

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SB 76 Chapter 7

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM - NONCONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – DEFINITION

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

SB 102 Chapter 10

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

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

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

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SB 104 Chapter 11

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT

Altering the positions eligible for membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals who elect to transfer from the Employees' Retirement System; altering specified eligibility requirements for a normal service retirement allowance for members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; altering eligibility requirements for a deferred vested retirement allowance for members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; etc.

SB 110 Chapter 13

Senator Middleton, et al

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of "low intensity support services" as it relates to the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration to include a child or an adult who is living in the home, or an adult who is living in the community, and who has a severe chronic disability that is attributable to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of physical and mental impairments and is likely to continue indefinitely; etc.

SB 178 Chapter 18

Senators Kasemeyer and Waugh

ESTATE TAX – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT SCHEDULE – PENALTY PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a specified penalty for late payment of the Maryland estate tax if an alternative payment schedule is allowed by the Comptroller and the tax is paid in accordance with the alternative payment schedule; and providing that the Act will apply to an estate that applies for an alternative payment schedule for payment of the Maryland estate tax on or after July 1, 2015, and receives approval by the Comptroller to pay the estate tax in accordance with an alternative payment schedule.

SB 320 Chapter 24

Senator Nathan-Pulliam

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

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

SB 423 Chapter 31

Senator Rosapepe

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TOWNE CENTRE AT LAUREL – CLASS A LICENSE

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

SB 432 Chapter 32

Senator Peters

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

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

SB 442 Chapter 33

Senator Eckardt

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

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

SB 449 Chapter 34

Senator Conway

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

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

SB 541 Chapter 38

Senator McFadden (By Request - Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS

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

SB 689 Chapter 47

Senator Benson, et al

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Extending a specified tax rate reduction under the Prince George's County transfer tax to the sale of specified property to a Prince George's County deputy sheriff under specified circumstances.

SB 707 Chapter 49

Senator Eckardt

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX RETURNS – MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS – DUE DATE

Allowing the Comptroller to specify, by regulation, the dates on which alcoholic beverage manufacturers or wholesalers with specified sales, deliveries, or transfers of specified alcoholic beverages must file an alcoholic beverage tax return; and requiring that any filing date established by the Comptroller must be a least 5 days later than a specified day specified for filing an alcoholic beverage tax return.

SB 770 Chapter 51

Senator Astle

INSURANCE – MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO SELL INSURANCE

Applying specified provisions of law relating to employees of a motor vehicle rental company that holds a specified limited lines license to authorized representatives of the motor vehicle rental company; requiring a motor vehicle rental company that holds a specified limited lines license to maintain a specified register and to make the register available for inspection by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner as the Commissioner requires; etc.

SB 818 Chapter 54

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – TRANSFER OR ISSUANCE OF LICENSES

Applying specified provisions of law relating to the issuance of a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine and liquor license in a specified location in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue or allow the transfer of a specified license for a proposed establishment in a specified location only if the Board has executed a specified memorandum of understanding with a specified community association; etc.

SB 886 Chapter 55

Senators Hough and Young

FREDERICK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015 (STRENGTHENING FREDERICK MUNICIPALITIES)

Removing Frederick County from the list of counties required to grant specified property tax setoffs to municipal corporations; requiring the governing body of Frederick County to annually meet and discuss with the governing body of each municipal corporation in the county the county property tax rate to be set for assessments of property; requiring, if the county and the municipal corporation fail to reach an agreement, the county to grant a tax setoff in accordance with the formula used in the preceding taxable year; etc.

HB 5 Chapter 56

Delegate O'Donnell, et al

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE - NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM FUND - ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Fund; requiring the Secretary to pay specified fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified fees to the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a specified provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; etc.

HB 68 Chapter 59

The Speaker (By Request - Department of Legislative Services)

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

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators by repealing the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations relating to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2024.

