

May 12, 2015

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 12, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., 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 595 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 311 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2015**

Requiring specified public charter schools to take specified steps to maintain a specified ratio as part of the initial cohort of students in a grade; authorizing specified public charter schools to give specified students a greater weight to the student's lottery status as part of the public charter school's admissions lottery; authorizing a county board to consider specified issues relating to school site and school building utilization when authorizing specified public charter schools to occupy specified sites or buildings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 485 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 312 **ELECTION LAW – FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND –
INCOME TAX CHECKOFF**

Requiring the Comptroller to establish a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which specified individuals may make a contribution to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; requiring the Comptroller to credit specified funds to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; providing that specified fees, fines and penalties that are assessed under the Election Law Article and the General Provisions Article be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 244 **Delegate Anderson, et al**

Chapter 313 **MARYLAND SECOND CHANCE ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing a person to petition the court to shield court records and police records relating to shieldable convictions no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies the sentence or sentences imposed for all convictions for which shielding is requested; providing that, if a person is convicted of a new crime during a specified time period, the original conviction or convictions are not eligible for shielding unless the new conviction becomes eligible for shielding; providing that shielded records remain accessible to specified entities; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 304 **Delegate Carter, et al**

Chapter 314 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS**

Repealing a provision of law that provides that a person is not entitled to expungement of the person's record if the petition for expungement is based on a specified case disposition other than a specified entry of a probation before judgment within 3 years and the person, since the disposition, has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or a specified crime; providing that a person is not entitled to expungement of the person's record if the person is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 582 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 315 **PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BY EX-OFFENDERS**

Establishing the Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex-Offenders to encourage the establishment of small businesses by individuals exiting the correctional system; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, to establish by January 1, 2016, a pilot training program for individuals exiting the correctional system; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 185

Senator McFadden

Chapter 316

HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – HATTIE N. HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Naming the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant for child care providers to be the grant known as the Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship; and generally relating to the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants for child care providers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1

Delegate Glenn, et al

Chapter 317

HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – HATTIE N. HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Naming the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant for child care providers to be the grant known as the Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 5

Senator Bates

Chapter 318

ELECTION LAW – CANVASS OF VOTES – PUBLIC OBSERVATION

Clarifying the definition of “canvass” as it applies to votes cast during early voting; providing that a board of canvassers and the staff of a local board may be observed as they complete each part of the canvass by authorized observers and any other individuals who wish to be present; providing that a candidate, a political party and any other group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate, principle, or proposition on the ballot has the right to designate a registered voter as an observer at each counting center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 13**
Chapter 319 **Senators Conway and Pinsky**
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FULLY ONLINE
DISTANCE EDUCATION – DEFINITION
- Altering the definition of “fully online distance education program” to mean a program, originating outside the State, offered by an out-of-state institution in which a student domiciled in Maryland enrolls, 51% or more of the program is offered through electronic distribution, and the Commission determines that the portion of the program offered at a location in the State, if any, does not require a specified certificate of approval; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- SB 44**
Chapter 320 **Senator Edwards, et al**
VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS
- Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 67**
Chapter 321 **Senator Lee**
CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION
- Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under specified provisions of law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 83**
Chapter 322 **Senator Simonaire**
ENVIRONMENT – VIBRIO PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN
- Requiring the Department of the Environment, after specified consultation, to develop and implement a specified public information campaign about the health risks associated with the Vibrio bacteria in the waters of the State on or before June 15, 2015; requiring the public information campaign to identify specified information relevant to Vibrio and Vibrio infections, to implement processes to ensure the medical community is properly notified and prepared for a Vibrio infection, and to provide a Web site for additional information; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 86

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 323

PUBLIC SAFETY – HIT AND RUN SUSPECTS – YELLOW ALERT PROGRAM

Requiring the Department of State Police to establish a Yellow Alert Program to provide a system for rapid dissemination of specified information to assist in locating and apprehending specified missing persons suspected of failing to remain at the scene of a vehicle accident under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt specified guidelines and develop specified procedures for issuing a Yellow Alert; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 135

Senator Astle

Chapter 324

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DETENTION OFFICERS

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Anne Arundel County detention officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring Anne Arundel County detention officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 145

Senator Zirkin

Chapter 325

CIVIL ACTIONS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION – REPEAL OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that a plaintiff file a specified certification with the court and serve the certification on an insurer or a person that has a self-insurance plan before the insurer or person with a self-insurance plan is required to provide the plaintiff with specified information on the last known home and business addresses of the defendant; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- SB 150** **Senator Hough, et al**
Chapter 326 COURTS – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION EFFORTS (ANAYAH’S LAW)
- Altering the circumstances under which a local department of social services may ask the court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the child’s parent or guardian are not required; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 157** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 327 CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT BY MINORS
- Altering the health care providers who provide consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder to which minors who are 16 years old and older have the same capacity as an adult to consent; providing that the capacity to consent does not include the capacity to refuse consultation, diagnosis, or treatment for a mental or emotional disorder by health care providers for which a specified individual has given consent; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 174** **Senator Eckardt**
Chapter 328 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
- Establishing the Behavioral Health Advisory Council in the Office of the Governor; providing the purpose of the Council is to promote a quality system of care that integrates specified practices and strategies to enhance behavioral health services across the State and to advocate for specified services that promote wellness and recovery for individuals with behavioral health disorders; requiring the submission of an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 187 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 329

WORKGROUP TO STUDY ACCESS TO OBSTETRIC SERVICES

Authorizing the Maryland Hospital Association, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, health occupations boards, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, and specified other entities and parties, to establish a workgroup to study access to obstetric services in the State; requiring the workgroup to develop a specified mechanism to evaluate specified factors and to make specified recommendations; requiring the workgroup to report to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 195 **Senators Eckardt and Reilly**

Chapter 330

**MENTAL HEALTH – VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY
ADMISSIONS – ASSENT AND CERTIFICATION BY
PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

