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM
- Requiring the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2015, through October 30, 2015, for civil penalties and half the interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a specified waiver under specified circumstances; providing that the amnesty program does not apply to specified taxpayers under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 770**
Chapter 51 **Senator Astle**
INSURANCE – MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO SELL INSURANCE
- Applying specified provisions of law relating to employees of a motor vehicle rental company that holds a specified limited lines license to authorized representatives of the motor vehicle rental company; requiring a motor vehicle rental company that holds a specified limited lines license to maintain a specified register and to make the register available for inspection by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner as the Commissioner requires; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 802**
Chapter 52 **Senator Cassilly, et al**
TRANSPORTATION – DEDICATION OF STRUCTURES (HERO’S HIGHWAY ACT)
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure under the jurisdiction of the Department to a specified deceased member of the armed forces or an emergency responder who died in the line of duty; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 466**
Chapter 53 **Delegate Folden, et al**
TRANSPORTATION – DEDICATION OF STRUCTURES (HERO’S HIGHWAY ACT)
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure under the jurisdiction of the Department to a specified deceased member of the armed forces or an emergency responder who died in the line of duty; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- SB 818**
Chapter 54 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – TRANSFER OR
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES
- Applying specified provisions of law relating to the issuance of a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine and liquor license in a specified location in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue or allow the transfer of a specified license for a proposed establishment in a specified location only if the Board has executed a specified memorandum of understanding with a specified community association; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 886**
Chapter 55 **Senators Hough and Young**
FREDERICK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015
(STRENGTHENING FREDERICK MUNICIPALITIES)
- Removing Frederick County from the list of counties required to grant specified property tax setoffs to municipal corporations; requiring the governing body of Frederick County to annually meet and discuss with the governing body of each municipal corporation in the county the county property tax rate to be set for assessments of property; requiring, if the county and the municipal corporation fail to reach an agreement, the county to grant a tax setoff in accordance with the formula used in the preceding taxable year; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 5**
Chapter 56 **Delegate O’Donnell, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT
- Establishing the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Fund; requiring the Secretary to pay specified fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified fees to the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a specified provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 49 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial
Chapter 57** **Conference)**

**CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – WATER AND SEWER LIEN
REGISTERS – FEES**

Repealing a requirement that specified water and sewer authorities pay a fee of 5 cents for each entry to the clerk of a circuit court in the county where the specified real estate is located to record a lien in a specified lien register.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 67 **The Speaker, et al**
Chapter 58 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MANDATED REPORTS BY STATE
AGENCIES**

Repealing provisions of law that require State agencies to submit reports to the General Assembly that are deemed obsolete, duplicative, impractical, inefficient, or otherwise unnecessary; combining specified reporting requirements with other more extensive annual reports required to be submitted by State agencies; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with agencies of the State government, to periodically review and make recommendations regarding specified reports that may no longer be warranted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 68 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 59** **Services)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM
EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators by repealing 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 relating to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 82

Chapter 60

Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FREE–PLAY PINBALL MACHINES –
PLACEMENT RESTRICTIONS – REPEAL MC 2–15

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits, in Montgomery County, more than two free–play pinball machines that are not in locked storage and are available for public use from being kept on the same floor of a building.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 88

Chapter 61

Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
REFILLABLE WINE CONTAINERS MC 19–15

Making specified provisions of law relating to refillable containers applicable with respect to wine in Montgomery County; establishing a refillable wine container permit in Montgomery County; authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to a holder of a license that entitles the holder to sell wine for off–premises consumption under specified circumstances; specifying the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 89

Chapter 62

Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
BD–BWL LICENSE MC 18–15

Establishing a Class BD–BWL alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County; authorizing the Board to issue a refillable container permit renewable yearly concurrently with the renewal of a Class BD–BWL license; providing that the terms and hours of sale of a refillable container permit are the same as the underlying license; requiring an applicant, prior to obtaining a BD–BWL license, to attest to a specified proportion of future food and alcoholic beverage sales under specified circumstances; setting an annual license fee of \$3,500; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 91 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 63 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – LAYTONSVILLE MC 12–15