HB 88 Chapter 61

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 89 Chapter 62

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 91 Chapter 63

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 92 Chapter 64

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 95 Chapter 66

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 139 Chapter 71

Delegate Beitzel

GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES

Repealing a provision of law making Sunday sales by holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County contingent on the consumer placing an order for a meal at a specified time or the consumer being otherwise entitled to a meal on the premises as part of a prearranged event; making a technical change; etc.

HB 202 Chapter 77

Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES MC 21–15

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license in Montgomery County that produces not more than 20,000 gallons in a year.

HB 316 Chapter 85

Montgomery County Delegation

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

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

HB 328 Chapter 86

Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES

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

HB 399 Chapter 89

Harford County Delegation

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\bf HARFORD~COUNTY-ALCOHOLIC~BEVERAGES-CLASS~DBR} \\ {\bf LICENSE} \end{array}$

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

HB 424 Chapter 90

Howard County Delegation

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

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

HB 527 Chapter 92

Harford County Delegation

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm HARFORD\ COUNTY-ALCOHOLIC\ BEVERAGES-RESIDENCY} \\ {\rm REQUIREMENTS} \end{array}$

Altering specified residency requirements for specified business applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County to require the applicant to be a bona fide resident of Harford County for at least 1 year before filing the application; requiring the applicant to remain a resident as long as the license is in effect; altering a requirement that a specified applicant for specified alcoholic beverages licenses own a specified percentage of a specified business; etc.

HB 589 Chapter 97

Charles County Delegation

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CERTIFICATION FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

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

HB 598 Chapter 99

Prince George's County Delegation

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

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

HB 705 Chapter 101

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES PG 304–15

Altering the fine to not more than \$1,500 for a first offense that the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may impose for a violation that is cause for suspension or revocation of a license under specified alcoholic beverages laws; requiring, except under specified circumstances, the board to suspend a license for 30 days under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 828 Chapter 104

Delegate Hixson, et al

ESTATE TAX – FILING OF TAX RETURNS

Altering specified requirements for filing specified estate tax returns so as to require them to be filed with the Comptroller only.

HB 835 Chapter 105

Washington County Delegation

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT

Establishing a refillable container permit in Washington County; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to the holders of specified licenses for specified fees and subject to specified requirements; specifying permit fees; specifying that the hours of sale for the permit begin at the same time as those for the license already held by the person to whom the refillable container permit is issued; etc.

HB 844 Chapter 106

Delegate Branch, et al

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – SMALL BUSINESS SURETY BOND PROGRAM

Increasing from \$1,350,000 to \$2,250,000 the maximum amount that the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority may guarantee a surety under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; and increasing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 the maximum amount of specified bonds that the Financing Authority may execute and perform as a surety under its surety program.

HB 931 Chapter 111

Prince George's County Delegation

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SEVEN DAY SALES PG 318–15

Establishing a special Sunday off—sale permit in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners, except under specified circumstances, to issue the permit to specified license holders; providing that no more than 100 permits may be active at any one time; requiring an applicant for a permit to commit to making a specified reinvestment in the business; and authorizing the permit holder to sell specified alcoholic beverages during a specified time on Sunday for consumption off the licensed premises.

HB 978 Chapter 112

Delegate Lam, et al

HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND PRETEST REQUIREMENTS – MODIFICATION

Altering specified requirements on health care providers before obtaining specified samples for the purpose of HIV testing; requiring consent for HIV testing to be included in a specified general informed consent for medical care in a specified category of tests; providing, subject to a specified exception, that a health care provider may not be required to obtain specified consent using a separate consent form; requiring a health care provider to make available specified materials to specified individuals; etc.

HB 1035 Delegate Oaks (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), Chapter 114 et al

BALTIMORE CITY - TAX SALES

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

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

GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE – TEMPORARY LICENSE

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

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

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING – REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE REFERENCES

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

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

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – EXAMINATION WAIVER REQUIREMENTS

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

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

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – PAYMENT OF TOLLS AND RELATED FEES

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

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

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

Changing the name of the Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions to the Correctional Education Council.