Altering the circumstances under which a specified unit of a State facility may admit a minor under a specified provision of law for the treatment of a mental disorder to allow for the assent to the admission to be made by a psychiatric nurse practitioner and a physician; altering the requirement that a certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to a facility or Veterans' Administration hospital under specified provisions of law to allow for a psychiatric nurse practitioner to complete a certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 201 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 331

**STATE BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL
CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – REVISIONS**

Altering the requirements for the designation and appointment of a program administrator of a residential child care program; requiring the chief administrator or other appropriate program authority to forward to the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals a specified criminal history records check of a specified individual at a specified time; requiring the Board to evaluate the moral character of an acting residential child care program administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 204 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 332

**ELECTION LAW – PRIMARY ELECTION DATES IN THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR**

Altering the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; altering the date of the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; altering the deadline from 6 to 9 days after the filing dates for filing a petition to challenge a candidate's residency; clarifying specified provisions of law concerning the filling of specified vacancies in nomination; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 225 **Senator Reilly**

Chapter 333

**HIGHER EDUCATION – UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH
TUITION EXEMPTION – MODIFICATION**

Altering the definition of unaccompanied homeless youth by requiring specified documentation that establishes that the child or youth has had a consistent presence in the State for at least 1 year before enrollment in a public institution of higher education that is documented by school, employment, or other records; requiring a determination of homelessness by a specified individual; and requiring a financial aid administrator to annually make a specified verification.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 265 **Calvert County Senators**

Chapter 334

**CALVERT COUNTY – ELECTRONIC BINGO AND ELECTRONIC
TIP JARS – DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT
TAX REVENUES**

Extending through fiscal year 2019 a specified distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars in Calvert County; altering the amount of a specified distribution; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 269

Chapter 335

Senator Lee, et al

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ADDITIONAL RELIEF

Expanding the relief that may be awarded in a final protective order to include any other relief that a judge determines is necessary to protect a person eligible for relief from abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 288

Chapter 336

Senator Lee, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE AND ELDER ADULTS – PETITION TO FREEZE ASSETS

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a petition to freeze assets of a defendant charged with a specified financial crime involving a vulnerable or elder adult under specified circumstances; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules and include specified information; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be mailed to specified financial institutions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 737

Chapter 337

Delegate B. Wilson, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE AND ELDER ADULTS – PETITION TO FREEZE ASSETS

Authorizing a State's Attorney to file a petition to freeze assets of a defendant charged with a specified financial crime involving a vulnerable or elder adult under specified circumstances; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules and include specified information; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be mailed to specified financial institutions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- SB 315** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 338 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 2-YEAR PROTECTIVE ORDER
- Specifying that a court may issue a final protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under specified circumstances; and authorizing a judge, under specified circumstances, to extend the term of a protective order for a specified period of time if the respondent named in the protective order consents to the extension.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 331** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 339 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF
- Altering a specified definition of “public safety employee” to include a deputy sheriff in Baltimore County for purposes of providing enhanced compensation benefits under the Workers’ Compensation Law for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a specified number of weeks under specified circumstances; and providing the Act be applied prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 335** **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 340 COMMUNITY COLLEGES – VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – EXEMPTION FROM OUT-OF-COUNTY AND OUT-OF-REGION FEES
- Exempting victims of human trafficking from paying a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee for students who are not residents of the county and are victims of human trafficking; requiring a community college to collect specified information and report to the Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a specified annual report to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 847** **Delegate Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 341 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES – VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
– EXEMPTION FROM OUT-OF-COUNTY AND OUT-OF-
REGION FEES**
- Exempting victims of human trafficking from paying a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee for students who are not residents of the county and are victims of human trafficking; requiring a community college to collect specified information and report to the Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a specified annual report to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 344** **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 342 **PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY AND ALLERGY TREATMENT
PROGRAM**
- Altering the name of the Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Program to be the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program; establishing the program as a means of authorizing specified individuals to administer life-saving treatment to individuals who have severe adverse reactions to allergens or insect stings when physician or emergency medical services are not immediately available in a youth camp; authorizing specified certificate holders and agents to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to an individual under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 350** **Senator Edwards, et al**
Chapter 343 **PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL**
- Increasing the participation goal from 0.5% to 1% for specified veteran-owned business enterprises for specified procurement contracts.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 243** **Delegate Carozza, et al**
Chapter 344 **PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL**
Increasing the participation goal from 0.5% to 1% for specified veteran-owned small business enterprises for specified procurement contracts.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 369** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 345 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CITY OF COLLEGE PARK – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE**
Authorizing a specified Class D (on-sale) beer and wine license issued for specified premises in the City of College Park to be converted, on or after July 1, 2015, into a specified Class D (on- and off-sale) beer and wine license for specified other premises in the City of College Park.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 398** **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 346 **ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM PROGRAM**
Establishing a pilot program on community solar energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; providing for the structure and operation of the program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs to subscribers to the community solar energy generating system; requiring the Commission to limit the program so that the Commission may conduct a meaningful study of the program’s results; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations on or before May 15, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1087 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**
Chapter 347 **ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING
SYSTEM PROGRAM**

Establishing a pilot program on community solar energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; providing for the structure and operation of the program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs to subscribers to a community solar energy generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to study specified matters and report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 415 **Senator Kagan, et al**
Chapter 348 **STATE DONOR REGISTRY – INFORMATION AND METHODS OF
REGISTRATION – CLERKS OF CIRCUIT COURTS, REGISTERS
OF WILLS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION
(ENHANCING ORGAN DONATION RATES ACT)**

Requiring the clerks of the circuit courts and registers of wills to make available to the public information about registering with the State donor registry; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide a method by which an individual doing business with the Administration can register as a donor with the State donor registry for a specified purpose and select to have a donor designation on the individual's driver's license or identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 433 **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 349 **FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES –
UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – DISPOSITION**

Requiring licensed funeral establishments or holders of permits for the business of operating a crematory in the possession of unclaimed cremated human remains for 90 days or more to provide identifying information to specified veterans service organizations to determine if the unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran or an eligible dependent; requiring specified veterans service organizations to make a specified notification of specified information within 45 days of receipt of the identifying information of the unclaimed cremains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 444 **Senator Ready**