Repealing a provision relating to the issuance, renewal, and transfer of specified Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses for use in Laytonsville in Montgomery County; and authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue, renew, and transfer a specified number of Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Laytonsville.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 92 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 64 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE
AUCTION PERMITS MC 9–15

Repealing a prohibition against the issuance of a wine auction permit in Montgomery County; and authorizing a holder of a wine auction permit to receive and sell wine obtained from specified sources.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 93 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 65 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 1-DAY
LICENSE FOR SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND YOUTH
CENTERS MC 10–15

Specifying that restrictions on the issuance of a license to sell alcoholic beverages within a specified distance of a secondary or elementary school, place of worship, or specified youth center do not apply to the issuance of a special 1-day license for use on the premises of a secondary or elementary school, place of worship, or specified youth center.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 95

Chapter 66

Montgomery County Delegation

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG – LICENSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RESTAURANTS – DISTANCE FROM CHURCHES OR OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP MC 23–15

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote to approve an application for a Class B beer, wine and liquor license for a restaurant located in the City of Gaithersburg in Montgomery County that meets specified other requirements; and specifying that the Class B beer, wine and liquor license authorizes the license holder to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 106

Chapter 67

Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL LAW – ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE MC 11–15

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to adopt an ordinance to prohibit littering under the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law and to impose specified criminal and civil penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 123

Chapter 68

Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – RESIDENTIAL RETENTION PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – MODIFICATION

Providing an exemption from a prohibition against specified homeowners receiving specified property tax credits under specified circumstances; and providing for the application and termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 131

Chapter 69

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TRANSFER TO JUVENILE COURT – PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT

Requiring a petition for expungement of a criminal charge that has been transferred to the juvenile court to be filed in the court of original jurisdiction from which the order of transfer was entered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 134**
Chapter 70 **Charles County Delegation**
CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEW OR EXPANDING BUSINESSES
- Authorizing Charles County or a municipal corporation in Charles County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is leased by a new or expanding business that creates 10 or more full-time jobs in an industry targeted for expansion by the Charles County Economic Development Commission.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 139**
Chapter 71 **Delegate Beitzel**
GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES
- Repealing a provision of law making Sunday sales by holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County contingent on the consumer placing an order for a meal at a specified time or the consumer being otherwise entitled to a meal on the premises as part of a prearranged event; making a technical change; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 145**
Chapter 72 **Howard County Delegation**
HOWARD COUNTY – APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD – COMPENSATION HO. CO. 6–15
- Providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 150**
Chapter 73 **Delegate Morhaim**
SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL – CHARITABLE ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION OF CHARITABLE ASSETS – WORKGROUP REPORTS – EXTENSION
- Extending the due date on the final report from July 1, 2015, to December 1, 2016, of the workgroup convened by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to study information that should be reported to the Secretary of State by charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising counsel.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 179 **Delegate Barron**

Chapter 74

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS –
FAILURE TO PASS LICENSURE EXAMINATION –
PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

Prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant who fails the examination for licensure six times from retaking the examination and being licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 182 **Delegates Lafferty and Rosenberg**

Chapter 75

HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION –
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS

Authorizing the Community Development Administration to make a residential mortgage loan for the refinancing of a residential mortgage loan under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications for specified financial assistance to a homeowner under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 201 **Delegate S. Robinson**

Chapter 76

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND
PARKING PLACARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
– LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Authorizing a licensed physical therapist to certify specified medical conditions of an applicant for a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates and for specified parking placards; requiring the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to be responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system with which the Motor Vehicle Administration can interface and verify licensure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 245 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 81

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY PERMIT – HOURS OF SALE

Authorizing a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County who has been granted a Sunday opening permit to sell specified alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at a specified event that the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners has approved; providing that the Board set the hours for the event; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 284 **Delegate Flanagan, et al**

Chapter 82

ELECTION LAW – LOCAL PETITIONS – ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF LOCAL LAW OR CHARTER AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to determine the sufficiency of a summary of a local law or charter amendment contained in a petition when determining the sufficiency of the format of the petition; requiring an election director to provide the sponsor of a petition with an explanation of the reasons for a determination that a summary of a local law or charter amendment is insufficient; requiring the election director to make the determination within 10 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 286 **Delegates O'Donnell and Fisher**

