



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SB 74
Chapter 6

Senator Feldman, et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

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

SB 97
Chapter 9

Senator Norman, et al

ELECTION LAW – COUNTING OF PROPERLY CAST BALLOTS

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

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- SB 109** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 12 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY SMALL AND MINORITY DESIGN FIRM PARTICIPATION IN STATE PROCUREMENT**
- Establishing the Task Force to Study Small and Minority Design Firm Participation in State Procurement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to determine specific measures to ensure equitable participation by small and minority design firms in State-funded projects and other specified measures; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
- SB 142** **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 16 **PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANIES – ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the authority of a premium finance company, with respect to specified motor vehicle insurance, personal insurance, and commercial insurance, to assign rights and obligations under a premium finance agreement and to pledge a premium finance agreement as collateral for a loan.
- SB 339** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 26 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – BELVEDERE SQUARE**
- Repealing a prohibition on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within and the transfer of an existing alcoholic beverages license into a specified area beginning July 1, 2015; prohibiting an existing Class A license from being transferred into specified areas beginning July 1, 2015; and authorizing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a specified area under specified circumstances.

SB 362 **Calvert County Senators****Chapter 27****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$51,925,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

SB 626 **Senators Montgomery and Lee****Chapter 44****REGISTERED NURSES – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONALLY PREPARING AND DISPENSING DRUGS AND DEVICES**

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

SB 702 **Senator Jennings, et al****Chapter 48****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOMES NEAR A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a credit against the county property tax for owner-occupied residential real property within a specified proximity to a specified refuse disposal system; prohibiting the governing body of Baltimore County from granting a credit for taxable years beginning after a specified date; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

SB 763
Chapter 50**Senator Peters, et al**
TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM

Requiring the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2015, through October 30, 2015, for civil penalties and half the interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a specified waiver under specified circumstances; providing that the amnesty program does not apply to specified taxpayers under specified circumstances; etc.

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

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

HB 134
Chapter 70**Charles County Delegation**
CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEW OR EXPANDING BUSINESSES

Authorizing Charles County or a municipal corporation in Charles County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is leased by a new or expanding business that creates 10 or more full-time jobs in an industry targeted for expansion by the Charles County Economic Development Commission.

- HB 150** **Delegate Morhaim**
Chapter 73 **SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL – CHARITABLE ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION OF CHARITABLE ASSETS – WORKGROUP REPORTS – EXTENSION**
- Extending the due date on the final report from July 1, 2015, to December 1, 2016, of the workgroup convened by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to study information that should be reported to the Secretary of State by charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising counsel.
- HB 203** **Delegate Beidle**
Chapter 78 **VEHICLE LAWS – TITLE FEES – RENTAL VEHICLES**
- Making permanent a \$50 fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle.
- HB 230** **Delegate Hammen, et al**
Chapter 79 **HEALTH INSURANCE – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.
- HB 284** **Delegate Flanagan, et al**
Chapter 82 **ELECTION LAW – LOCAL PETITIONS – ADVANCE DETERMINATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF LOCAL LAW OR CHARTER AMENDMENT SUMMARY**
- Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to determine the sufficiency of a summary of a local law or charter amendment contained in a petition when determining the sufficiency of the format of the petition; requiring an election director to provide the sponsor of a petition with an explanation of the reasons for a determination that a summary of a local law or charter amendment is insufficient; requiring the election director to make the determination within 10 days; etc.