Chapter 350 PUBLIC RECORDS – INSPECTION

Clarifying that an official custodian is required to designate types of public records of the governmental unit that are to be made available and to maintain a current list of the types of public records that have been designated as available to any applicant immediately on request; repealing the prohibition against a specified applicant obtaining a copy of a judgment until a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 456 **Senators Zirkin and Raskin**

Chapter 351 CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA –
MEDICAL NECESSITY

Requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of marijuana charge if the court finds that the person used or possessed marijuana because of medical necessity; requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of drug paraphernalia charge related to marijuana if the court finds that the person possessed the drug paraphernalia related to marijuana because of medical necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 466 **Senators Klausmeier and Jennings**

Chapter 352 BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – JUNIOR RESERVE
OFFICER TRAINING CORPS INSTRUCTORS

Applying to Baltimore County a definition of “public school employee” that includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors for the purpose of specified provisions of law related to organizations of certificated employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 472** **Senator Zirkin**
Chapter 353 **FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE – MUTUAL CONSENT**
- Authorizing a court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent if the parties do not have any minor children in common and the parties execute and submit to the court a written settlement agreement signed by both parties resolving specified issues; authorizing a court to merge or incorporate a specified settlement agreement into a specified divorce decree; authorizing a court to modify or enforce a specified settlement agreement consistent with specified provisions of law; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 477** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 354 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**
- Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent within 1 year before filing the petition; establishing a specified exception to a provision that authorizes the court to include in a final protective order a requirement that specified individuals participate in specified counseling or a domestic violence program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 490** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 355 **CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**
- Establishing the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; specifying requirements for grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2016, to provide \$20,000,000 in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 516 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Chapter 356

PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM

Authorizing specified advanced practice nurses, in addition to specified nurse practitioners and pharmacists, to conduct specified overdose prevention educational training programs; providing for an exception to specified training requirements for a patient who receives a naloxone prescription under specified provisions of law; exempting specified persons who are authorized to dispense naloxone from specified prescription drug dispensing permit requirements; providing immunity from liability for specified persons; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 520 **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 357

CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Providing that, in a prosecution for a specified charge relating to prostitution, it is an affirmative defense of duress if the defendant committed the act as a result of being a victim of an act of another who was charged with violating the human trafficking law; and providing that a defendant intending on asserting the affirmative defense is required to provide the State's Attorney with a specified notice at least 10 days prior to trial.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 542 **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 358

MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to work with specified entities to take specified actions related to cybersecurity; requiring the Council, beginning on July 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, to submit a report on its activities to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 546** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 359 **CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – EMERGENCY
MEDICAL CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE**
- Providing immunity from civil liability for a specified person administering specified medications or treatment in response to an apparent drug overdose if the person is licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider by the State Emergency Medical Services Board and is authorized to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols, or is certified to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols established by specified entities; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 368** **Delegate Beidle (By Request – Anne Arundel County
Administration), et al**
Chapter 360 **CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – EMERGENCY
MEDICAL CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE**
- Providing immunity from civil liability for a specified person administering specified medications or treatment in response to an apparent drug overdose if the person is licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider by the State Emergency Medical Services Board and is authorized to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols, or is certified to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 549** **Senator Lee**
Chapter 361 **CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – NAME OF THE
INDIVIDUAL**
- Repealing, for purposes of a provision of law prohibiting a person from knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent, possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information for specified purposes, a limitation that a specified benefit, credit, good, service, thing of value, health information, or health care be obtained or accessed in the name of an individual.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 554 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 362 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – REINSURERS – FEES

Establishing a fee of \$1,000 that must be paid to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for filing the annual statement by an unauthorized insurer applying for approval to become a certified reinsurer; correcting an obsolete reference; repealing an erroneous reference to an accepted insurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 556 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 363 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – SELECTION OF STATE BENCHMARK
PLAN AND REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Providing that specified requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act relating to prescription drug benefits apply to specified coverage offered in specified markets; altering the circumstances under which specified health benefit plans are required to allow specified individuals to enroll for specified coverage; altering the process for selection of the State benchmark plan used to establish specified essential health benefits; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 563 **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 364 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SERVICES –
MILITARY FAMILIES**

Providing that specified dependents who are determined eligible to receive services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration shall retain eligibility for the services under specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to allow specified dependents to remain on a specified waiting list under specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to reinstate specified services for specified dependents under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 564 **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 365

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MARYLAND–WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT – FAIRNESS IN ZONING**

Requiring that, in Prince George's County, the zoning hearing examiner shall issue a decision on a zoning matter not more than 30 days after the matter is remanded and relevant information is received from the applicant or the district council; altering the circumstances under which a specified person or entity aggrieved by a specified decision of the district council may request judicial review of any final decision of the district council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 567 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 366

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – STATE CHILD
WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on or before December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly specified information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the Department to maintain the confidentiality of specified information and disaggregate the information by county, age, gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the Department to publish specified reports on the Department's Web site within 30 days of submission of the report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 573 **Senator Kelley**

Chapter 367

**INSURANCE – STANDARD VALUATION LAW AND RESERVE
AND NONFORFEITURE REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing requirements relating to the reserves and opinions relating to the reserves for specified life insurance policies, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts issued by specified companies on or after the operative date of a specified valuation manual; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to exempt a domestic company from specified reserve requirements and specified information submission requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 575 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

Chapter 368

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG
COUNSELORS – QUALIFICATIONS AND PRACTICE
LIMITATIONS**

Altering the qualifications individuals are required to meet to be licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, to qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor under supervision for a limited period of time, to qualify as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 583 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 369

DNA EVIDENCE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW

Expanding the group of persons who may file a specified petition for postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search; and clarifying what scientific identification evidence the State is required to preserve under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 600 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 370

**CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND CHESAPEAKE
CONSERVATION CORPS – FUNDING**

Increasing, from \$250,000 to \$375,000, the amount the Chesapeake Bay Trust is required to receive each fiscal year from the Environmental Trust Fund for funding energy conservation projects through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority, in consultation with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to report to the General Assembly on the feasibility of establishing a specified donation program for the benefit of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to which E–ZPass account holders may donate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 601** **Senator McFadden, et al**
Chapter 371 **AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM – REESTABLISHMENT AND REVISIONS**
- Reestablishing the African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Maryland Historical Trust to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; requiring the Trust to develop and administer the Program in partnership with the Commission on African American History and Culture; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include \$1,000,000 for the Program in the annual operating or capital budget; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- SB 606** **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 372 **HEALTH INSURANCE – ABUSE–DETERRENT OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG PRODUCTS – COVERAGE**
- Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for at least two brand name abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products and, if available, at least two generic abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products; prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring an insured or an enrollee to first use a specified drug product before providing coverage for a specified abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug product; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016
- SB 622** **Senator Currie, et al**
Chapter 373 **EDUCATION – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER LIAISON PILOT PROGRAM**
- Establishing the English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to implement the Program in Prince George’s County; specifying the purpose of the Program is to address the specific needs of English language learner students and their families; requiring the Department to report annually to specified committees of the General Assembly; and providing for the termination of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 651** **Senator Muse, et al**
Chapter 374 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CONVICTION OF
A CRIME THAT IS NO LONGER A CRIME**
- Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted of a crime and the act on which the conviction was based is no longer a crime.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 654** **Senator Muse**
Chapter 375 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – IMMUNITY – ALCOHOL– OR DRUG–
RELATED MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**
- Establishing that the act of seeking assistance by a person who experiences a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution of the person; extending the applicability of specified immunity from a criminal arrest charge or prosecution and providing immunity when a person is reasonably believed to be experiencing a medical emergency rather than when the person is experiencing a medical emergency; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 666** **Senator Bates, et al**
Chapter 376 **RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – DURATION AND
EXPIRATION DATE**
- Altering the expiration date for and, under specified circumstances, the duration of specified recreational fishing licenses; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation a term for a specified recreational fishing license; and requiring the Department to proportionally prorate the annual license fees for specified recreational fishing licenses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 677 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 377

EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
TEACHERS AND PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION – MASTER PLAN

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission and specified representatives from specified institutions of higher education, to develop a master plan that focuses on specified issues relating to qualified providers of early childhood education services; requiring the Department and the Commission to submit a specified plan and specified recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SB 714 **Senators Feldman and Rosapepe**

Chapter 378

MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE
COUNCIL – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION

Altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; extending until June 30, 2020, the termination date for the Council; and providing that on or before June 30, 2020, the Council shall submit a final report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 736 **Senator Reilly, et al**

Chapter 379

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN IDENTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL

Repealing a provision of law requiring specified firearms manufacturers and dealers and the Department of State Police to take specified actions relating to identification of handguns; authorizing the Department of State Police to dispose of specified shell casings; and providing the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- SB 755** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 380 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CENTRAL
 COMMITTEE CANDIDATES
- Providing that a specified provision of law relating to campaign finance entities does not apply to candidates for election to the central committee of a political party if the candidate during an election cycle does not spend more than \$1,000 in personal funds or accept contributions; requiring specified candidates for election to the central committee of a political party to keep a specified account book, preserve the account book for specified purposes and for a specified period of time, and file a specified affidavit; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 757** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 381 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**
- PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING
PROGRAM – REQUIRED DISCLOSURES
- Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to disclose prescription monitoring data to specified entities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- SB 761** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 382 DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – TASK FORCE ON THE MARYLAND
 ABLE PROGRAM
- Establishing a Task Force on the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; 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 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 792** **Senator Astle, et al**
Chapter 383 PUBLIC HEALTH – NONDISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS AND ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION
- Prohibiting specified entities from taking specified actions regarding organ transplantation and anatomical gifts solely on the basis of an individual's disability; prohibiting specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from denying coverage for organ transplantations solely on the basis of an insured's or enrollee's disability; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 796** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 384 PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES – PHARMACEUTICAL REBATE COVERAGE
- Authorizing any rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program to be used to provide specified services to eligible individuals under Part B of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 829** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 385 AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – LICENSURE EXEMPTION – CLINICAL TRAINING
- Exempting individuals licensed to practice audiology or speech–language pathology in another state or a foreign country from a specified licensure requirement while the individuals are providing a clinical demonstration or receiving clinical training at a training or an educational event in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 838

Senator Waugh

Chapter 386

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ANIMAL REGULATIONS

Repealing provisions authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to pass rules, regulations, or resolutions relating to dog licenses, the prohibition of dogs running at large off the property of the owner, the seizure and disposal of dogs found running at large, and the confinement of female dogs in heat; authorizing the county commissioners to enact a local law to provide a comprehensive system for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of specified animals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SB 853

Senator Young, et al

Chapter 387

ETHAN SAYLOR ALLIANCE FOR SELF-ADVOCATES AS EDUCATORS

Establishing the Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators in the Department of Disabilities; establishing that the purpose of the Alliance is to advance the community inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities through specified programs; establishing specified requirements for the Alliance; establishing a Steering Committee for the Alliance; providing for the funding of the Alliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 1161