Chapter 83

CALVERT AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES – SCENIC BYWAYS – SIGNS

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a scenic byway on a federal-aid primary highway in Calvert County or St. Mary's County in conformance with federal law if the sign was erected on or before January 1, 2008, or is a directional sign for a facility that sells principally local agricultural or aquacultural products and is located within a 5-mile radius of the sign; establishing specified standards for a sign erected under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 296 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 84

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 316 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 85

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSES IN TAKOMA PARK MC 29–15**

Altering the name of specified licenses that were issued in a portion of the City of Takoma Park that was formerly part of Prince George’s County; repealing a prohibition against the issuance of a specified license in Takoma Park; making conforming changes; providing for the issuance of specified licenses under specified circumstances on or after July 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 328 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 86

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES**

Exempting a specified application for an alcoholic beverages license in Harford County from a requirement for a specified certificate signed by a specified number of citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 329 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 87

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTORS

Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board and general manager to appoint alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created licenses; and repealing provisions of law governing the authority of the Board and general manager to appoint additional alcoholic beverages inspectors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 358

Chapter 88

Delegate Jameson

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL – NOTICE

Altering the time period from 30 to 45 days within which an insurer, except under specified circumstances, must serve a specified notice on an employer and file a copy of the notice with a specified individual if the insurer is canceling or refusing to renew a workers' compensation insurance policy before its expiration; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

HB 399

Chapter 89

Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS DBR LICENSE

Establishing a Class DBR license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class DBR license to a holder of a Class 5 manufacturer's (brewery) license; specifying that a holder of a Class DBR license is not required to sell food, but is required to provide prepackaged snacks; authorizing the holder of a Class DBR license to sell not more than 500 barrels of beer per year for on-premises consumption; providing for the hours of sale and an annual license fee of \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 424

Chapter 90

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION PERMITS HO. CO. 05-15

Authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit and a special event – education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages permit; specifying that a specified special event – education alcoholic beverages permit may be issued to a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license; authorizing a holder of a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit to provide specified alcoholic beverages under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 456**
Chapter 91 **Delegate Morales, et al**
WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 527**
Chapter 92 **Harford County Delegation**
HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
Altering specified residency requirements for specified business applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County to require the applicant to be a bona fide resident of Harford County for at least 1 year before filing the applicant; requiring the applicant to remain a resident as long as the license is in effect; altering a requirement that a specified applicant for specified alcoholic beverages licenses own a specified percentage of a specified business; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 549**
Chapter 93 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS
Requiring video lottery operation licensees to provide specified notices to obligors who win specified prizes and who owe restitution; requiring video lottery operation licensees to make specified payments, withhold specified amounts, honor specified requests in a specified order, and transfer specified amounts under specified circumstances; authorizing specified obligors to appeal specified proposed transfers; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 556 **Delegate Pendergrass**
Chapter 94 STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
REVISIONS

Altering the frequency, from annual to once every 2 years, with which specified officers of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists must be elected; altering specified qualifications for a specified license; altering specified requirements for applying for a specified license; altering specified education requirements for qualification to take a specified examination; authorizing the Board to waive a specified examination requirement if the applicant is recognized as outstanding in the field of environmental health; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 558 **Delegate Clippinger**
Chapter 95 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS –
SAVINGS PROMOTION RAFFLES

Altering the circumstances under which specified depository institutions may conduct a savings promotion raffle; repealing a requirement that a depository institution that offers a savings promotion raffle must post in specified locations and disclose in specified materials a specified statement describing the terms and conditions of the raffle; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation must approve a savings promotion raffle conducted by a banking institution; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 565 **Delegates Bromwell and Kipke**
Chapter 96 INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – DISABILITY INSURANCE

Authorizing the use of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance coverage under specified circumstances; providing that the procurement of specified disability insurance through surplus lines insurance is subject to specified requirements; providing that the Act applies to all policies and contracts of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 589 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 97

**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CERTIFICATION FOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

Requiring the Treasurer of Charles County, instead of the Office of the County Supervisor of Assessments, to prepare a certification showing the value of specified merchandise, fixtures, and stock-in-trade, as certified to the county by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, for a business for which an application is made for a specified alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 591 Delegate Miele, et al