SB 863 Chapter 124

Senator Miller, et al

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS – REVISIONS

Repealing the requirement that a specified county or municipality adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; exempting a specified county from specified provisions of the Act; authorizing a specified county or municipality to adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; etc.

SB 592 Chapter 125

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old on the last day of the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

HB 954 Chapter 134

Delegate A. Washington, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – DEATHS INVOLVING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – REPORTS

Requiring local law enforcement agencies to provide the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with information on officer—involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report annually information on officer—involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty to the General Assembly on or before June 30 and to report on or before October 15, 2016, on the number of officer—involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty in the last 3 calendar years; etc.

HB 942 The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development Chapter 140 and Business Climate Commission), et al

APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM – APPRENTICESHIP MARYLAND

Establishing a 2-year pilot program called Apprenticeship Maryland to prepare students to enter the workforce; providing for the Program to begin in the summer of 2016; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and a specified entity to develop criteria for the selection of two local school systems and to consider, where practicable, one rural and one urban system; allowing for the participation of up to 60 students from each school system; etc.

SB 38 Chapter 144

Senator Mathias

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C LICENSES – CLUBS

Repealing a requirement that the daily average receipts from the sale of food be in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages for a club to qualify for a specified seven—day license in Worcester County

SB 94 Chapter 149

Senator Ferguson, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – AUTOMATED MAPPING–GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS – SYSTEM SERVICES COSTS

Repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs for system services; altering a specified definition for the purpose of repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs relating to existing system products; authorizing specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure for system products that includes an additional charge of not more than \$50; repealing a specified requirement; etc.

SB 103 Chapter 150

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP, BENEFITS, AND REEMPLOYMENT

Clarifying that regular interest may not be paid on member contributions of specified members of the Judges' Retirement System under specified circumstances; providing that an individual who was a member of the Judges' Retirement System on or before June 30, 2012, is separated from employment for more than 4 years, and returns to employment in a position that requires membership in the Judges' Retirement System is subject to specified requirements; etc.

SB 230 Chapter 154

Calvert County Senators

CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – RECIPIENT BENEFITS

Altering the age from 55 to 50 years old at which specified individuals may begin to receive benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Calvert County; altering from \$4 to \$10 per month an additional amount that is payable under the Program for specified volunteer service; repealing a limit on a maximum benefit payable under the Program; authorizing a specified death benefit to be paid to an alternate beneficiary if a volunteer dies and is unmarried at the time of death; etc.

SB 297 Chapter 155

Senator Kelley, et al

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY CAREGIVING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORTS

Establishing the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports; providing for the composition, staff, and duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses for specified members of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to make recommendations for legislative and administrative action relating to family caregiving and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2016.

SB 299 Chapter 158

Harford County Senators

HARFORD COUNTY - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REFILLABLE WINE CONTAINER PERMITS

Establishing a refillable wine container permit in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the Act applies in the County to wine; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for off-premises consumption in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; providing for an annual permit fee of \$50; etc.

SB 330

Senator Klausmeier (By Request - Baltimore Chapter 159 Administration)

> BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2015 EDITION - LEGALIZATION

> Legalizing the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

SB 343 Chapter 160

Education, Health, and Environmental Chair, Committee (By Request - Departmental - Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – ADVISORY BODIES – ADVISORY OPINIONS AND INFORMAL ADVICE

Authorizing specified advisory bodies to issue informal advice instead of an advisory opinion; and specifying that information related to informal advice provided by an advisory body shall remain confidential and is not subject to specified publication requirements.

SB 364 Chapter 163

Senators Kasemeyer and Simonaire

ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION – RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT

Allowing an individual to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System if the individual has been separated from employment for more than 4 years, by June 30, 2011, has accrued the minimum amount of eligibility service needed to be eligible for a vested allowance, and by June 30, 2016, has returned to employment in a position included in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

SB 370 Chapter 164

Senator Rosapepe, et al

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND PRIVACY ACT OF 2015

Providing that only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with other specified institutions, to study specified benefits and concerns; requiring specified State and local government entities and officials to review the use of unmanned aircraft systems and report their findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018; etc.