Delegate Krimm, et al

Chapter 388

ETHAN SAYLOR ALLIANCE FOR SELF-ADVOCATES AS EDUCATORS

Establishing the Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators in the Department of Disabilities; establishing the purpose of the Alliance; establishing specified requirements for the Alliance; establishing a Steering Committee for the Alliance; providing funding for the Alliance through appropriations in the annual State budget, grants from federal, State, or local governments, and from any public or private source; providing that the operation of the Alliance is subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- SB 862** **Senator Kasemeyer**
Chapter 389 MARYLAND PARK SERVICE – OPERATIONS REVENUE –
MANDATED APPROPRIATION
- Ratifying amendments to the Natural Resources Article that require a specified percentage of revenues attributable to Maryland Park Service operations be appropriated in the State budget by the Governor for the Maryland Park Service; requiring the budgeting of specified appropriations to be done after specified administrative costs are allocated; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- SB 896** **Senator Jennings, et al**
Chapter 390 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL
BUSINESS NO-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND
- Establishing the Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business No-Interest Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to administer the Fund; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, in making loans, to consider how to maximize the number of veterans, military reservists, and National Guard Personnel who would benefit from the loan program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- SB 921** **Senator Pugh**
Chapter 391 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES
FOR SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS
- Increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 868** **Delegate Hayes, et al**
Chapter 392 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES
FOR SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS
- Increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 9**
Chapter 393 **Delegate Kelly, et al**
MARYLAND LICENSURE OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES ACT
Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of direct-entry midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; establishing the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; requiring the Committee, beginning on November 1, 2016, to submit a specified annual report to the Board; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, on or before December 1, 2016, to compile and analyze specified data, report on the data to specified committees of the General Assembly, and provide the data to the Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 27**
Chapter 394 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
TASK FORCE ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL CENTER PROPERTY
Establishing the Task Force on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center property; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other specified entities on or before January 1, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 46**
Chapter 395 **Delegates Jones and A. Miller**
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FAIR PRACTICES AND STATE PERSONNEL OVERSIGHT – REVISIONS
Altering and clarifying the duties of the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 73**
Chapter 396 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
VOTERS' RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2015
- Authorizing the Attorney General to institute an action in a circuit court for injunctive relief to prohibit a person from engaging in or continuing to engage in specified violations of election law, except in specified circumstances; authorizing the State Prosecutor to seek injunctive relief in specified circumstances in which the Attorney General is prohibited from seeking injunctive relief under the Act; requiring a showing of specified evidence before injunctive relief may be granted under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 74**
Chapter 397 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – EXPANSION OF SCOPE
- Altering the name of the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program to be the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; expanding the scope of the Program to include fall and spring public service internships; and specifying the dates of January 15 for the scholarship awards for spring internships, May 1 for summer internships, and August 1 for fall internships.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 84**
Chapter 398 **Delegate Krebs**
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND – CAPTIONS AND CATCHLINES – INTERPRETATION
- Clarifying that a caption or catchline accompanying a section or subsection of law is to be interpreted in a specified manner unless otherwise provided by law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 100**
Chapter 399 **Delegate Hammen**
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – MEDICAID FAIR HEARINGS
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide notice and an opportunity for a Medicaid fair hearing to specified applicants and recipients of Developmental Disabilities Administration Medicaid waiver services; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 109 Delegates Dumais and Vallario

Chapter 400

**GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON – DISABLED PERSONS –
ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Authorizing a court to order payment of specified attorney’s fees incurred in bringing a petition for the appointment of a guardian of the person of a disabled person under specified circumstances; requiring the court to consider specified factors before ordering the payment; requiring the court to deny a specified petition for specified attorney’s fees under specified circumstances; prohibiting the court from awarding specified attorney’s fees under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 110 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 401

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY
BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,625,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 120 Delegate Vallario, et al

Chapter 402

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FAILURE TO APPEAR –
RESCHEDULING**

Authorizing a judge to set a bond in a case on issuing a bench warrant when the defendant fails to appear; requiring a judicial officer to mark a specified bench warrant satisfied under specified circumstances; and requiring the court to reschedule a specified hearing or trial if a specified person posts the bond under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 158

Delegate Haynes, et al

Chapter 403

STATE PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT – SERVICE CONTRACTS – REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Requiring that specified units meet with the exclusive representative of the employees who may be affected by the service contract to discuss specified alternatives to service contracts under specified circumstances; requiring that specified service contracts be subject to a legislative audit to determine compliance with specified requirements; requiring that the findings of the specified legislative audit be made available to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 189

Delegate Cluster, et al

Chapter 404

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION – ARMORED CAR COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to accept a criminal background investigation performed on behalf of an armored car company in place of a specified criminal history records check performed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 191

Washington County Delegation

Chapter 405

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS – REAPPOINTMENT EXEMPTION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, on or before November 1, 2015, to submit recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on ways to improve the recruitment and retention of county superintendents of schools in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 197 **Delegate Fennell, et al**
Chapter 406 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – EDUCATION – YOUTH
WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's Board of Education, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high schools in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Board of Education to report annually; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 200 **Delegate Cluster, et al**
Chapter 407 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – CORRECTIONAL
OFFICERS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to require an individual to pass a polygraph examination before being appointed to serve as a correctional officer in a correctional facility; and requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations governing the administration of the polygraph examination required by the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 207 **Delegate S. Robinson**
Chapter 408 CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – INVESTMENT OPTIONS –
EXPANSION

Authorizing the Chesapeake Bay Trust to invest any money of the Trust in marketable equity securities, marketable equity-related mutual funds, or debt-related mutual funds; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 216** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 409 ENVIRONMENT – PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS CONTAINING
 SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MICROBEADS – PROHIBITION ON
 MANUFACTURING OR SALE
- Prohibiting a person from manufacturing for sale or accepting for sale a personal care product or an over-the-counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads on or after specified dates; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Department to periodically review specified guidelines to ensure that specified methods are being utilized to prevent the entrance of synthetic plastic microbeads into the natural aquatic environment of the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 236** **Delegate Jalisi, et al**
Chapter 410 CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS
- Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and applying specified penalties.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 278** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 411 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
 DYSLEXIA EDUCATION PROGRAM
- Establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program; providing for the composition of the Task Force, including one representative each from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, and the Maryland School Psychologists' Association; requiring the Task Force to study specified matters and to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 30, 2015, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 293 **Delegate Morhaim**

Chapter 412 GUARDIANSHIP OF DISABLED PERSONS AND REVOCATION
OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Authorizing a court to appoint a guardian of the person of a disabled person for a limited period of time under specified circumstances; specifying that specified rights, duties, and powers that a court may order include the duty to file a specified report; authorizing a declarant to waive specified rights when making an advance directive; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 298 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 413 EDUCATION – STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2015