- HB 286** **Delegates O'Donnell and Fisher**
Chapter 83 **CALVERT AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES – SCENIC BYWAYS – SIGNS**
- Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a scenic byway on a federal-aid primary highway in Calvert County or St. Mary's County in conformance with federal law if the sign was erected on or before January 1, 2008, or is a directional sign for a facility that sells principally local agricultural or aquacultural products and is located within a 5-mile radius of the sign; establishing specified standards for a sign erected under the Act; etc.
- HB 296** **Carroll County Delegation**
Chapter 84 **CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
- HB 456** **Delegate Morales, et al**
Chapter 91 **WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

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

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

HB 864
Chapter 109**Delegate Jacobs, et al****KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP**

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

SB 413
Chapter 127**Senator Gladden, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RACE–BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – POLICY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified law enforcement officers record specified information pertaining to traffic stops; requiring specified law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified format and guidelines and a standardized format for the reporting of specified data; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified model policy; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

HB 941 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development
Chapter 139** **and Business Climate Commission), et al**

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXEMPTIONS FROM HIGHER
EDUCATION ETHICS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCUREMENT
RULES TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review, study, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

SB 374 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General),
Chapter 165** **et al**

MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; providing specified penalties for making false claims; requiring the court to consider and give special attention to specified factors in determining the amount of fines and penalties to be levied under the Act; authorizing a person and the governmental entity to file a civil action against a person that makes a specified false claim under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

SB 599 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Chapter 183** **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental
Hygiene)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY FOR
CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA**

Repealing specified provisions of law establishing an Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of expedited partner therapy; authorizing licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants who diagnose chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partners without examination of that patient's partners; etc.

SB 635 **Washington County Senators****Chapter 187****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD – ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the State Board of Education, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, and at least two local education agencies to consider and, if appropriate, develop an alternative teacher certification program for areas of the State experiencing a critical teacher shortage; requiring the State Board of Education, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, and specified local education agencies to consider specified criteria in the development of an alternative teacher certification program; etc.

SB 673 **Senator Young****Chapter 192****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWING COMPANY OFF–SITE PERMIT AND NONPROFIT BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT**

Requiring specified licensing boards to collect a \$100 fee for a nonprofit beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off–site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing that specified holders of a brewing company off–site permit may use the permit for specified activities during specified events; authorizing a nonprofit beer festival permit holder to purchase beer at wholesale to provide and sell beer for specified purposes under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 726 **Senators Bates and Ready****Chapter 195****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – TOWN OF SYKESVILLE – SERVICE CREDIT**

Authorizing the Town of Sykesville to purchase specified additional service credit for specified employees; requiring specified additional service credit to be credited to specified employees on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the additional service credit is purchased; requiring a specified adjustment to a specified new entrant valuation that is used to determine a specified employer contribution in the fiscal year in which a specified purchase of service credit is made; etc.

- SB 766** **Senator Ready, et al**
Chapter 197 **AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – RATE DETERMINATION**
- Providing that, when determining the rate of the agricultural land transfer tax to be imposed, the amount of agricultural land transferred that is exempt from the tax in accordance with specified provisions of law may not be included in the amount of agricultural land that is transferred.
- SB 767** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 198 **ETHICS LAW – STATEMENT BY PERSON PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION AND MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**
- Clarifying and conforming specified provisions of the State ethics law with related provisions under the State election law relating to a statement required by persons providing lobbyist compensation and making campaign contributions; altering the reporting periods and due dates for a specified statement; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose fines for the late filing of a specified statement; altering a specified definition; and defining a term.
- SB 910** **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 208 **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – ENTRY-LEVEL COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER'S LICENSE HOLDERS – STUDY**
- Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to conduct a study of the availability, accessibility, and affordability of commercial motor vehicle insurance for motor carriers who want to employ entry-level commercial driver's license holders; requiring the Department to make specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2015, to specified committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Department to consult with specified State agencies, institutions of higher education, industries, and other persons; etc.

SB 922 **Senator Serafini****Chapter 210****CITY OF HAGERSTOWN – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
OUTDOOR FESTIVALS AND STREET FESTIVAL LICENSES**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class C (on-sale) beer and wine street festival license to a not-for-profit club, society, association, or organization; specifying that the license entitles the holder to exercise the privileges of the license at a specified entertainment event held in the Arts and Entertainment District and approved by the Mayor and the City Council of Hagerstown; providing a \$30 per day fee for the Class C beer and wine street festival license; etc.