SB 426 Chapter 171

Senator Madaleno

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Providing that an applicant who is a resident of the State meets specified registered voter and residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license if the application is made for a partnership; providing that an applicant who is a resident of the State meets specified registered voter, taxpayer, and residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license if the application is made for a specified corporation or club; etc.

SB 443 Chapter 173

Senators Norman and Jennings

HARFORD COUNTY - CHARITABLE GAMING

Creating in Harford County a permit to be issued by the Sheriff of Harford County that authorizes specified nonprofit organizations to conduct a gaming contest in Harford County; specifying requirements that organizations must meet to be issued a permit; authorizing a permit holder under the Act to charge only a preset entrance fee; requiring participants in a gaming contest to use tokens and not cash for wagering; requiring an individual who participates in a gaming contest to be at least 21 years of age; etc.

SB 496 Chapter 175

Senator Rosapepe, et al

MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

HB 672 Chapter 176

Delegate Jones, et al

MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

SB 499 Chapter 177

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C (RETIREMENT CENTER) LICENSE

Establishing a special Class C (retirement center) on—sale beer, wine and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license by converting a specified license held on behalf of a retirement center; specifying that the retirement center license authorizes the holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on—premises consumption; authorizing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license; etc.

SB 500 Chapter 178

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE EVENTS, LICENSING, ALCOHOL AWARENESS REQUIREMENTS, AND FINES

Restricting the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in Frederick County to all bottles in a wine preservation system that the Board of License Commissioners approves and not more than six other bottles; altering the qualifications for signatories of a certificate accompanying a license application; providing for an alternative method for selecting signatories under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to reduce a suspension under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 502 Chapter 179

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES AND PROMOTER'S LICENSE

Authorizing an applicant in Frederick County to purchase specified single—day or multiday alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying the licenses may be issued for a maximum of 50 days to a single applicant in a calendar year; providing for specified license fees; establishing a promoter's license in the County; requiring a for—profit organization to obtain a promoter's license from the Board of License Commissioners before the organization may conduct specified activities; etc.

SB 508 Chapter 180

Senator Hough, et al

CHILDREN – CHILD CARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Prohibiting specified county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools from hiring or retaining specified individuals who have been convicted of specified crimes; requiring specified contracts to provide that specified contractors or subcontractors for specified nonpublic schools and specified local school systems may not knowingly assign employees to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children if the employee has been convicted of a specified crime; etc.

SB 560 Chapter 182

Senator Peters

EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM - OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Providing that membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for specified officials who are elected or appointed for a fixed term; providing that specified individuals' election or failure to elect to join the Employees' Pension System is a one—time, irrevocable decision; simplifying and clarifying specified provisions of law regarding mandatory and optional membership of employees of participating governmental units in the Employees' Pension System; etc.

SB 631 Chapter 185

Washington County Senators

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE TASTING LICENSE FOR CLASS B LICENSE HOLDERS – REPEAL

Repealing the authority for a special wine tasting license to be issued to a Class B (on-off sale) beer, wine and liquor license holder in Washington County.

SB 637 Chapter 188

Washington County Senators

WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL REPORTS

Altering the due date, from September 1 to November 1, of specified annual reports on the county hotel rental tax revenue distribution; repealing specified reporting requirements relating to the county hotel rental tax revenue; requiring the Washington County Commissioners to post a report on the hotel rental tax revenue on the county's Web site; and requiring the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau to report to the County Commissioners on its use of the hotel rental tax revenue.

SB 639 Chapter 189

Senator Serafini

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System who are employed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf; authorizing local school system superintendents and the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf to employ a maximum of five retirees per year who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; etc.

