

May 26, 2015

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 22, 2015, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

**SB 190**  
Policy

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**SALES AND USE TAX – TAXABLE PRICE – ACCOMMODATIONS**

Clarifying the definition of “taxable price” for the State sales and use tax as it applies to the sale or use of an accommodation facilitated by an accommodations intermediary; altering the definition of “vendor” under the State sales and use tax to include an accommodations intermediary; defining specified terms; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

**SB 340**  
Policy

**Senator Conway**

**ELECTION LAW – VOTING RIGHTS – EX-FELONS**

Altering specified qualifications for voter registration; and providing that individuals discharged from incarceration are qualified to register to vote; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

**SB 517**

Policy

**Senator Zirkin**

**CRIMINAL LAW – USE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

Establishing a civil penalty for the smoking of marijuana in a public place; establishing that a specified criminal prohibition on the use or possession of drug paraphernalia does not apply to the use or possession of drug paraphernalia involving the use or possession of marijuana; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

**SB 528**

Policy

**Senator Raskin, et al**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

Establishing a minimum amount of \$300 that is subject to forfeiture in connection with a controlled dangerous substance violation under specified circumstances; prohibiting a seizing authority or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring seized property to a federal law enforcement authority or agency, with a specified exception; requiring the seizing authority, within 30 days after the seizure of property, to send by first-class mail specified written information to the owner of the seized property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

**HB 71**

Policy

**The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, AND 2014**

Vetoed in part<sup>1</sup>

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,063,670,134, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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<sup>1</sup> This chapter received a line item veto from the Governor; Item ZA00 (I) on page 29 – Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts

**HB 209**

Policy

**Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – ROOM RENTAL TAX – ROOM RENTAL FEE  
HO. CO. 12–15

Clarifying that the Howard County room rental tax applies to the total charge for the rental of a room, including any room rental fee charged by a room rental intermediary but not including any tax; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

**HB 980**

Policy

**Delegate McCray, et al**

ELECTION LAW – VOTING RIGHTS – EX–FELONS

Altering specified qualifications for voter registration; and providing that individuals discharged from incarceration are qualified to register to vote.

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Sincerely,

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