SB 925 **Washington County Senators****Chapter 211****WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Expanding a specified property tax credit for specified business entities in Washington County to include specified business entities that invest at least \$10,000,000 for capital improvements of specified real property and create 100 new and permanent full-time positions in Washington County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; making conforming changes; and providing for the application of the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

SB 929 **Senators King and Miller****Chapter 213****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUES – STANDARD BRED
OWNERS AND TRAINERS – BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the organization that represents a majority of the standardbred owners and trainers in the State to apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for the reimbursement of specified expenditures not to exceed 2% of all open purses; providing that the reimbursement amount be deducted from the Purse Dedication Account; specifying programs for which reimbursement is allowable; etc.

HB 11 **Delegate O'Donnell****Chapter 215****EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY AND JEAN B. CRYOR
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY**

Changing the name of the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program; and altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program to include the stepchildren of specified individuals who are at least 16 years of age.

HB 14 **Delegates O'Donnell and S. Howard****Chapter 216****HUNTING LICENSES – EXEMPTION FOR RETIRED MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES**

Creating an exemption for a person who is a retired former member of the armed forces of the United States from the requirement to obtain a hunting license under specified circumstances; providing that the exemption applies only to hunting on specified farmland that is under specified ownership; and requiring a person who hunts under the exemption to possess a retired–military identification card, specified written permission to hunt from the property owner, and any required hunting stamps.

HB 140 **Delegate Davis****Chapter 223****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RESTRICTIONS AFTER
SERVICE**

Prohibiting an individual from receiving financial benefit, that is not otherwise generally available to the public as a customer of a public service company, from public service companies, persons, or entities until at least 1 year has passed after the individual left service with the Public Service Commission as a commissioner; applying the Act to an individual who serves as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission on or after January 1, 2015; etc.

- HB 300** **Delegate Korman, et al**
Chapter 238 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – WASHINGTON
METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES –
UTILIZATION STUDY
- Requiring the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, to study specified matters relating to the utilization of services provided by the Authority every 5 years; requiring that the study include an evaluation of specified ridership information; requiring the Department to submit a report detailing the results of the study to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter; etc.
- HB 340** **Delegate Haynes, et al**
Chapter 241 GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS –
THURGOOD MARSHALL DAY
- Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim July 2 as Thurgood Marshall Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Thurgood Marshall Day properly.
- HB 497** **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 253 **Administration), et al**
- PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – LOW INCOME HOUSING –
OWNERSHIP BY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- Providing for an exemption, under specified circumstances, from property tax for real property if, under specified circumstances, the owner of the real property is a specified limited liability company or is a specified limited partnership whose managing general partner is a specified limited liability company; providing that the real property may be exempt from property tax only under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

- HB 799** **Delegate P. Young, et al**
Chapter 279 HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS
NONRESIDENT TUITION – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL
LAW
Requiring each public institution of higher education in the State to
comply with specified federal laws relating to veterans’ tuition
benefits.
- HB 812** **Delegate Hornberger, et al**
Chapter 281 VEHICLE LAWS – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES – ACCESS TO
FARMS
Authorizing a local authority to allow a person to cross a highway
under its jurisdiction on an all-terrain vehicle at a right angle to
access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of
the same farm.
- HB 935** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 289 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE
FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY PG 410–15
Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to file a
complaint to foreclose all rights of redemption in abandoned property
consisting of a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and
unfit for habitation on a housing or building violation notice at any
time after the date of sale.
- HB 965** **Delegate Haynes, et al**
Chapter 291 THE HUNGER–FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2015
Altering a specified definition for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to
determine the number of students used to calculate the State
compensatory education grant for schools that participate in the
federal community eligibility provision for school meals; requiring
the State Department of Education, the Department of Budget and
Management, and the Department of Legislative Services to submit
a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on
or before December 1, 2015; etc.