SB 643 Chapter 190

Senator Edwards

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-BREWERIES – ADDITIONAL LICENSE

Authorizing the holder of a micro-brewery license to apply for and obtain an additional micro-brewery license for another premises; specifying limitations on the distribution and sale of beer brewed by a holder of an additional micro-brewery license; providing that provisions of law that prohibit a holder of a micro-brewery license from owning, operating, or being affiliated with other manufacturers of beer, or being granted a wholesale alcoholic beverages license, do not apply in Allegany County or Frederick County; etc.

SB 662 Chapter 191

Senator Ready, et al

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – ONE MARYLAND BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

Establishing the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review the current State procurement process and develop policy recommendations to ensure transparency and greater participation of businesses located in the State in State contracting; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

SB 694 Chapter 193

Senator Manno

INCOME TAX CREDIT – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING – CREDIT AMOUNT

Increasing the amount of a specified credit against the State income tax from \$1 to \$5 for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

SB 844 Chapter 202

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – USE OF RIFLES

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit to use a specified rifle to harvest deer throughout the year in Frederick County, subject to specified conditions; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a specified rifle to harvest deer in the county throughout the year; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a rifle to harvest deer during a specified period with a specified exception; etc.

SB 868 Chapter 204

Senator Ferguson, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES AND FOR–HIRE TRANSPORTATION

Authorizing the establishment of transportation network services in the State; requiring specified motor vehicle insurance to be issued by specified insurers under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from operating a specified motor vehicle for hire under a specified permit unless the person holds a specified license issued by the Public Service Commission; authorizing the Commission to issue a permanent driver's license if the applicant submits a specified criminal background check; etc.

SB 902 Chapter 205

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES

Establishing in Frederick County a Class B–CC (conference center) license, a Class B license, and a Class MEC (microbrewery/entertainment center) license; specifying requirements for the licensed establishments; specifying the types of alcoholic beverages that may be sold for on–premises consumption in locations at the licensed establishments; providing for the hours of sale and license fees; requiring that the Board of License Commissioners define a specified term; etc.

HB 64 Chapter 220

Delegate Vitale, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LOCAL LICENSING BOARDS – JUDICIAL REVIEW

Repealing the time limit within which a court may affirm, modify, or reverse a decision by a local alcoholic beverages licensing board on whether to approve, suspend, revoke, or restrict a license.

HB 117 Chapter 222

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE ON SUNDAYS FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS A LICENSES

Altering the hours of sale on Sundays from between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. for holders of Class A licenses in Carroll County.

HB 154 Chapter 224

Delegates Davis and Holmes

MARYLAND HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION ACT – GUARANTY FUND – CLAIMS

Increasing to \$7,500 the maximum amount of a claim against the Maryland Home Builder Guaranty Fund for which the Consumer Protection Division may issue a specified proposed order; and increasing to 60 the number of days, following specified notice by the Division, after which the Division may bring a specified action in court against a registered home builder who fails to reimburse the Fund in full for payment of a specified claim.

HB 217 Chapter 230

Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that a member of the State Retirement and Pension System may not receive creditable service for unused sick leave at retirement unless the leave was available to the member to be used as sick leave during employment; and clarifying the definition of "unused sick leave" to specify that the leave must have been available to be used as sick leave during employment.

HB 246 Chapter 232

Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NOTICE FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS, FEES, AND INSPECTORS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to fulfill a notice requirement for license applications by posting online a completed application with all submitted documents on or before a specified date; eliminating the fees for a specified certificate of permission and a specified license; repealing the requirement that the Governor appoint a full–time inspector; authorizing the Board to appoint a chief inspector and one full–time or two part–time inspectors; etc.

HB 354 Chapter 242

Calvert County Delegation

CALVERT COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE COMMEMORATION OF HARRIET ELIZABETH BROWN

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; requiring the staff of the Calvert County Delegation to the General Assembly to provide staff to the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to hold public hearings and make recommendations regarding commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the County Commissioners of Calvert County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

HB 472 Chapter 250

Delegate Jameson

TELEPHONE COMPANIES – STREAMLINED REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Narrowing the types of services of a telephone company that are regulated by the Public Service Commission by altering a specified definition; providing that the Commission may allow a specified telephone company to provide a regulated service without requiring the telephone company to file a specified tariff schedule if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest; providing that specified transactions do not require specified prior authorization from the Commission; etc.