Requiring specified operators of specified Internet sites, services, and applications to protect PreK–12 student information from unauthorized access, implement and maintain security procedures and practices, and delete student specified information under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified operators from knowingly engaging in specified activities with respect to specified sites, services, and applications related to targeted advertising, selling, and disclosing student information under specific circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 346 **Delegate Morales, et al**

Chapter 414 COURT PERSONNEL – ALTERING REFERENCES FROM
MASTER TO MAGISTRATE

Altering references to the term “master” to “magistrate” in specified provisions of law prohibiting specified individuals from practicing law or preparing or helping to prepare specified documents while employed in a specified capacity; requiring the county where a specified magistrate serves to pay to the Judges’ Retirement System the employer contributions required to be paid on behalf of a specified magistrate beginning in a specified fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 349** **Delegate B. Robinson**
Chapter 415 **PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEES**
- Repealing the Pricing Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and merging the functions of the Committee with the Pricing and Selection Committee for the Employment Works Program; providing that the Committee shall ensure that supplies and services provided by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland or a community service provider create work opportunities for individuals who have a mental or physical disability; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 367** **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 416 **PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM**
- Altering the name of the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System to be the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; requiring the Crisis Response System to evaluate the outcomes of services through the annual collection of data on behavioral health calls received by police, attempted and completed suicides, unnecessary hospitalizations, hospital diversions, arrests and detentions and diversion of arrests and detentions of individuals with behavioral health diagnoses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 375** **Delegate Cullison, et al**
Chapter 417 **EDUCATION – MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS**
- Establishing the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations on improving the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school–based health centers; authorizing the State Department of Education to seek the assistance of specified organizations to provide specified staffing resources; requiring the Council to report to specified entities on its findings and recommendations on or before December 31 of each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 390 **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
Chapter 418 PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PEACE ORDER PETITIONS –
MARYLAND RESIDENTS

Authorizing the filing of a protective order petition if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the person eligible for relief is a resident of the State; and authorizing the filing of a peace order petition if a specified act is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the petitioner is a resident of the State; declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly that an order for protection issued by a court of this State shall be accorded full faith and credit by a court of another state; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 431 **Delegate Parrott, et al**
Chapter 419 HEALTH – BURIAL OR DISPOSAL OF BODY – REQUIREMENTS
AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a body except in a specified manner; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both, for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 447 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 420 CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ELECTION
DAYS

Adding the City of Annapolis to the list of subdivisions in which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license may exercise all of the privileges conferred by that license on the day of any election in that subdivision.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 452** **Delegate Ebersole, et al**
Chapter 421 COMMISSION TO REVIEW MARYLAND'S USE OF
ASSESSMENTS AND TESTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland's Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; requiring the Commission to make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission, on or before July 1, 2016, to report its findings to specified entities; requiring the State Department of Education to survey and assess specified data relating to local, State, and federally mandated assessments; requiring the Department to report specified results to the State Board of Education; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 460** **Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes**
Chapter 422 COUPLES ADVANCING TOGETHER PILOT PROGRAM –
ELIGIBILITY AND EXTENSION
- Requiring the establishment of the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program in one county and, on or after July 1, 2015, the program shall assist 50 couples; altering the provision of law relating to the number of couples to be assisted by the Program; repealing the eligibility requirement that an individual be an adult under the age of 36 years and substituting the requirement that a couple be raising together a child under the age of 14 years; and altering the termination date of the Program.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 473** **Delegate Kramer, et al**
Chapter 423 TAX CREDITS – EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES
- Altering the amount of a credit against specified State taxes for wages and child care or transportation expenses related to qualified employees with disabilities; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 479** **Delegate McComas, et al**
Chapter 424 PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES – LICENSE TERMS
- Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private detective services to 3 years.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 489** **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
Chapter 425 **ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES – SALE TO MINORS –
COMPONENTS, SUPPLIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**
- Clarifying that the prohibition against selling, distributing, or offering for sale an electronic device to a minor that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to refill or resupply the device; clarifying that the exception to the prohibition for devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration applies only to devices for sale as a tobacco cessation product; requiring the District Court to remit penalties collected to the county in which the violation of the Act occurred; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 501** **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
Chapter 426 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME –
NOTIFICATION REGARDING DNA PROFILE**
- Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or unit, under specified circumstances, to give a specified victim or victims' representative timely notice as to specified matters relating to a specified DNA profile; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop pamphlets to notify victims and victims' representatives of how to request information regarding an unsolved case; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 510** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 427 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS –
DOORS THAT LOCK MC 27-15**
- Providing that, in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Board of Education may utilize a school bus with doors that lock to transport students in the county if the school bus' locking system prevents the school bus from being operated when any bus exit is locked.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 511 **Delegate Holmes**

Chapter 428

**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – GROUND
LEASES**

Altering a specified definition for purposes of specified provisions of law prohibiting nonjudicial actions to take possession of property; specifying the date from which specified past due ground rent accrues for specified purposes; authorizing a ground lease holder to be reimbursed for specified late fees, interest, costs, and expenses in an action to recover past due ground rent; authorizing a leasehold tenant to cure a default and commence a proceeding to obtain relief from a writ of possession under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HB 514 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 429

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission members and working group members to be appointed and the Commission to be convened on or before July 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 535 **Delegate Turner, et al**

Chapter 430

**BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN –
INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – ORIENTATION
AND MOBILITY INSTRUCTION**

Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to provide orientation and mobility instruction under specified circumstances; establishing a specified process for a specified individualized education program team to make a specified determination as to whether specified orientation and mobility instruction is appropriate for a specified child and to include it in a specified child's individualized education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 564** **Delegate Kelly, et al**
Chapter 435 STATE PERSONNEL – LIMITS ON USE OF LEAVE FOR BIRTH, ADOPTION, FOSTER PLACEMENT, OR CARE OF CHILD
- Prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting, to less than 60 days, the aggregate number of days of accrued sick leave that specified employees may use, without certification of illness or disability, for the birth or adoption of their child; prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting to less than 24 weeks, the aggregate number of weeks of family and medical leave that specified employees may use during a specified time period for a specified purpose; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 571** **Delegate Hettleman, et al**
Chapter 436 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SEXUAL ASSAULT – POLICY AND SURVEY
- Requiring a specified sexual assault policy adopted by the governing body of each institution of higher education to conform with the requirements of a specified federal law; requiring a specified sexual assault policy to include a prohibition against the imposition of specified campus conduct actions, except for a specified type of mandatory intervention, for a specified violation of the institution of higher education’s alcohol and drug use policies for specified students under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 580** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 437 HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY, AND HEALTH LITERACY – RECOMMENDED COURSES
- Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to provide to specified health occupations boards a list of specified recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities, and health literacy; requiring each board to post a course list prominently on the Boards’ Web site, provide information about the recommended courses to health care professionals at the time of license renewal, and advertise the availability of specified courses in specified newsletters and media; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 585 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County**
Chapter 438 **Delegation**