Chapter 98

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – REFILLS OF
PRESCRIPTIONS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist, during a state of emergency, may refill a prescription for a drug for which the refill has not been authorized; providing that a pharmacist who is working in Maryland, instead of the area declared an emergency, may refill the prescription if the federal or any state government, instead of the federal or this State's government, has declared a state of emergency; increasing the maximum quantity from a 14-day to a 30-day supply that may be dispensed under the prescription refill; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 598 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 99

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – RAFFLES – CHARITABLE
FOUNDATIONS PG 301–15**

Authorizing a raffle to be conducted in Prince George's County by a specified charitable foundation affiliated with a professional football team that plays its home games in the county; setting no limitation on the number of raffle permits that may be issued in a year; authorizing the charitable foundation to set the price of raffle tickets; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 666** **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 100 MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – CREDITORS’
 CLAIMS – LIMITATIONS
- Providing that, under specified circumstances, property of a specified trust is not subject to, and a trustee and beneficiaries of that trust may not be held liable for, specified claims of creditors of the settlor; providing that the publication of specified notice by the trustee in a specified manner shall afford the trust property, the trustee, and the beneficiaries specified protections under specified provisions of law barring specified claims after a specified period of time; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 705** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 101 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
 PENALTIES PG 304–15
- Altering the fine to not more than \$1,500 for a first offense that the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners may impose for a violation that is cause for suspension or revocation of a license under specified alcoholic beverages laws; requiring, except under specified circumstances, the board to suspend a license for 30 days under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 748** **Delegate Saab, et al**
Chapter 102 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY –
 PHARMACIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE – DEFINITION
- Altering the definition of “pharmacist rehabilitation committee”, for purposes of provisions of law governing pharmacist rehabilitation committees, to provide that it is a group that includes at least one pharmacist instead of a group, the majority of which is comprised of pharmacists.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 786** **Delegate Davis, et al**
Chapter 103 **SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LIEN – PROCEDURES**
- Altering specified notice procedures required to enforce a lien on specified property stored in a leased space at a self-service storage facility; requiring a specified agreement to contain a specified statement; establishing that the balance of proceeds from a specified sale is presumed abandoned under specified circumstances; altering specified procedures required for the administration of specified proceeds from a specified sale.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 828** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
Chapter 104 **ESTATE TAX – FILING OF TAX RETURNS**
- Altering specified requirements for filing specified estate tax returns so as to require them to be filed with the Comptroller only.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 835** **Washington County Delegation**
Chapter 105 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT**
- Establishing a refillable container permit in Washington County; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to the holders of specified licenses for specified fees and subject to specified requirements; specifying permit fees; specifying that the hours of sale for the permit begin at the same time as those for the license already held by the person to whom the refillable container permit is issued; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 844** **Delegate Branch, et al**
Chapter 106 **MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – SMALL BUSINESS SURETY BOND PROGRAM**
- Increasing from \$1,350,000 to \$2,250,000 the maximum amount that the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority may guarantee a surety under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; and increasing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 the maximum amount of specified bonds that the Financing Authority may execute and perform as a surety under its surety program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 845 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 107

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B CAFE LICENSES

Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a special Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license; specifying an annual Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license fee of \$3,000; specifying that the Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license entitles the holder to sell beer and wine for consumption on and off the premises and liquor for consumption on the premises; requiring the Board to set the maximum amount of Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor licenses that it may issue; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 859 Delegate Bromwell, et al

Chapter 108

NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – HEARING AND ORDER – IMPACT OF LAW OR REGULATORY ACTION BY ANOTHER STATE

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to conduct an examination relating to the impact of a law of another state on a nonprofit health service plan operating in this state; adding a regulatory action by another state to the circumstances in which the Commissioner may hold a hearing or conduct an examination to review and evaluate the impact of the law or regulation on the nonprofit health service plan in this State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 864 Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 109

KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the number of regular members of the Kent County Board of Elections; requiring three regular members of the local board to be of the majority party, and two regular members to be of the principal minority party; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- HB 878** **Delegate Vaughn, et al**
Chapter 110 **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – DEFINITIONS – ATTEST
AND PRACTICE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**
- Altering the definitions of the terms “attest” and “practice certified public accountancy” as they relate to the Maryland Public Accountancy Act to include specified services and procedures performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 931** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 111 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –
SEVEN DAY SALES PG 318–15**
- Establishing a special Sunday off–sale permit in Prince George’s County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners, except under specified circumstances, to issue the permit to specified license holders; providing that no more than 100 permits may be active at any one time; requiring an applicant for a permit to commit to making a specified reinvestment in the business; and authorizing the permit holder to sell specified alcoholic beverages during a specified time on Sunday for consumption off the licensed premises.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 978** **Delegate Lam, et al**
Chapter 112 **HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND PRETEST
REQUIREMENTS – MODIFICATION**
- Altering specified requirements on health care providers before obtaining specified samples for the purpose of HIV testing; requiring consent for HIV testing to be included in a specified general informed consent for medical care in a specified category of tests; providing, subject to a specified exception, that a health care provider may not be required to obtain specified consent using a separate consent form; requiring a health care provider to make available specified materials to specified individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1028

Delegate Branch, et al

Chapter 113

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS AND BROKERS – FORMATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS

Authorizing specified licensed real estate salespersons and licensed associate real estate brokers, with the consent of a specified licensed real estate broker, to form a specified business entity; authorizing payment of compensation for the provision of real estate brokerage services to a specified business entity under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1035

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

Chapter 114

BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES

Requiring the tax collector in Baltimore City to withhold specified owner-occupied residential property from a tax sale when the taxes on the property are under \$750; exempting a person redeeming specified owner-occupied residential property in Baltimore City from the requirement that the person pay the tax collector any taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the date of the tax sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1056

Delegate Vaughn, et al

Chapter 115

REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS – CONTINUING EDUCATION – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a provision of law that requires specified licensed realtors to complete fewer overall clock hours of continuing education instruction than are generally required during specified licensing periods; requiring that specified mandated subject matter for continuing education courses be taken by a licensee during each licensing period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 1080** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 116 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – MULTIPLE–LINE
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS – DIRECT DIAL (KARI’S LAW)
- Requiring that, on or before December 31, 2017, a person that installs or operates a multiple–line telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 9–1–1 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to dial any other number or set of numbers; providing a specified exception for a unit of the Executive Branch of State government; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 1111** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 117 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**
- VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY – AREAS PROHIBITED TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS – EMPLOYEE EXCEPTION
- Allowing a video lottery employee who works for a video lottery operation licensee and is an adult to enter and remain in an area within a video lottery facility designated for table game or video lottery terminal activities if the video lottery employee is working; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 1114** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 118 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**
- STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY – RAFFLES – AUTHORIZED
- Altering the definition of “State lottery” to include a raffle conducted by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to enter into agreements to operate raffles with specified entities outside the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1115 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 119 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE – TEMPORARY LICENSE

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a temporary video lottery employee license to an applicant for a video lottery employee license; requiring an applicant to acknowledge that the State is not financially responsible if a temporary license is terminated; providing that the temporary license is valid for only 180 days; authorizing the Commission to extend the temporary license for an additional 180 days; authorizing the Commission to terminate a temporary license without a hearing for specified reasons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1226 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 120 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING – REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE REFERENCES

Replacing obsolete references to the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training with references to the Office of Apprenticeship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1227 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 121 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – EXAMINATION WAIVER REQUIREMENTS

Altering the requirements for waiver of an examination for a real estate appraiser license or a certificate to provide certified real estate appraisal services for specified applicants who are licensed or certified in another state; and repealing the requirement that the State Commission on Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors may only grant a waiver of specified examination requirements for an applicant for a license or certificate if the licensing or certifying state has the same examination waiver requirement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1241 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 122 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – PAYMENT OF
TOLLS AND RELATED FEES**

Altering procedures of the Maryland Transportation Authority for the collection of unpaid tolls through a notice of toll due administrative action and a citation; altering procedures for assessing a civil penalty; altering the contents of a specified citation; authorizing the Authority to waive portions of unpaid tolls and civil penalties until the Authority refers the debt to the Central Collection Unit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1244 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 123 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING COORDINATING
COUNCIL FOR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS – NAME
CHANGE**

Changing the name of the Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions to the Correctional Education Council.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director