HB 515 Chapter 255

Allegany County Delegation

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – CLASS B–MB (MICRO–BREWERY/RESTAURANT) LICENSE

Creating in Allegany County a Class B–MB (microbrewery/restaurant) license; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle and liquor by the drink for on–premises consumption; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption; specifying specified days and hours of sale; establishing an annual fee for the license of \$900; etc.

HB 544 Chapter 259

Calvert County Delegation

CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOTTLE CLUBS

Defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean a restaurant that accommodates the public and is equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals or a nightclub that offers to the public music, dancing or other nighttime entertainment; and prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages.

HB 554 Chapter 260

Delegate Beitzel

NATURAL RESOURCES – NONRESIDENT SENIOR AND JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSES

Establishing a nonresident senior hunting license; authorizing a nonresident to purchase the license beginning in the calendar year in which the nonresident attains the age of 65; establishing a \$65 fee for the license; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

HB 617 Chapter 264

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES, SALARIES, INSPECTORS, AND BOTTLE CLUBS PG 307–15

Altering in Prince George's County a specified requirement that must be included in specified regulations that define a catering establishment for the purposes of a specified license; altering residency requirements for an alcoholic beverages license applicant; providing that specified provisions of law prohibiting a license from being granted to sell alcoholic beverages in buildings within a specified distance of places of worship and schools do not apply to a specified license; etc.

HB 649 Chapter 265

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – REPORT PG 404–15

Requiring the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to prepare a specified report on the county funding plan established for the Clean Water Program of Prince George's County; requiring the report to include specified information relating to the collection and use of program funds and specified recommendations concerning residential fee structures under the program; requiring the Department to submit the report to the Prince George's County Delegation by July 1, 2016; etc.

HB 681 Chapter 267

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL TAX SETOFF – REPORT PG 417–15

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County, on or before January 31 each year, to complete a report concerning the county's municipal tax setoffs that includes specified information; and requiring the report to be made available in a specified manner.

HB 694 Chapter 268

Delegate Jackson, et al

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP

Providing for the membership of employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; authorizing specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit to transfer membership to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System on or before December 31, 2015; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer specified funds to the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

HB 756 Chapter 273

Delegate Arentz, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CHARLES COUNTY AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Establishing refillable container permits for draft beer in Charles County and Queen Anne's County; authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners and the Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permits to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holders to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; etc.

HB 797 Chapter 278

Washington County Delegation

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA

Altering the population ratio quota from 1 license per 1,000 to 1 license per 3,000 individuals that applies to the issuance of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

HB 801 Chapter 280

Washington County Delegation

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONVERSION OF CLASS P LICENSES

Establishing in Washington County a Class B beer (on-sale) license, a Class B beer and light wine (on-sale) license, and a Class B beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; specifying license fees; repealing provisions concerning a Class P pouring license; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a sidewalk cafe license to a holder of specified Class B licenses under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 827 Chapter 282

Delegate Hixson, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – WINE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

Distributing revenue from the excise tax on wine to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund.

HB 877 Chapter 285

Delegate Jacobs, et al

KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B WINE SHOP AND LOUNGE LICENSE

Establishing a Class B wine shop and lounge license in Kent County; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell wine for consumption on and off the premises and to sell or serve specified foods; providing that the license holder is not subject to any requirement regarding the percentage of average daily receipts derived from the sale of food; allowing an individual under the legal drinking age to enter the licensed premises; providing for an annual license fee of \$300; etc.