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT SMOKING
MC/PG 109–15

Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt regulations on or before June 30, 2016, to prohibit on property under its jurisdiction the smoking of a cigarette, a cigar, or any other tobacco product; providing for a specified exclusion; and requiring that the regulations provide that specified penalties be imposed for specified infractions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 599 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 439 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES, RULES,
AND REGULATIONS – PENALTIES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to provide that a violation of specified ordinances is punishable as a misdemeanor and enforced in a specified manner and to a specified extent and is a civil infraction and shall be prosecuted in a specified manner and to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 600 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 440 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE –
VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing an ordinance enacted by St. Mary's County regarding property maintenance to provide for a voluntary agreement between the county and an owner of real property for remediation by the county of specified conditions constituting a nuisance, including demolition of specified improvements; providing that unpaid costs under the voluntary agreement may be enforced by the filing of a lien against the property until repaid; requiring St. Mary's County to record notice of the lien in the land records of the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 614** **Delegate Dumais**
Chapter 441 DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – HANDGUN ROSTER
BOARD – DEFINITION OF HANDGUN
- Altering the definition of handgun for purposes of provisions relating to the Handgun Roster Board to exclude a shotgun, a rifle, a short-barreled rifle, a short-barreled shotgun, or an antique firearm from the definition.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 618** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 442 JUVENILES – TRANSFER DETERMINATIONS –
CONFINEMENT IN JUVENILE FACILITIES
- Requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a child, or the District Court at a bail review or preliminary hearing involving a child, to order a specified child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a specified transfer determination except under specified circumstances; requiring the District Court to state the reasons on the record for a finding that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a substantial risk of harm to the child or others; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 624** **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 443 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FUNERAL EXPENSES ALLOWANCE –
MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION
- Increasing the maximum amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 that a court may allow for specified funeral expenses; establishing that, if an estate is solvent, a personal representative is not required to obtain an allowance by the court for funeral expenses if the estate is under modified administration and the personal representative includes the funeral expenses on the final report; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 630 Delegate Jameson

Chapter 444

MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the definition of “service contract” to include a specified mechanical repair contract; altering the definition of “mechanical repair contract” and defining “obligor” for purposes of specified provisions of law establishing requirements for mechanical repair contracts and persons who sell or offer them; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to investigate and determine if a mechanical repair contract is in compliance with specified provisions of law; establishing specified required disclosures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 634 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 445

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION –
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFIED COUNTY–BASED
BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PG 408–15**

Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of Education, after consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, to establish and implement a Certified County–Based Business Participation Program to be used in county board procurement; requiring, if the county board exercises specified authority, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system and the county board to establish program requirements and to use specified incentives to achieve specified program goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

**HB 652 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County
Delegation**

Chapter 446

**MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMISSIONER
TERMS MC/PG 105–15**

Authorizing a commissioner appointed from Montgomery County to be appointed for a maximum of three consecutive full terms as a member of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission if the commissioner is designated as chair of the Montgomery County Planning board during the commissioner’s second term in office; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 657** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 447 PHARMACISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS
- Authorizing specified pharmacists to administer a self-administered drug to a patient under specified circumstances in accordance with specified regulations; defining a specified term; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 675** **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 448 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PERFORMANCE AUDIT MC/PG 104–15
- Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a performance audit evaluating specified Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission project management practices in Prince George’s County; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits, before initiating the audit, to coordinate with the Commission to develop the scope of the audit and submit the scope of the audit to the Joint Audit Committee for approval; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 689** **Delegates Carozza and Otto**
Chapter 449 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE
- Establishing a Class 9 limited distillery license in Worcester County; setting a license fee of \$500; providing that the State Comptroller issue the Class 9 license only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor license in the County for use on the premises for which the Class D license was issued; authorizing a holder of a Class 9 license to establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, and bottling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 703** **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 450 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST ACT –
 INCAPACITY
- Defining “incapacitated” and “incapacity” for purposes of the Maryland Trust Act; and clarifying that a revocable trust does not become irrevocable if the settlor loses the capacity to create a will.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 707** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 451 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION –
 ISSUANCE OF CREDIT CARDS – PROHIBITION PG 411–15
- Prohibiting the Prince George’s County Board of Education from issuing a credit card to a member of the county board; and providing for a delayed effective date.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 729** **Delegate Angel, et al**
Chapter 452 STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
 CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF –
 AUTHORITY
- Authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a public cease and desist order or impose a civil fine of no more than \$5,000 per offense for specified violations of specified provisions of law under specified circumstances; and providing that each violation of specified provisions of law is a separate offense under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 744** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 453 COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – “MUG SHOT”
 WEB SITES
- Authorizing an individual to request an operator of a Web site to remove the individual’s photograph or digital image from the operator’s Web site under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to make a specified request for removal of a photograph or digital image in a specified manner; requiring an operator of a Web site to remove the photograph or digital image of an individual within 30 days and to send a specified written confirmation within 5 business days, under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 769 **Delegate Turner**

Chapter 454

ELECTION LAW – PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Clarifying that a person who was doing public business on December 31, 2014, is required to file a specified statement of campaign contributions with the State Board of Elections on or before specified dates if performance remains uncompleted on a specified contract; altering reporting periods and due dates for a statement filed by a person doing public business; specifying requirements for specified statements by a person doing public business who has obtained a specified approval from the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 782 **Delegate McMillan, et al**