HB 1224 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Chapter 303** **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**PROCUREMENT – CONTRACTS FOR PRETREATMENT AND
REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to enter into procurement contracts for snow and ice removal operations as required or permitted under specified provisions of law; requiring the State Highway Administration, beginning on June 30, 2016, and no later than June 30 of each succeeding year, to report to the Board of Public Works on the operation and effectiveness of the procurement contracts; authorizing the Board, in consultation with the State Highway Administration, to adopt regulations to carry out the requirements of the Act; etc.

HB 1290 **Delegate Adams, et al**

Chapter 309

**MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS – PHARMACY
NETWORKS – PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a plan on or before September 1, 2015, to ensure that Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients enrolled in managed care organizations have reasonable access to pharmacy services in the event a managed care organization makes a change to its pharmacy network; requiring the plan to address specified standards needed to ensure access to specified pharmacy services; requiring the Department to submit the plan to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

SB 595 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 311

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2015

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

SB 13 **Senators Conway and Pinsky****Chapter 319****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FULLY ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “fully online distance education program” to mean a program, originating outside the State, offered by an out-of-state institution in which a student domiciled in Maryland enrolls, 51% or more of the program is offered through electronic distribution, and the Commission determines that the portion of the program offered at a location in the State, if any, does not require a specified certificate of approval; etc.

SB 187 **Senator Pugh, et al****Chapter 329****WORKGROUP TO STUDY ACCESS TO OBSTETRIC SERVICES**

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

SB 490 **Senator King, et al****Chapter 355****CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**

Establishing the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; specifying requirements for grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2016, to provide \$20,000,000 in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; etc.

- SB 761** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 382 **DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – TASK FORCE ON THE MARYLAND ABLE PROGRAM**
- Establishing a Task Force on the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
- SB 862** **Senator Kasemeyer**
Chapter 389 **MARYLAND PARK SERVICE – OPERATIONS REVENUE – MANDATED APPROPRIATION**
- Ratifying amendments to the Natural Resources Article that require a specified percentage of revenues attributable to Maryland Park Service operations be appropriated in the State budget by the Governor for the Maryland Park Service; requiring the budgeting of specified appropriations to be done after specified administrative costs are allocated; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.
- HB 9** **Delegate Kelly, et al**
Chapter 393 **MARYLAND LICENSURE OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES ACT**
- Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of direct-entry midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; establishing the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; requiring the Committee, beginning on November 1, 2016, to submit a specified annual report to the Board; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, on or before December 1, 2016, to compile and analyze specified data, report on the data to specified committees of the General Assembly, and provide the data to the Board; etc.

- HB 27** **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 394 **TASK FORCE ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL CENTER PROPERTY**
- Establishing the Task Force on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center property; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other specified entities on or before January 1, 2016; etc.
- HB 110** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 401 **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**
- Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,625,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.
- HB 278** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 411 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYSLEXIA EDUCATION PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program; providing for the composition of the Task Force, including one representative each from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, and the Maryland School Psychologists' Association; requiring the Task Force to study specified matters and to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 30, 2015, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

- HB 452** **Delegate Ebersole, et al**
Chapter 421 **COMMISSION TO REVIEW MARYLAND’S USE OF ASSESSMENTS AND TESTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; requiring the Commission to make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission, on or before July 1, 2016, to report its findings to specified entities; requiring the State Department of Education to survey and assess specified data relating to local, State, and federally mandated assessments; requiring the Department to report specified results to the State Board of Education; etc.
- HB 460** **Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes**
Chapter 422 **COUPLES ADVANCING TOGETHER PILOT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND EXTENSION**
- Requiring the establishment of the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program in one county and, on or after July 1, 2015, the program shall assist 50 couples; altering the provision of law relating to the number of couples to be assisted by the Program; repealing the eligibility requirement that an individual be an adult under the age of 36 years and substituting the requirement that a couple be raising together a child under the age of 14 years; and altering the termination date of the Program.
- HB 514** **Delegate Stein, et al**
Chapter 429 **MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
- Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission members and working group members to be appointed and the Commission to be convened on or before July 1, 2016; etc.