HB 913 Chapter 286

Delegate Hixson

TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING – REVISIONS

Repealing a requirement that Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities report information relating to the use of highway user revenues to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; requiring Baltimore City and each county and municipality to report to the State Highway Administration the costs for projects paid for using highway user revenues, the amount of funds diverted from a specified general fund to pay for projects funded by highway user revenues, and specified delayed transportation projects; etc.

HB 1039 Chapter 294

Wicomico County Delegation

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICROBREWERIES – ANNUAL PRODUCTION LIMIT

Increasing to 45,000 the limit in Wicomico County on the number of barrels of malt beverages that a micro—brewery may collectively brew, bottle, or contract for in a calendar year.

HB 1104 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Chapter 296 Request – Departmental – Public Television)

PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS – MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION – REPACKING REQUIREMENTS

Exempting from specified provisions of the State procurement law procurement by the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission for procurement contracts needed to implement the repacking requirements of the federal Spectrum Act; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2020.

HB 1237 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request - Departmental - Chapter 305 Public Safety and Correctional Services)

POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSIONS – APPLICANTS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring specified applicants for police officer certification to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants for correctional officer certification or certification as a specified Department of Juvenile Services employee to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants to submit specified fingerprints and fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; etc.

HB 1287 Chapter 307

Delegate O'Donnell

TIDAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION AND SPORT FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the composition of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources, to appoint a representative of the aquaculture industry in the State to both the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; providing for the terms of the membership of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; etc.

HB 1289 Chapter 308

Delegate Dumais

MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT – REVISION

Revising the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; identifying the Child Support Enforcement Administration as the support enforcement agency of the State; extending the application of specified provisions of the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to include parties, pleadings, proceedings, and support orders of a foreign country; authorizing a tribunal of this State to exercise jurisdiction over a guardian or conservator under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 485 Chapter 312

The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al

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.

SB 582 Chapter 315

Senator Pugh, et al

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.

SB 5 Chapter 318

Senator Bates

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.

SB 225 Chapter 333

Senator Reilly

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.

SB 265 Chapter 334

Calvert County Senators

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.

SB 335 Chapter 340

Senator Simonaire, et al

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.

HB 847 Chapter 341

Delegate Simonaire, et al

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.

SB 369 Chapter 345

Senator Rosapepe

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.

SB 398 Chapter 346

Senator Pugh, et al

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.

HB 1087 Chapter 347

Delegate Clippinger, et al

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.

SB 466 Chapter 352

Senators Klausmeier and Jennings

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.

SB 542 Chapter 358

Senator Lee, et al

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.

SB 554 Chapter 362

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

SB 622 Chapter 373

Senator Currie, et al

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.

SB 677 Chapter 377

Senator Ferguson

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.

SB 796 Chapter 384

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

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.

SB 853 Chapter 387

Senator Young, et al

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.

HB 1161 Chapter 388

Delegate Krimm, et al

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.

SB 896 Chapter 390

Senator Jennings, et al

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 191 Chapter 405

Washington County Delegation

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.

HB 298 Chapter 413

Delegate Kaiser, et al

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.

HB 349 Chapter 415

Delegate B. Robinson

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.

HB 447 Chapter 420

Anne Arundel County Delegation

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.

HB 473 Chapter 423

Delegate Kramer, et al

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.

HB 511 Chapter 428

Delegate Holmes

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.

HB 535 Chapter 430

Delegate Turner, et al

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.

HB 571 Chapter 436

Delegate Hettleman, et al

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.

HB 634 Chapter 445

Prince George's County Delegation

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.

HB 652 Montgomer Chapter 446 Delegation

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

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.

HB 689 Chapter 449

Delegates Carozza and Otto

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.

HB 848 Chapter 459

Anne Arundel County Delegation

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.

HB 947 Chapter 467

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

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.