Chapter 455

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS

Altering the calculation of the interest rate paid on a security deposit under a residential lease or a mobile home park rental agreement; altering the requirements for a customized calculator that the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to maintain on its Web site; applying the Act to any interest accruing on a security deposit under a residential lease or mobile home park rental agreement on or after January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 803 **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 456

AGRICULTURE – INDUSTRIAL HEMP – LEGALIZATION

Authorizing a person to plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp in the State; requiring a person to register with the Department of Agriculture before planting or growing industrial hemp; altering the definition of “marijuana” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to controlled dangerous substances to exclude industrial hemp; providing that the Act is contingent on the taking effect of specified federal provisions that delegate authority over industrial hemp to the states; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 805 **Delegate Cullison**

Chapter 457

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AND TRAINEES

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to require applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and trainees to submit to a mental health or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or trainees are deemed to have waived a claim of privilege under specified circumstances; providing that a specified report or testimony of a health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 821 **Delegates Simonaire and Kipke**

Chapter 458

ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION – SECOND DUTIES

Altering the composition of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee; establishing the duties of the Oversight Committee to monitor the redeposit of Anne Arundel County dredged material and other dredged material in the Cox Creek area, hear and dispose of complaints lodged by individuals affected by the dredged material, and appoint a member from the Committee to serve as a liaison to the Innovative Use Advisory Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 848 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 459

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying the parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post the required payment data in a timely manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

- HB 852** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 460 HUMAN RESOURCES – HOMELESS SHELTERS – BEST PRACTICES AND MODELS
- Requiring the Interagency Council on Homelessness to determine specified best practices and models for providing emergency shelter and shelter diversion; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 860** **Delegate Stein, et al**
Chapter 461 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – DECONTAMINATION OF VESSELS (STATE LAKES INVASIVE SPECIES ACT OF 2015)
- Prohibiting an owner of a vessel from placing the vessel or having the vessel placed in a lake at a public launch ramp or public dock after April 1, 2017, unless the owner has taken specified actions; establishing penalties for violation of the Act; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to convene a specified workgroup to evaluate actions that reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species from vessels placed in lakes that are owned or managed by the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
- HB 871** **Delegate S. Howard, et al**
Chapter 462 STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – EXPIRATION AND SURRENDER OF REGISTRATIONS AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES
- Providing that the registration issued to an individual tax preparer remains in effect and does not expire by operation of law while the tax preparer is under investigation by the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers; providing that an extension of a specified registration term under specified circumstances is effective only for a specified purpose; prohibiting an individual tax preparer from surrendering a registration under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- HB 884** **Delegate Lisanti, et al**
Chapter 463 **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
- HB 896** **Delegate Bromwell, et al**
Chapter 464 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OPIOID USE DISORDERS**
Establishing the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders; specifying the purposes of the Joint Committee are to review the final report of the Governor’s Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, review and monitor the activities of the Governor’s Inter–Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, monitor the effectiveness of specified programs, policies, and practices, review compliance with specified federal and State laws by health insurance carriers, and identify areas of concern and corrective measures; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 934** **Delegate K. Young, et al**
Chapter 465 **INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – PERSONAL ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT – PRIVACY PROTECTION**
Prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual’s personal electronic account; prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a contact list or to change privacy settings; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

- SB 210** **Senator Young, et al**
Chapter 466 INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION –
PERSONAL ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT – PRIVACY PROTECTION
- Prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual's personal electronic account; prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a contact list or to change privacy settings; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
- HB 947** **Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**
Chapter 467 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION
BOARD – SCHOOL COUNSELORS – CERTIFICATION RENEWAL
REQUIREMENT (LAURYN'S LAW)
- Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require, beginning on or before July 1, 2016, specified certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained, by a method determined by the Board, specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
- HB 999** **Delegate Cullison, et al**
Chapter 468 CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO
PRACTICE
- Repealing a prohibition against a certified nurse practitioner practicing in the State unless the nurse practitioner has an approved attestation that the nurse practitioner has an agreement for collaboration and consulting with a specified physician and will practice in accordance with specified standards; requiring applicants for initial certification as a nurse practitioner to identify, on the certification application, a certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician to act as mentor for 18 months; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1109 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 469 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – POWERS, DUTIES,
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Establishing specified powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring core service agencies, local addictions authorities, and local behavioral health authorities to submit a specified plan to the Director; authorizing the Director to deny approval of a local addictions authority or local behavioral health authority and cease funding or request the return of unspent funds under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1172 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 470 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES –
PROVIDERS – LICENSES**

Requiring a person to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before the person may provide services to an individual with a developmental disability or a recipient of individual support services; repealing the authority of the Developmental Disabilities Administration to license specified persons to provide specified services; authorizing the Department to impose sanctions, including a civil money penalty not to exceed \$5,000, for failure by a licensee to substantially comply with specified laws, regulations, and rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

HB 1182 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 471 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$37,500,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 1183

Chapter 472

Delegate Knotts

REAL PROPERTY – CONTRACT FOR SALE OF NEW HOME

Requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to include a specified provision under specified circumstances; authorizing a seller or purchaser to declare a specified contract void and of no effect under specified circumstances; requiring a seller to return to a purchaser any deposit paid under a specified contract under specified circumstances; and requiring a deposit held by a licensed real estate broker to be distributed in accordance with specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1185

Chapter 473

Delegate Dumais

FAMILY LAW – APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Reducing from 1 year to 6 months the period of time, under specified circumstances, that a party to an application for divorce must reside in the State before the application may be filed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HB 1234

Chapter 474

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MC/PG 107–15

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish a Customer Assistance Program to provide financial assistance with water and sewer bills to eligible ratepayers on or before July 1, 2015; requiring the Commission to establish income eligibility standards for specified ratepayers to receive financial assistance under the Program; requiring specified income eligibility standards to be applied uniformly throughout the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 1288

Delegates Morhaim and Lam

Chapter 475

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OF POWDERED ALCOHOL – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director