



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2015 Budget Bill – Effective April 13, 2015**

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

**HB 70                    The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**  
**Chapter 310            BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2016)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.



- SB 122**                    **Senator Eckardt, et al**  
**Chapter 14**                **PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS**
- Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.
- HB 540**                    **Delegate Mautz**  
**Chapter 15**                **PUBLIC HEALTH – REGULATION OF MILK PRODUCTS – REVISIONS**
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- SB 215**                    **Senator Astle**  
**Chapter 19**                **PILOTS – RECREATIONAL VESSELS – EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT**
- Requiring that a recreational vessel that meets specified parameters employ a licensed pilot to pilot the vessel when it is underway on the navigable waters of the State; defining a specified term; and making the Act an emergency measure.
- SB 222**                    **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
**Chapter 21**                **ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL**
- Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

**SB 223**            **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
**Chapter 22**

**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting specified errors or omissions in specified articles of the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting specified obsolete references; reorganizing specified sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; etc.

**SB 602**            **Senator Miller, et al**  
**Chapter 42**

**JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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

**HB 245**            **Frederick County Delegation**  
**Chapter 81**

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

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

- HB 859**            **Delegate Bromwell, et al**  
**Chapter 108**    **NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – HEARING AND ORDER – IMPACT OF LAW OR REGULATORY ACTION BY ANOTHER STATE**
- Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to conduct an examination relating to the impact of a law of another state on a nonprofit health service plan operating in this state; adding a regulatory action by another state to the circumstances in which the Commissioner may hold a hearing or conduct an examination to review and evaluate the impact of the law or regulation on the nonprofit health service plan in this State; etc.
- SB 482**            **Senator Ramirez, et al**  
**Chapter 128**    **PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE**
- Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring on or before January 1, 2016, the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish online a policy for the issuance and use of a body–worn camera by a law enforcement officer; establishing the Commission Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; etc.
- HB 533**            **Delegate Sydnor, et al**  
**Chapter 129**    **PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE**
- Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish a specified policy; establishing the Commission Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; requiring the Commission to submit a report to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

- SB 22**  
**Chapter 143**      **Senator Madaleno**  
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – TAX YEAR 2014 – TECHNICAL CORRECTION
- Clarifying, for the 2014 taxable year, that 25 percent is the applicable percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 68**  
**Chapter 147**      **Senators Conway and Waugh**  
CHARLES COUNTY AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT
- Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources establish a program in Charles County and St. Mary’s County to train rifle shooters to hunt deer for the purpose of controlling the deer population; authorizing an individual who holds a specified permit to use a specified rifle in specified locations and under specified conditions in Charles County and St. Mary’s County; altering the circumstances and conditions under which an individual may hunt deer on State land in Charles County and St. Mary’s County; etc.
- SB 107**  
**Chapter 151**      **Senator Conway**  
PUBLIC SAFETY – HOTELS AND LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSES – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS
- Altering the applicability to specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses of specified provisions of law concerning carbon monoxide alarms; altering a specified reference to a specified alarm device national standard; requiring specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses, on or after April 1, 2017, to install a specified carbon monoxide alarm on the wall of specified rooms and areas within the hotel or lodging or rooming house under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 744**  
**Chapter 196**      **Senators Kagan and King**  
MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WATER PARK AT BOHRER PARK
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that specified grants for the Water Park at Bohrer Park may not terminate before June 1, 2016; etc.

**SB 793**            **Senator Middleton****Chapter 199****STATE PERSONNEL – AUTOMATIC STEP INCREASES –  
STANDARD PAY PLAN**

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Budget and Management provide for automatic increases from minimum to maximum steps in a pay grade of pay rates in the Standard Pay Plan for State employees for an employee whose overall performance is rated satisfactory or above on the employee's annual performance appraisal; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**SB 909**            **Senator Middleton****Chapter 207****TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –  
FINANCING PURCHASE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY BY OTHER  
ENTITIES**

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to use specified money to finance the purchase or lease of property only by one or more specified Southern Maryland counties, the Maryland Food Center Authority, or another entity, as determined by the Council, that is authorized to finance or purchase property; requiring the Council, under specified circumstances and in accordance with specified provisions of law, to issue a request for and to evaluate proposals and to select an entity to purchase or lease property; etc.

**SB 940**            **Senators Conway and Salling****Chapter 214****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – STATEMENT OF  
NEED – EXCEPTION FOR RELOCATION**

Creating an exception to a specified statement of need requirement for the relocation of an existing licensed residential child care program if the relocation is necessary due to circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, including the nonrenewal of the lease for the site of the existing licensed residential child care program, the new site meets the requirements of the residential child care program's license, and the new site is located within the same jurisdiction and within 10 miles of the closed site.

**HB 37**            **Frederick County Delegation****Chapter 218****FREDERICK CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Establishing the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology; altering the name of the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST); altering the name of the Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology Governing Board; altering the powers and duties of the Board to require the Board to operate and exercise general control over Frederick CREST; requiring the Board to submit an adopted mission statement to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; etc.

**HB 490**            **Delegate Morhaim, et al****Chapter 251****NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – MISCELLANEOUS REVISIONS**

Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Fund to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission Fund; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to develop policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulations to implement programs to make medical cannabis available to qualifying patients in a safe and effective manner; altering the information to be included on the Commission's Web site; etc.

**HB 750**            **Delegate B. Robinson, et al****Chapter 272****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2013 AND 2014 – BALTIMORE CITY – SKATEPARK OF BALTIMORE AT ROOSEVELT PARK**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 to change the grantees of the grants for the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore; extending the deadline to June 1, 2016, for the grantee to present evidence of a specified matching fund; making this Act an emergency measure; etc.



**HB 1178 Delegate Lafferty****Chapter 301****RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTION – PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE OR PURCHASE MONEY DEED OF TRUST**

Exempting from the recordation tax and State transfer tax a purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust related to a transfer from a certified community development financial institution under specified circumstances; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**SB 83 Senator Simonaire****Chapter 322****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.

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

**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.