SB 183 Chapter 477

Senator King, et al

EDUCATION – GEOGRAPHIC COST OF EDUCATION – REQUIREMENT

Requiring that the county boards of education receive a specified grant to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to factors outside of the control of the local jurisdiction; repealing a provision that allowed for the reduction of a grant under specified circumstances; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

SB 416 Chapter 482

Senator Kagan, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR INFERTILITY SERVICES

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring specified conditions of coverage for specified infertility benefits for a patient who is married to an individual of the same sex; providing that specified provisions of law relating to health insurance coverage of in vitro fertilization do not apply to insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified benefits; etc.

HB 838 Chapter 483

Delegate Hill, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR INFERTILITY SERVICES

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring specified conditions of coverage for specified infertility benefits for a patient who is married to an individual of the same sex; providing that specified provisions of law relating to health insurance coverage of in vitro fertilization do not apply to insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified benefits; etc.

SB 905 Chapter 486

Senator Kasemeyer, et al

INCOME TAX - FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT

Repealing specified termination provisions for the tax credit allowed for specified film production activities; limiting the amount of film production activity tax credit certificates that the Secretary of Business and Economic Development may issue in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 to \$7,500,000; establishing the Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit Reserve Fund; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include an appropriation to the Reserve Fund in the annual budget bill; etc.

HB 51 Chapter 487

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

CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – FUNDING

Extending the termination date from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2020, of a specified increase in the surcharge on specified recordable instruments that the State Court Administrator is required to establish for the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

HB 54

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request - Maryland Judicial Chapter 488 Conference)

CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT **FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a surcharge on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified cases in the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and circuit courts; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to assess a surcharge in specified civil cases that may not be more than \$3 per summary ejectment case and \$8 per case for specified civil cases; and requiring the surcharges to be deposited in the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

HB 72 Chapter 489

The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2015

Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; increasing from 2 to 3 years the maximum number of years the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may renew a registration of specified controlled dangerous substances; expanding the uses for which the Department of the Environment may use money in the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; requiring a local school system with a specified structural provide deficit to specified notifications under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 137 Chapter 492

Charles County Delegation

CHARLES COUNTY - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - LICENSE FEES

Altering in Charles County fees for specified holders of alcoholic beverages licenses; altering in Charles County a specified annual fee for providing live entertainment or outdoor table service by a holder of a Class D beer license, Class H beer and light wine license, Class D beer and light wine license, Class C beer, wine and liquor license, and Class D beer, wine and liquor license; etc.



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Effective Dates

2014 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2015

SB 440 Chapter 166

Senator Mathias

SOMERSET COUNTY – SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County to establish and fund a volunteer service award program for qualified members of volunteer fire departments, ambulance companies, and rescue squads.

HB 833 Chapter 617

Delegate McIntosh, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – TAX–EXEMPT PROPERTY – CERTIFICATION OF USE

Requiring specified organizations that own property in Baltimore City that is not subject to property tax to submit a specified application to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation on or before specified dates; requiring specified organizations that own property in Baltimore City that is not subject to property tax to notify specified persons within 30 days after the property ceases to be used for a specified tax—exempt purpose; providing for a delayed effective date of July 1, 2015; etc.

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2013 Chapter - Effective June 1, 2015

HB 101 Chapter 424

The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

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

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,109,119,000, 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.

Section 13 Only



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Effective Dates

2012 Chapters - Effective July 1, 2015

SB 362 Chapter 494 Senator Pugh, et al

EDUCATION – AGE FOR COMPULSORY PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – EXEMPTIONS

Altering from 16 to 17 the maximum age at which children are required to attend a public school regularly during the entire school year, subject to specified exceptions; requiring specified children to return to attendance at school under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to complete specified tasks on or before specified dates; etc.

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2011 Chapters - Effective July 1, 2015

HB 72 Chapter 397 The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2011

Altering or repealing required appropriations; altering the distribution of revenues; altering or repealing specified funding requirements; altering the authorized use of specified funds; altering for a specified fiscal year a specified percentage used to determine eligibility for and the amount of State grants to specified counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes; altering the amount of a surcharge imposed for recording specified instruments for specified fiscal years; etc.

Section 2 Only

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