- HB 541** **Delegate Barkley, et al**
Chapter 431 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ATTACHMENTS TO UTILITY
POLES – STUDY**
- Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study attachments to utility poles in the State; and requiring the workgroup to examine specified matters relating to pole attachments and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.
- HB 561** **Delegate Krebs**
Chapter 433 **STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
NOTICE OF MEMBER VACANCIES**
- Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to provide notice by electronic mail or regular mail of a member vacancy to specified persons; and requiring a specified notice to include information regarding the type of member vacancy, the qualifications for the vacancy, and an explanation of the process for applying for the vacancy.
- HB 562** **Delegate Kramer, et al**
Chapter 434 **HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS –
DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT – REPEAL OF TERMINATION
DATE**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to direct reimbursement by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations for transportation by ambulance.

HB 769 **Delegate Turner****Chapter 454****ELECTION LAW – PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

HB 782 **Delegate McMillan, et al****Chapter 455****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

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

HB 884 **Delegate Lisanti, et al****Chapter 463****ELECTION LAW – COUNTING OF PROPERLY CAST BALLOTS**

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

- HB 896** **Delegate Bromwell, et al**
Chapter 464 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OPIOID USE DISORDERS**
- Establishing the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders; specifying the purposes of the Joint Committee are to review the final report of the Governor’s Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, review and monitor the activities of the Governor’s Inter–Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, monitor the effectiveness of specified programs, policies, and practices, review compliance with specified federal and State laws by health insurance carriers, and identify areas of concern and corrective measures; etc.
- HB 934** **Delegate K. Young, et al**
Chapter 465 **INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – PERSONAL ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT – PRIVACY PROTECTION**
- Prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual’s personal electronic account; prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a contact list or to change privacy settings; etc.
- SB 210** **Senator Young, et al**
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HB 1182 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 471 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

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

HB 1234 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**
Chapter 474 **Delegation**

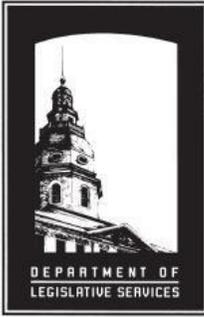
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MC/PG 107–15

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

HB 1288 **Delegates Morhaim and Lam**

Chapter 475 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OF POWDERED ALCOHOL –**
PROHIBITION

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



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2014 Chapters – Effective June 1, 2015

SB 243 Cecil County Senators

Chapter 47

CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the number of regular members of the Cecil County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and providing for a delayed effective date of June 1, 2015.

HB 991 Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt

Chapter 105

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Requiring the Queen Anne’s County Board of Elections and the Talbot County Board of Elections to have five regular members; requiring the members of the local boards to be of specified political parties; and requiring that a vacancy on the local boards be filled in a specified manner.

HB 813 **Delegate M. Washington, et al**

Chapter 427 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

Creating a Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; providing for the appointment of the members and cochairs of the Committee; specifying the duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to hold specified meetings; authorizing the Committee to hold specified hearings and consider specified votes on specified bills or resolutions; requiring specified reports to be submitted to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year; and providing for a delayed effective date.

SB 171 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 463 **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2014, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, AND 2013**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,180,515,377, 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.

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2013 Chapter – Effective June 1, 2015

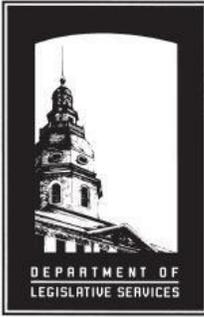
**HB 101
Chapter 424**

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.

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2012 Chapter – Effective June 1, 2015

**HB 135
Chapter 102**

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Carroll County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the board be filled in a specified manner; etc.